



Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2025 school year. It has been a positive start, and I have enjoyed connecting with students and their families. I wasn't expecting to step into the principal role again so soon but feel well supported by our wonderful team. I want to thank the School Association for organising the social BBQ and get together at Burton's Reserve last Friday afternoon. The event was well attended by students, their families and staff. It was lovely to catch up with people in an informal environment. The Association welcomes new members and ideas, so please let us know if you are interested in joining.

Next Thursday 27th, we are having a "Meet the Teacher" afternoon at school. We hope to see many families coming in to visit classrooms, talk to teachers and find out about the teaching and learning that is occurring. I will also be available to provide information and answer any questions. Information regarding this event is being emailed out to parents.

A representative from the Children's University visited our assembly today. This program encourages the development of new knowledge and skills outside everyday classroom learning. Students in previous years have engaged in such activities as joining local sports teams, music and dance lessons, film making workshops and cooking lessons at home. Whilst learning outside of school hours is the focus, this year students can also collect some learning hours at school by joining playtime activities such as chess club, Lego, trying different sports or learning a new board game. Learning hours are recorded in a passport. The Children's University regularly provide newsletters and information to families around learning opportunities at home and in the wider community. All students achieving 30 or more hours of different learning activities can attend a graduation ceremony at the University of Tasmania in fourth term. We hope to see more students and their families engaging in the program this year.

This week students from Grades 3 to 6 have delivered speeches to their classmates to try out for leadership and SRC positions. I have been impressed by the courage shown by students and the ideas they have for our school. It has been an opportunity for students to consider what makes a good leader when casting their vote. I look forward to working with our new SRC this term.

I look forward to catching up with parents and carers at some of our events in the coming weeks.

Kind Regards,

Annabelle Arnott
Acting Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 3rd March

School Association AGM
School Library 3:15 pm

Tuesday 4th March

Whole School Athletics Carnival
Huonville Oval

Thursday 6th March

Assembly 2pm

Wednesday 12th March

NAPLAN starts.
Grade 3 & 5

Thursday 20th March

Assembly 2pm

Thursday 27th March

Huon & Channel Athletics Carnival
Huonville Oval

Thursday 3rd April

School Captains & Vice Captains
Leadership Conference
Huonville Primary School. 10 – 2

Friday 11th April

Last day of term 1

Monday 28th April

First day of term 2

Congratulations!

PRINCIPAL'S ENGAGED LEARNER AWARD

Lexie Calvert & Isaiah Johnson

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

Cooper Ford for **Purpose** by listening respectfully during mat time & always trying his best.

Agnes Harder for **Empathy** for treating her classmates with kindness & respect.

Charlie Kimber for **Respect** always showing respect to himself and others.

Adeline Batchelder for **Empathy** and **Kindness** by being a very kind and caring classmate

Talia Smillie for **Responsibility**, Talia you consistently demonstrate a fantastic attitude towards all areas of learning & you are always ready & listening. Keep it up.

Ines Koach for **Mindfulness**, Ines you are amazing at staying on task & completing your work to the best possible level. Great Job!

Tyler Fowler for **Courage** by settling into our school & class & trying out for school captain.

Scarlet Byron-Thomsen for **Gratitude** for acknowledging the great things about our school in.

Dante Silva for **Respect**, Dante is a kind caring classmate who treat everyone with respect.

Rose Purvis for **Empathy**, Rose looks after others when they are hurt or upset.

Bailey White for **Respect** by showing great care and respect for our classroom by being an outstanding helper during pack up times.

Chris Seccombe for **Mindfulness** by being SO focussed this year. He is listening really purposefully and sharing his ideas.

Shikayla Clifford for **Purposefulness** by starting the new year with focus and enthusiasm

Charlotte Newman for **Empathy** and **Kindness** by supporting her classmates

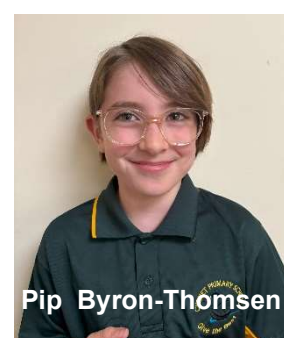
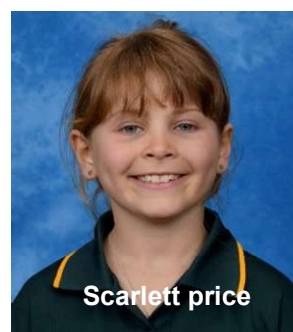
School Captains



Vice Captains



SRC



Young People

At the beginning of each school year, I like to remind families of my role. One of my main roles within the school is to undertake Kindergarten Health Checks beginning in term 2. parental consent. These free checks are offered to all



students in kindergarten as part of the state-wide School Health Nurse Service. I am also able to complete hearing or vision screening for any child in school with

Alongside the Kinder Health Checks, I can provide health promotion that runs in line with local, state, and national health promotion initiatives, including vaping/ smoking education, growth and development and respectful relationships, oral and sleep hygiene and SunSmart.

Each month you will see an article in the school newsletter from me related to a local, national, or international health awareness event. This month the focus is on National Lunchbox Week.



National Lunchbox Week is an initiative of Nutrition Australia that aims to inspire Australian families to create enjoyable and nourishing lunchboxes.

The campaign celebrates the lunchbox and how it reflects diversity, enjoyment and nourishment.

Encouraging enjoyable and pressure free lunchbox experiences supports children's wellbeing and helps build a positive relationship with food.

National Lunchbox Week helps families, schools and early childhood settings by:

- inspiring practical lunchbox ideas and recipes
- supporting positive lunchbox experiences for children
- embracing the diversity of lunchboxes
- promoting supportive, judgment-free conversations around food.

For more information visit [Lunchbox Week](#) | [Lunchbox Nutrition](#) and [Lunchboxes](#) | [Healthy Kids](#)

Emma Middleton, Primary School Health Nurse

Safeguarding

Our school has appointed Tonoya Hickey as our Safeguarding Lead. Safeguarding Leads are appointed in every DECYP school and CFLC in Tasmania to help ensure children and young people are known, safe, well and learning. As Safeguarding Lead, Tonoya will enhance our efforts in promoting and nurturing a culture of safeguarding at our school. This will enable us to better support the wellbeing of all our students and reinforce the understanding that keeping children and young people safe is everyone's responsibility. By improving our safeguarding culture, we can create a safer and more supportive environment for all. Please support Tonoya in their new role! For further information on Safeguarding in Schools and CFLCs, please visit the DECYP Keeping children safe through safeguarding webpage.

2025 Volunteer Requirements

As we kick off the new school year, we want to remind our school community about the important requirements for volunteering at our school. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, it is mandatory for all volunteers to have their RWVP (Registration for Working with Vulnerable People) and to have completed the Our Obligations – Safeguarding Training 15-minute video before engaging with children and young people in a volunteer capacity at our school. Certificates for the training video are valid for 12 months from the date of completion. These steps are essential in helping us maintain a safe and supportive environment for our children. To apply for a Registration for Working with Vulnerable people, please visit:

[Apply for registration to work with vulnerable people | Service Tasmania](#)

To complete the Our Obligations – Safeguarding Training 15-minute video please visit

[Compulsory Safeguarding Training for Workers - Department for Education, Children and Young People](#)

Volunteers are a vital part of our school community, and we are excited to collaborate with you in the year ahead!

