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Dear parents and carers

Swimming Carnival

We enjoyed our first sports carnival of the year on Monday at the Huonville Pool. Despite the chilly weather for most of the day, the students had a wonderful time and participation was strong. The students did an excellent job encouraging each other and supporting their house team. Well done to those who showed great school spirit by dressing up and enthusiastically performing the house chants. Congratulations to Bligh, who won this year's carnival after many years in 2nd or 3rd place. Thank you to the parents who supported and/or helped in various ways, Josh Mitchell for his planning and organisation and all the staff for their help and support.

Lifting Student Learning Outcomes

Year 3 and 5 students will write the 2024 NAPLAN tests beginning next week. Information was distributed to parents two weeks ago, so please contact the office if you didn't receive it.

Immediately following NAPLAN, prep students will complete the PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests) tests in Reading and Maths. These tests will be repeated in Term 4 to measure growth when all the other grades write their annual PAT tests.

The data from PAT and NAPLAN tests is analysed to determine which areas of the curriculum our school is teaching well and which areas require more attention. Our teaching teams and Quality Teaching Coach are currently focused on improving learning outcomes in Reading in areas identified in the PAT tests from the end of last year. More will be reported with families when all the teams have completed their learning sequences and assessments later this term.

Reporting to Families

Two reporting pieces will be shared with students and parents before the end of this term. Before Easter, a Progress Report will be issued to parents showing your child's application to learning so far this year. The other will be an Evidence of Learning in Literacy – an assessment piece your child's class teacher has set with their students. These will go home once the learning tasks have been graded, so the timing will be different in each class.

Kind regards

Darryl Williams
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 11 March
Public Holiday

Wednesday 13 March
NAPLAN begins for Grade 3 & 5 students

Friday 22 March
Ride Bikes to school day. Meet Burtons Reserve 8am

Wednesday 27 March
Huon and Channel Swimming Carnival at Huonville Pool.

Friday 29 March
Public Holiday Good Friday

Monday 1 April
Public Holiday Easter Monday

Tuesday 2 April
Public Holiday Easter Tuesday

Wednesday 3 April
Jackjumpers Breakfast and school clinic Time TBC

Thursday 11 April
Primary leaders conference. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Huonville PS and PCYC



Congratulations!

PRINCIPAL'S ENGAGED LEARNER AWARD

Max Watkins

Congratulations also to the following students who received virtue certificates at our assembly today:

Max Coad for **purposefulness** by giving his best effort and focus to learning tasks and resisting distractions.

Freya Auer for **courage** by being willing to have a go at tasks when at first they may seem tricky.

Eady Leatham demonstrates **respect** through her quiet focus and positive approach to learning.

Brandon Lockley-Graham for **perseverance** by having a positive attitude to his learning and is working hard to reach his learning goals.

Bonnie Wood for **courage** and **respect** by sharing her thoughts, ideas and opinions in HASS discussions, adding to other people's ideas and respectfully challenging ideas.

Mirrin Cooke for **respect** and **helpfulness** by seeking ways to help in anyway in the classroom, taking an interest in others and always showing respect for people's property.

Lucas Stennings for **courage** by settling into his new school and our year 1 class so well.

Logen Blizzard for **respect** by giving his best all the time. Well done!

Imogen Tucker-Ellis for **caring** by helping her friends in a quiet, kind way.

Jarrah Wittkopp for **purpose** by working hard to always give his best at all class activities.

Gabriel Mrsoek for **kindness** by being a great friend and classmate by including others.

Rumi Brennan for **purposefulness** by attentively participating and making insightful predictions during story time.

Owen Turnbull for **respect** by respecting both his teachers and his classmates and valuing his learning.

Malu Cotter for **helpfulness** by assisting and helping her classmates with learning tasks.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING IN OUR SCHOOLS

We all have a role to play in keeping children and young people safe.

This year, there is important training that anyone who works with children or young people must complete. This includes all our volunteers and service providers.

The training is compulsory under new laws designed to better safeguard children and young people in Tasmania.

It will help you understand what to do if you believe a child or young person is or may be being harmed, and to make sure you are doing all you can to prevent this from happening. The training will also tell you what you must report under the new laws.

This simple, online training must be done as soon as possible, and you will need to complete it before you work with any children and young people this year. Once completed, you will receive a certificate, which you can save. This certificate must be shown to office staff when you sign in to the school.

To complete your training, simply visit Safeguarding Training.

Thank you for leading the way in caring for our children and young people safe so that they can focus on living bright lives with positive futures.

Alex Gatenby – Safeguarding Lead



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