Dear Families,

The end of year is both a time of celebration and moving on. Our Grade 6’s and a number of families will leave us at the end of 2014. We wish the following families all the best for the future: Aschenbrenner, Blackburn, Bradshaw, Bramwell, Bush, Byers, Driessen, Earney, Furness, Hughes, Jackson-Chivers, May, Morgan, Morris, Muller, Page, Pepperrell, Quin, Rakotondrabe, Rangiaho, Rawson, Roberts, Stojcesvski, Bennett, Bones, Bouchard, Emery, Farrugia, Hunter, Johnson, Lowe, Mace, Marshall, Peppiatt, Pohle and Sweet.

It is also a time when we farewell members of our staff. Marg Kibbey will be retiring after 18 years at our School. During this time she has run an amazing music program that provided children with experience in choirs, with guitar and recorder, dance and class music. She has taken students beyond the classroom on to the stage at school assemblies and eisteddfods and has enabled them to volunteer their time entertaining senior citizens. She will be a hard act to replace.

Di Jessup will be leaving also. Di has been the heart of our library program with her love of literature ensuring our library collection provides all students with a wide range of quality reading material.

Pam Harrison has been teaching here for 14 years in the early childhood area. Her passion for teaching has ensured her learning program has been child centred and always abreast of current thinking with students leaving her class with an excellent grounding in literacy and numeracy. Her passion for inspiring children to look at the world through the lens of sustainability has been invaluable for their future roles as caring citizens.

Connie Zito has been at Blackmans Bay for 13 years. During this time she has provided an excellent class program teaming with Pam to ensure currency and learning goals based on student need. Connie’s work in the area of aboriginal education has ensured her students have always had the aboriginal perspective to the fore in their work in literacy and story-telling.

Over the past 20 years Sarah Mason has been the backbone of our Woodwind Program. She has worked solidly with our Grade 5-6 students ensuring they were ready for the DEC Performance each Christmas. As one student said, “I could not thank Ms Mason any more than I have for her persistence and help through the program.”

James Brown will be taking up a teaching position in Melbourne while only being here for half the year he has made a great contribution to our School both on class and as part of our team.

Virginia Eddleston leaves us after teaching on both the 3-4 class and the 1-2. Her professional approach and care and concern have ensured a great learning environment for the students in her classes.

Louise Sutton has also worked on a 1-2 and provided invaluable assistance in our literacy support program.

Philippa Lohrey, Roxanne Holliday and Danni Long have worked as part of our Teacher Assistant team. Their dedication, professional approach and hard work have been most appreciated.

Paul McGinniss has been our go-to-man for ICT. His trouble shooting ability and planning capacity has ensured our computer network and machines have always been ready to go with student learning enhanced.

We wish all of these staff the best in the future. They are an important part of what makes this School a great place to learn and work.

Today your child will have brought home their report. I have enjoyed reading them all and seeing the progress that students have made. If you would like any clarity on the report please ring and make an appointment with your child’s teacher. They will be available for a short report discussion after school on Monday or Tuesday.

This Thursday the School and P&F welcomed our new kinder families for 2015 to a special BBQ. While it rained for a while it didn’t dampen the smiles of anticipation on the children’s faces. We look forward to welcoming everyone new and old to our Welcome BBQ early next year.

Cheers
Anthony Burrows
Principal

Operation Christmas Child

This year the School ran a fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is an organisation that helps children in poorer countries to receive a gift they may only experience once in a lifetime. People all around the world donate items to be put in shoe boxes that will be shipped and then carried in boats or on foot by volunteers, before being given out to the children in poor or war-struck countries.

Inside each box there is Something to Wear; Something to Love; Something Special; Something for School; Something to Play With; Something for Personal Hygiene.

We would like to thank everyone in the School who donated something for these boxes. They will be sent away to children who will be incredibly thankful for the time and effort put into filling these boxes.

Written by Hannah Ireland with the assistance of Gabby Lohrey
Upcoming Excursions and Events

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**P& F NEWS**

The final disco for the year was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November. The fancy dress theme saw many younger princesses, fairies and a variety of action figures having a great time on the dance floor. Although numbers were a little low, the disco raised a respectable $380.00.

The P&F committee would like to thank our talented DJ Shaun Quinn and the many attending teachers who forfeit their quiet Friday night so that we are able to run these fund-raising events.

**INFORMATION ON LOCAL LEARN TO SAIL OPPORTUNITIES**

Kingston Beach Sailing Club will be commencing another 9 week learn to sail term at the end of January. This class caters for children aged 8-12 yrs who are able to swim 25 metres. All boats and equipment are provided. Classes are also available for Parent and Child, 13 yrs to adults, and follow-on tuition for those who have already started their sailing journey.

Kingston Beach Sailing Club is a Yachting Australia Discover Sailing Centre, and runs not only classes and racing, but also adventure and “free” sailing activities. Call in on a Saturday to see what we do.

For more information or to register for a class, contact Jenny Graney on 6229 5040 or 0421 064 590

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**Maritime Museum of Tasmania**

School Holiday Programs Summer 2015

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**Basketball Camp**

Join the players from the Tassie Chargers and Tassie Lady Chargers as you improve your passing, dribbling, defence, 1v1 skills, decision making and much more. Through a variety of challenging activities and games you’ll enjoy an action packed day!

**Learn to Draw Class**

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th January 2015 10.00-11.30am

Formally trained artist Louis Rodway introduces budding artists to the fundamental skills of drawing and observation, with a simple formula enabling artists to draw ferries, bridges, sailors, sea creatures, anything!

A two-day program recommended for ages 9 - 12.

**Ferry Across the Derwent**

Wednesday 21st or Thursday 22nd January 10.00-11.30am

People have been crossing the River Derwent for thousands of years. Come and learn about the different vessels that have been used, explore where ferries landed, discover some significant events and how the river has shaped our communities and share stories.

A one day program recommended for ages 4 - 10.

COST: $5.00 per family

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/ GUARDIAN

SPACES ARE LIMITED ON BOTH PROGRAMS SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY-

Email: office@martinetas.org
Tel: 6234 1427

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**2-DAY SUMMER HOLIDAY SUPER CAMP**

**Wed 21st & Thurs 22nd Jan 2015**

10:30AM-3PM

COST: $75

AGES 6-14 YEARS

BRING WITH YOU - LUNCH & A WATER BOTTLE

HOBART SPORTS STADIUM, CREEK ROAD, NEW TOWN

BENDIGO BANK SHOW BAGS FOR ALL CAMPERS!

For more information or to obtain a registration form email hobart@tassiegym.com
Ph: 0413 331 062 Po Box 516, Moonah, 7009

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Congratulations to the Blackmans Bay Boomers who competed in their first 5-6 roster at the Kingborough Sports Centre. The boys had a successful season and showed much improvement in their skills and team work.