



Issue 15 2025 – 26 September

Upcoming Events

Today - Friday 26 September

Last Day Term 3

Monday 13 October

Term 4 Commences

Monday 13 – Friday 17 October

Prep – Year 2 Water Orientation Program
(Learn to Swim) Kingston Pool

Wednesday 22 October

BBPS School Association Colour Run

Thursday 23 October

Public Holiday – Royal Hobart Show

Friday 24 October

Student Free Day

Wednesday 29 October

Year 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival
Hobart Aquatic Centre

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 and the end of Term 3.



As we conclude another term together, I'd like to acknowledge our outstanding team of educators and support staff that have worked incredibly hard this term to ensure we have a welcoming and safe environment, as well as a focused and supportive teaching and learning programme that continues to engage and connect our students. This term we have reflected on the ways we can monitor student learning, adjust our programme to meet the needs of our learners and target our support and intervention to where it is needed. The success of a school is dependent on the team within the school working well together and I'm pleased to celebrate the outstanding efforts of everyone at Blackmans Bay Primary School who truly do their best for the children and families at our school.

Term 4 is going to be another busy term with Learn to Swim for our Prep-Year 2 students, Swimming Carnival for the Year 3-6 students, our end of year excursions and events and transition visits to the high school for our Year 6's. We will do our best to keep our families informed of these events with the Schoolzine calendar, alerts, and our newsletter.

Thank you for your support this term. I appreciate the many conversations I have had with families and the positive feedback that has been shared. I'm proud of the school we are building together, and I look forward to continuing this work in Term 4.

Have a wonderful term break.

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal

Staffing News

AST Role

I'm pleased to inform our community that Caitlin Rice will be remaining with us in the role of AST for the remainder of the year. Caitlin has been successfully appointed following an application process and we are pleased to see Caitlin will be staying with us this year. Luke Fitzpatrick has been extended in his role as Assistant Principal at Austins Ferry Primary School until the end of the year.

We are also pleased to have Luke Sorrentino staying with us for the first two weeks of Term 4 in the role of AST whilst Caitlin Rice enjoys an extended holiday. Thank you, Mr Sorrentino for continuing to support our school and to remain as part of the leadership team for a couple of extra weeks next term.

Year 3-4A Teacher

This week we have said "goodbye and good luck" to Year 3-4A Teacher, Miena. Miena has now started maternity leave and will be taking about 12 months away from her role at our school during this time. Students in Miena's class wanted to make sure Miena knew how important and special she was to them and asked if they could have a surprise "going away party" for Miena. They organised the donations of balloons, streamers, sent invitations and requested we had Taylor Swift playing as Miena walked into the room as they knew this would make her very happy.



The surprise party was a beautiful idea and a wonderful example of students at our school

embodying our values. We have welcomed Miss Brigitte Shelton to our school who will continue in the role as classroom teacher for Year 3-4A for the remainder of the year. Welcome, Miss Shelton.

Sporting Achievement

On Saturday 13 September, the KNA U11, division 1 girls won their premiership in the Southern Tasmanian Netball



Association competition. It was quite a team with four Blackmans Bay Primary School girls in the same team. They defeated Cripps in a very tight battle that was neck and neck until the final half of the last quarter. Kingston Blues 32 - Cripps 26. Congratulations Ivy, Jess, Mabel and Eady!

NEW! Decodable Readers

As part of the Lifting Literacy Priority, DECYP have resourced our P-2 classrooms with new sets of decodable reading books. Decodable readers use simple, carefully chosen words that match the letter sounds children are learning in class. Decodable texts are a great way for beginning readers to feel success with their reading development alongside the shared enjoyment of reading quality picture books, non-fiction and chapter books together. All these reading experiences can be added to your child's *Together We Can* reading log. Our new decodable readers are currently being labelled and covered and you will see them in classrooms very soon! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.



Maths Relay

Well done to the Blackmans Bay A and B teams who competed in the State Maths Relay on Sunday! Teams from across Tasmania raced to solve 20 challenging mathematical problems within 45 minutes. Mrs Eddleston and Mrs Rice were thoroughly impressed by both teams' enthusiasm and persistence on the day, and in practice sessions leading up to the event. Both teams almost answered all the questions within the allocated timeframe and only had a small number of passed problems. Well done everyone!



Moon Landing

We were lucky enough to see some original film images on a projector recently that displayed images of the moon landing that were featured in local newspapers at the time of the first moon landing. Our students were amazed at both the older technology and the images of astronauts, space crafts and the moon. Thank you to our Teacher Assistant, Dale, for sharing this piece of history with us.



Indonesian Performance

It was wonderful to see the students from our Prep-Year 2 classes presenting their learning at our recent Indonesian Performance. This annual event is an opportunity for students to showcase their learning that has occurred throughout the year as children make connections between Indonesian and the English language. This year we had the inclusion of some puppets, storytelling and craft to enable children to share and communicate their learning with us. Thank you to Dr Miller and to our classroom teachers for supporting our students with this event.



Story Dogs Fundraiser

This week we announced the winners of our Story Dogs Fundraiser. Congratulations to the Tyndall family who won 1st prize of a \$100 gift card to Bunnings and a selection of dog related treats. Prizes 2, 3, 4, and 5 all consisted of a package of dog related treats (bones, toys, and products). We also had 10 prizes of a bag of dog biscuits. All money raised has been donated to Story Dogs Tasmania to enable them to continue to do the wonderful work they do to support reading in schools. Congratulations to the SRC for developing this idea, communicating it and raising the funds for this organisation. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Bunnings Kingston for their generous donation of dog related items for our raffle draw.



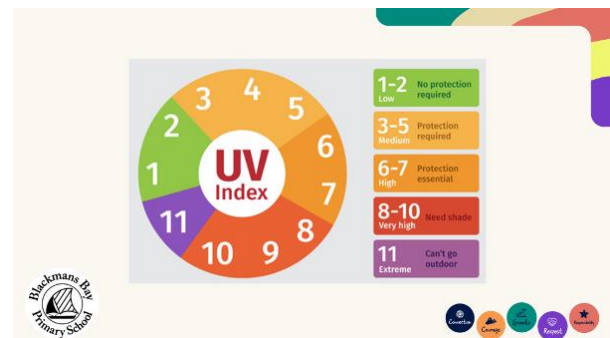
Assembly Certificates

We have recently celebrated the achievements of our students at Meet and Greet gatherings and our Whole School assemblies. Here is a selection of photos of students receiving their awards and recognition for their achievements. Well done to all the students for your outstanding effort.



Sun Smart: Hats Required

This week we have encouraged students to begin wearing their hats again as the UV Index has been reaching 3 and 4. As we move into Term 4, we would like to request all students are wearing their sun safe hats when outside. Caps are not suitable. If you need a new school hat, please purchase one using the QKR app (or our Uniform Shop is open Tuesdays 8:45am - 9:15am and Thursdays 2:30pm - 3:00pm during term time).



Library News

Getting into the AFL Finals spirit in the library!
Lots of football themed books available to borrow and enjoy!



School Association News

Please see below information about our upcoming School Association events. More information about these events is available via Schoolzine.

Trivia Night



Colour Run



Join us on the afternoon of Wednesday 22 October (during school hours) for a fun and colourful event right here on school grounds. The Colour Run is an event for current Blackmans Bay Primary Students only, hosted by students, parent volunteers, and members of the School Association Committee. More information has been shared with families on Schoolzine. Registration is via the TryBooking link: www.trybooking.com/DFCAZ



Scavenger Hunt

We are running our Community Scavenger Hunt again this year, during the Term 3 school holidays. Sign up and join in the fun! It is a great way to spend time exploring your local area during the school holidays.



Mural Update

The mural in Area A has now been completed. Emma-Lee has been on site over the last two weeks working on the wall and students have enjoyed observing the progress and asking Emma questions as she paints. We are thankful to the community group that have supported the fundraising effort for this project to go ahead. This is a wonderful addition to our school and our playground. You can view more of Emma-Lee's work on her website:

<https://emalyn.com.au/blogs/emma-lee-bradbury-art>



Diabetes Australia Fundraising

Raise funds for Diabetes Australia and help our school be in the running for 1 of 2 x \$10,000 prizes available in 2025

Blackmans Bay Primary have registered to fundraise in conjunction with the Schools Triathlon Challenge (STC) to support Diabetes Australia in 2025. This year, participating schools have the chance to win \$10 000, and we would love your support.

All students / families are invited to fundraise, not just those Year 3 – 6 students participating in the Schools Triathlon Challenge.

There will be two winning schools – one at the Devonport STC event and one at the Hobart STC event. The prize will go to the school with the highest fundraising average per student enrolled in the school. That means total funds raised will be divided by the number of enrolled students, giving every school, big or small, a fair shot at victory.

Not only will our school benefit, but the fundraising itself allows students / families to raise funds for Diabetes Australia. Funds will be used on several targeted projects within Tasmania and nationally. Fundraising also allows students the opportunity to do a great community service and to learn community values while they are doing something positive for themselves.

Please donate to our fundraising page:

<https://give.diabetesaustralia.com.au/fundraisers/BlackmansBayPrimarySchool15>

If students would like to do their own fundraising, they can create their own fundraising page at

<https://give.diabetesaustralia.com.au/event/school-triathlon-challenge>.

Make sure they then join our school page when they register, to ensure money raised is counted in our school efforts.

Launching into Learning News

Our Launching into Learning sessions are not held during school holidays. Sessions recommence on Tuesday 14 October.

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



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*

