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Dear Families

Creating a safer and more respectful learning environment – TAKE TWO

I wish to acknowledge the amazing efforts of our Year 5/6 students and say thank you for the huge reduction in swearing at our school since the end of last term. This cohort has really taken to heart the core messages around

- The importance of caring for others and showing empathy so that children feel more safe at school
- Being responsible role models for younger students and each other
- We choose the language we use and can make respectful choices that help others

Earlier in the year, teachers received multiple complaints about the 5/6s swearing every day. That is now a very rare occurrence.

But our work isn't finished yet. The student surveys from last term noted that the 3/4 cohort also swear often. In a check-in with one of our 3/4 classes this week, half of those students complained about the frequent swearing by classmates.

Now that we again have wonderful role models in our student leaders, it is time to tackle the problem with our 3/4 classes. Their teachers and I are currently addressing the matter with them.

Once again, I am requesting the help of parents. Some sound advice on how to talk with your children about swearing can be found here: [How to Talk to Kids About Swearing \(verywellfamily.com\)](https://www.verywellfamily.com/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-swearing/) Thank you for your help as we work to create a more respectful and safe school environment for your children.

As a side note, many parents would be aware that too many children and adolescents are grappling with the increase in unkind and harmful messaging on social media. The core principles around caring for others, empathy, being responsible digital citizens and making respectful choices apply equally.

Book Week Assembly

Well done to students and staff for your enthusiastic participation at the Book Week assembly and, thank you to the parents who attended. Creativity abounds; the book character costumes were impressive! While dressing up is certainly fun, the important takeaway is that a lot of enjoyment can be had by getting to know many different and interesting characters through the vast collection of books and authors available to us. Never stop reading!

Kind regards
Darryl Williams

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 27th August

Gr 5/6s Volleyball & Come & Try Day
Kingborough Sports Centre

Wednesday 28th August

Huonville High Visit (some 5/6 students)
11:30 – 12:50 Huonville High

Thursday 12th September

Musica Viva Performance
2pm GP Room.

Friday 13th September

Illawarra Jumping Jacks
9:15 Gym

Tuesday 17th September

Huon Valley Red Ball Tennis
Cygnet Tennis Club Grade 3/4 students

Thursday 26th September

Rev It Up Program
Huonville Primary School. Gr 6

Friday 27th September

Last day of term 3



PRINCIPAL'S ENGAGED LEARNER AWARD

Zsafia Borzak-Bell & Bailey white

Congratulations also to the following students who received certificates at yesterday's assembly:

Reuben Treadaway for **Purposefulness** by asking great questions about place value & being engaged in his learning.

Riely Wiersma for **Gratitude** by approaching everything with a positive attitude & big smile.

Will Mackintosh for **Purpose** by making excellent progress in his reading & writing by practise & persistence.

Jarrah Bennett for **Gratitude** by looking people in the eye & using lovely manners.

Noah Belbin for **Purposefulness** by making fantastic improvements in his reading.

Sena Ray for **Gratitude** for her classmates, teachers & the opportunities school presents.

Jake Belbin for **Purpose** by participating in class activities & having a go at everything.

Zach Cownie for **Gratitude** for taking the opportunity to work collaboratively with his peers.

George Evans for **Purpose** by completing work tasks with thoughtfulness and efficiency.

Jack Honeybone for **Gratitude** by using his manners every day.

Hunter Bailey for **Creativity** by demonstrating effort and creativity in his poetry writing.

Claire Robson for displaying **Gratitude** by showing appreciation for the class by offering to help clean up or assist a classmate.

Lachlan Gasparin for **Creativity** and persistence by showing a wonderful attitude and enjoyment of books and reading and demonstrating a creative imagination

Isaiah Johnson for **Gratitude** by being able to identify how lucky we are and acknowledging that there are many people with much less.



Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, but the good news is that most skin cancers can be prevented.

In Tasmania average peak UV levels reach 3 and above from the beginning of September to the end of April. Combine these five simple SunSmart steps from the Cancer Council to help protect yours and your children's skin when the UV is 3 or above:

1. Slip on sun protective clothing
2. Slop on SPF50 or SPF50+ sunscreen
3. Slap on a broad-brimmed hat
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on sunglasses

In line with Cancer Council advice and DECYP policy, it will be compulsory for students to wear a 360 degree brimmed hat (baseball caps are not approved) from the beginning of September- end of April. Parents can help by reminding your child to bring and wear their approved sun hat every day. If your child needs a new school sunhat, you can purchase one from the office for \$10.00. All staff are expected to model good practice and bring their hats to school each day from the beginning of September too!

Thank you for your continued help and support!

Emma Middleton
Primary School Health Nurse



Book Week

BEST DRESSED

Max Watkins as Mad Eye Moody from Harry Potter

Frankie Crosbee as Enola Holmes

Neiva Lucani as The Flower Goddess from The Lost Voice

Jack Honeybone as Captain Hook from Peter Pan

Rumi Brennan from I Wish I had a Pirate Suit

Murray Polmear from The 26 Storey Treehouse

Agnes Harder from Each Peach Pear Plum

Ines Koach as Nancy from The Chaotic Pocket



OVERALL BEST DRESSED

Maeve Gay as Book Fairy





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