



Celebrating our Learning Data

The Year 1 students were assessed in September using the Year 1 Phonics Check, an assessment tool that is mandated in Tasmania and used widely across Australia. When we first looked at the data we were pleased, and last week we learned that there were only five schools in southern Tasmania with better outcomes than us! Each of those schools, which are in Hobart, have a much higher ICSEA score than our school, and it follows that their learning outcomes are typically higher than for regional schools with lower ICSEA scores like Cygnets Primary. Many will recall that we made some bold and courageous decisions last year that changed the way we now teach reading in early childhood and how we have been supporting older students with their word recognition skills if necessary. The Phonics Check results have validated everything we've implemented this year and last, and the skill in which the teachers and TAs are teaching phonics.

We are very pleased for our Year 1 students, and I congratulate our teachers and TAs for the fantastic work they are doing with our emerging readers. I wish to again acknowledge and thank the School Association for the huge investment they made last year in purchasing our decodable readers library to support this important work. As I indicated in the last newsletter of Term 3, all P – 6 students are currently completing the PAT tests in reading and maths. This data will show learning growth over the past 12 months and inform many of our learning sequences in key curriculum areas next year.

School Association Fundraiser

Thank you to Esther Cook and other School Association members for their organisation of the successful **Amber's Golden Ticket Chocolate** fundraiser that finished today. And a huge thank you to **Amber Leighton (Homelands Property - Cygnets)** for her generous support and the many businesses for their donated raffle prizes. The fundraiser has earned approximately \$2000 for the school! Thank you to the many families who supported this fundraiser and congratulations to those who won a raffle prize.

Kind regards

Darryl Williams
Principal

Department for Education, Children and Young People

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 4 – Friday 8th November
Tas Fire Safety Program

Friday 8th November
Huon & Channel Athletics Carnival

Monday 11th November
School Photo Day

Wednesday 13th November
Children's University Graduation
10 am – University of Tasmania

Thursday 14th November
2:00 pm Assembly GP Room

Friday 15th November
1.45 pm Prep Grandparents Day

SCHOOL PHOTOS MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

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- 1 Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
- 2 Click on Order Your School Photos
- 3 Enter your Access Key

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Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30pm the night before photo day.
Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.



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Congratulations!

PRINCIPAL'S ENGAGED LEARNER AWARD Callie Robinson & Georgia Tyson

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

Ollie Wicks for **Purposefulness**, Ollie listens carefully to instructions & ignores distractions.

Jaxon Stennings for **Respect & Growth**, Jaxon is developing a positive & respectful attitude in the classroom.

Cai Green for **Mindfulness** by always being engaged & ready to learn.

Mahalia Knight for **Purpose** by working hard on her letter sounds & reading.

Talia Smillie for **Mindfulness** by always completing her work mindfully & giving her best.

Liam Clifford for **Respect** by consistently treating both staff & students with kindness & consideration.

Clair Bear for **Mindfulness** by always giving her best effort & focus at the Athletics Carnival.

Henry Watson for **Purpose & Perseverance** by pushing himself to give more detail in his wonderful writing.

Ruby Nerden-Bowser for **Mindfulness** for thoughtfully considering everything she does.

Neve Wiersma for **Caring** by assisting younger school members to succeed at school.

Demi Flynn for **Mindfulness** for the considered & attentive way she approaches her time at school.

Rose Purvis for **Mindfulness** by showing detail when completing class activities & tasks.

Scarlett Price for **Courage** by doing a great job by making new friends & learning routines. We're very glad to have you here.

Neiva Lucani for **mindfulness** for using her mind-help strategies to help her feel calmer at times when she is feeling bumpy.

AJ Cox for **Purposefulness** by having great creative ideas & being clear about how these are going to be used in your work.

On Tuesday 22nd of October we had our Sports Carnival at Huonville. These are the house points and some photos from the carnival

1st – **Nichols** 635

2nd – **Bligh** 512

3rd – **Lovett** 420

