



Issue 8 2025 – 6 June

Upcoming Events

Monday 9 June

Public Holiday – King's Birthday

Tuesday 17 June

State Cross Country – Symmons Plains
(Selected Year 3-6 students)

Wednesday 18 June

School Association Meeting
6:30pm - School Library

Thursday 19 June

Whole School Assembly – 1.40pm

Wednesday 25 June

School Photos

School Hours

8.55am – 2.55pm

Recess: 11.10 – 11.40am

Lunch: 1.05 – 1.35pm

Classrooms open at 8.30am.

For student safety, students are not to be on the school premises before 8.30am.

School Office Hours 8.30am – 3.30pm

From the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome to our latest school newsletter.



Each class has been delving into various inquiry topics and many science related curriculum areas this term. The joy on both the teacher and student faces as we talk about this learning is wonderful to see. I am looking forward to hearing about the learning that will continue to unfold across our school in the remaining weeks of Term 2. We will be celebrating our First Nations Inquiry Learning at a NAIDOC Week Assembly in the final week of Term 2. This will be an opportunity to showcase and highlight one aspect of the learning that has occurred this year to the whole school.

From next week I will begin my Long Service Leave for the remainder of this term. Whilst I'm on leave there will be an Acting Principal appointed to the school who will guide our staff and students until the end of Term 2. Ms Kumudu Stewart will begin on Tuesday 10 June and she is thrilled to be coming to our wonderful school. Ms Stewart and I have had many meetings in preparation for her time here as Principal and I am confident she will do a wonderful job in the role until I return in Term 3. I will come in to see the Year 3-4 Musical Performance and the NAIDOC Week assembly. I look forward to seeing everyone again at these times.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful remainder of Term 2 and thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal

Introducing Ms Stewart

Ms Kumudu Stewart will join Blackmans Bay Primary School as Acting Principal while Mr McPherson is on leave for the remainder of term 2.



Welcome to our school Ms Stewart.

Moderation Day 2025

Moderation Day occurs every year as an opportunity for teachers to come together across schools and ensure they have the required skills and knowledge to undertake their work and support student learning. Majority of the day is focused on consistency of assessment across schools and enabling time to compare student work, compare this to curriculum and discuss appropriate assessment and future focus goals.

This year we moderated with schools from the Channel Collective. We met at Margate Primary School and worked in groups of the same year level to assess and discuss student work. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to collaborate and learn from each other.



Variety

This week we had a meeting with Variety *The Children's Charity* about an exciting opportunity to be involved in one of their programs, called the Variety Creative Arts Program. The program



aims to provide small and intimate groups of children with an outlet to explore their thoughts, feelings and experiences through creative arts expression workshops. It's delivered within a safe and welcoming environment using different materials, techniques, and settings with consideration to each cohort's needs and objectives. Workshops are facilitated by an arts therapist who helps to explore, build insight, and make meaning of children's life experience through their art works.

We are pleased to be implementing this Creative Arts Program in Term 3 for a small number of children as a trial of the program. Our hope is that this will lead to a greater number of students being invited to participate in time.

We would like to thank Variety for their generous financial support to facilitate this program and to support our students.



Club 100 with Together We Can

As students reach 100 reading sessions with Together We Can, we celebrate this achievement by inviting the child to come to the Principal's office and selecting a book prize from our wide range of books. The book prize and certificate are then announced



at our next assembly and the child is invited to continue recording their reading sessions towards the next milestone of 120 reading sessions. Sometimes the children select books for themselves to enjoy as a book prize, but often I hear children say, "I think my younger brother / sister would enjoy this one, I might pick this one for them." We are proud of

the students for demonstrating our value of *Responsibility* and focusing on regular reading to improve their skills and stamina with reading.



Thank you to our families for supporting this learning.



Student Representative Council

A sub-group of the SRC have decided to create a new initiative at our school called *Clean Up Club*. The students have developed the concept with Mr McPherson and considered *how* it will work, *what* will happen and *how* will we tell everyone about it. After doing some research on the Bunnings website, we picked the equipment we would like to buy, developed a poster and PowerPoint and the students presented this idea at a recent *Meet and Greet* gathering.



We are proud of our SRC for demonstrating our school values and starting a new initiative that aims to support our school and our environment. Well done to the students involved and thank you to all the students who have volunteered to help with *Clean Up Club*.



3-4's Become Marine Scientists

On Wednesday 28 May the 3-4 classes had a lovely day at the Marine Discovery Centre. Thank you to the teachers and volunteers who attended.



Year 6 News

Leavers Tops

For weeks we have had our Year 6 students ask, "when are the leavers tops coming?!" and they have finally arrived! Thank you to Mrs Smalley for working with the designer and organising the Year 6 Leavers Tops this year. The students are happy with the tops and we think they look fantastic.



High School Intentions

2026 High School Intention forms have been sent home with all current Year 6 students. We request families complete the form, even if not

intending to attend Kingston High School, as this information helps us to support a smooth high school transition for all students. Please ensure completed forms are returned to our school office no later than Monday 30 June.

School Photos 2025

Our 2025 School Photo Day is Wednesday 25 June. More information, including details on how to order, will be available to families soon.

Gumnuts to Buttons

We recently participated in a staff professional learning and cultural experience called Gumnuts to Buttons.

Gumnuts to Buttons is a visual and interactive simulation activity designed to give an understanding and empathy for Aboriginal peoples' history in Tasmania. It's a moving and at times challenging session that provides a deep and rich understanding of Tasmanian history from the moment of European settlement. The aim of us participating in this experience was to ensure we had a consistent understanding of our past and for the team to consider how this could influence the way we teach and include First Nations perspectives throughout our teaching and learning program.

We participated in this at the start of National Reconciliation Week and following Sorry Day, two incredibly important and significant annual events to our First Nations people.



Safeguarding News

On Tuesday the 27th of May our Kinder to Year 2 students gathered to watch Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure show. The Ditto show is a live interactive 35-minute performance that educates students about personal safety. Ditto's three rules for keeping safe are:

1. We all have the right to feel safe with people.
2. It's OK to say no if you feel unsafe or unsure
3. Nothing is so yucky that you can't tell someone about it.

Ditto's 3 Rules for Keeping Safe



1 We all have the right to **feel safe** with people.

It's ok to **say NO** if you feel unsafe or unsure.



3 Nothing is so yucky that you can't **tell someone** about it.

Bravehearts
bravehearts.org.au

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Access to Blackmans Bay Primary School

Earlier this year the School Association asked for the school to make a sign for the oval to make it clear about the access to our school site for the community. We want to ensure our community know that the school is a safe and welcoming place outside of school hours and we encourage the use of our school play

equipment and our oval when school has finished and during the weekend or school holiday periods. During school hours it's important that the community know that our school cannot be accessed unless attending for school business and when this occurs, they need to sign in and make themselves known to the school office.

Following the success of our oval sign, the School Association have agreed to fund a smaller sign to be made for every entry space around the school. We have worked with *Flying Colours* to re-design and print our signs and they are now visible across the school. Thank you to our School Association for supporting this important addition to our school.



Kindergarten 2026



Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2026. If your child is turning 5 throughout 2026, please contact the school office to enquire and confirm your intent to enrol.

Enrolment packs have been distributed to those families who have already enquired

about Kinder for next year. Please return enrolment forms, along with required supporting documentation, to the school office as soon as possible.

Launching into Learning

We offer two Launching into Learning sessions each week for any child to attend with their family from 0-4 years.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Little Learners with Dr Caroline Miller

Friday 9:00 - 10:15 am in the Kindergarten Room

Little Learners is an informal play and explore session catered to young children's development. At Little Learners, children will learn through play, art and crafts, puzzles, meeting with others, singing, reading stories and much more. We will have outdoor activities including water play, gardening and bikes.



Little Groovers with Mrs Ann Wolfe

Tuesday 9:00 - 10:30 am in the Music Room

Little Groovers is a music inspired session that will engage children and families in songs, rhymes and rhythms, dance and movement. Children will be using tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments with scarves and parachute songs.

This is a fun and interactive session that encourages creativity, social engagement and motor skills.

For more information please phone: (03) 6229 6637 and

Facebook *Blackmans Bay Primary Launching into Learning*

