

Issue 1 – 28th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our new and returning families for the 2024 school year! We trust your children have enjoyed a good start and are excited about the year ahead.

It has been busy helping our new students and teachers settle into their new school, and we are excited about the opportunities these new people bring to our school community.

The teaching staff for 2024 is below. The new teachers on our team are in bold.

Leadership and Support	Annabelle Arnott & Amy Gill
Kindergarten and LiL	Lisa Appलगren
Prep	Sarah Duggan & Helen Braddick
Year 1	Tamsin Jones & Nadja Brearley (Term 1)
Year 2	Alex Gatenby & Nadja Brearley (Term 1)
3/4G	Erika Lees
3/4Y	Chloe Meskanen
5/6G	Andrew Colquhoun
5/6Y	Corinna McCredde
Music and Auslan	Catherine Fairs-Morris
Health and PE	Josh Mitchell
Visual Arts	Carrie-Ann Smith

Student Leadership

Many Year 3 – 6 students courageously gave speeches last week in hopes of becoming school captains or SRC reps, and this week some Year 6 students went for the house captains roles. All these students put a great deal of effort into writing their speeches and they spoke with confidence. Congratulations to the following students for being elected into the following leadership positions:

School Captains	Zsafia Borzak-Bell & Geordie Wood	House Captains	Pippa Smyth & Manu Tanner
Vice-Captains	Philia Auer & Eartha Cook	Bligh	Levi Allen & Alana Reddy
Year 3 SRC	Charlie Crosbee & Joey Mac	Lovett	Zac Ciesiolka & Sierra Wittkopp
Year 4 SRC	George Evans & Tilla Wittkopp	Nicholls	
Year 5 SRC	Leo Neptune & Charlotte Newman		



Back row: Zsafia, Eartha, Philia, Geordie
Front Row: Leo, Charlotte, Joey, Charlie George, Tila



Zac, Sierra, Pippa, Manu, Alana, Levi

Meet the Teacher BBQ

Thank you to the many families who came along last night to our annual parent/teacher meetings in Term 1. Our teachers were extremely busy as more parents booked in than ever before. The feedback by parents and teachers was very positive. Thank you to Mrs Fairs-Morris and Mr Mitchell for providing activities for the children and the School Association for the wonderful BBQ.

Kind regards
Darryl Williams
Principal



PRINCIPAL'S ENGAGED LEARNER AWARDS

Freya Lucani & Claire Robson

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

Jake Belbin for **Purposefulness** - trying his very best with leaning tasks and for persevering when things are challenging.

Alana Reddy for **Responsibility** - focusing and putting effort into her learning and helping classmates and staff.

Murray Polmear for **Respect** - listening attentively during science time and using beautiful manners when asking for help.

Edie Herbstritt for **Respect** - following instructions quickly and listening attentively during learning time.

Jason Light for **Purpose** - always giving his best and doing an amazing job of learning his letter sounds.

Talia Smillie for **Courage** - being a purposeful learner as soon as she comes to school.

Charlie Crosbee for **Respect** - beginning each day with a friendly greeting, offering to help and a kind word for everyone.

Tilla Wittkop for **Respect** - showing respect and kindness towards adults and her peers, looking for ways to help, especially when someone is upset or confused.

Zac Ciesiolka for **Courage** - delivering an amazing School Caption speech despite feeling nervous.

Demi Flynn for **Respect** - always listening attentively to her teachers and peers.

Annika Roberts for **Purpose** - consistently completing her work with care and purpose.

Franklin Tyson for **Respect** - listening carefully and having a positive approach to his classwork.

Layla Clark for **Kindness** - being a kind and caring friend by helping and encouraging others.

Ari Neptune for **Courage** - doing a great job of settling into a new school and making friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 4 March

School Swimming Carnival at Huonville Pool (P-6)

Monday 11 March

Public Holiday

Wednesday 13 March

NAPLAN begins for Grade 3 & 5 students

Monday 25 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

Thursday 11 April

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



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.

To complete your training, simply visit

[Safeguarding Training - Department for Education, Children and Young People \(decyp.tas.gov.au\)](https://decyp.tas.gov.au)

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.

School Association News – Term 1

Dear parents and carers,

On behalf of the Cygnet Primary School Association I'd like to welcome all returning and new students and their families as well as all new staff joining us this year. I hope you all had a great break and a good start to the new school year!

The School Association had a busy year and thanks to our great committee and a high level of involvement in the wider school community we've been able to raise \$7500 through the 'Rainbow Run' and the 'Cygnet Primary Ice Cream Stall'.

We're looking forward to continue our work to strengthen connections in the school community and the first opportunity is just around the corner...

The welcome BBQ at the Meet the Teacher night last night was a great success and it was great catching up with all the parents!

Further I would like to invite you to the Annual General Meeting on Monday the 18th of March at 3.15pm, to be held in the school library. If you're interested to join the committee or to just come along and see what we're up to, we'd love to have you on board.

Kind Regards,

Lukas Mrosek
Chair

Second Hand Uniform 'Shop' Update

What's in stock?

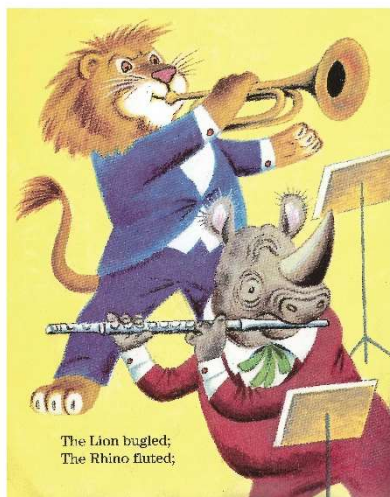
Item	Size	Quantity
Hoodies	12	1
Soft shell jackets	6	2
	8	1
	10	3
	12	2
	14	3
Skirts	8	1
	12	4

There are several Polar Fleece jackets (\$10 or less) and polo shirts (\$5 or less) in all sizes. Price will depend on condition.

If you would like to purchase any items, please email birtecleary@gmail.com. Birte is happy to pack for you and leave at the office for collection or arrange a suitable time to meet at school.

Any donations are welcome and greatly appreciated for this kind of 'shop' to work successfully. Donations can be left at the office.

All funds raised from second hand uniform will go to the School Association.



Malcolm Martin has a limited number of spaces for **private lessons** during school hours at Cygnet Primary School for the following instruments:

Piano, Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet.

Malcolm has been teaching music for 25 years. Lessons are \$32/half hour. Malcolm also runs **2 Concert Bands after school on a Wednesday** which cater to absolute beginners as well as accomplished musicians. There are a number of instruments available for hire at a nominal fee. Please feel free to contact Malcolm either by phone on 0459 041 762 or email on malcolmm73@yahoo.com for any enquiries.



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