

September 3rd

Upcoming events

September		
Mon 9 th	Uniform Shop open - 2.30pm	
Thurs 12 th	School Photo Day	
Tues 17 th	Singfest	
Thurs 19 th	Country Gold Carnivals	
16 th – 27 th	Swimming & Water Safety Program – Grade 3-5 & selected Grade 6s	
Fri 27 th	Last day of Term 3	
October		
Mon 14 th	First day of Term 4	
26-27 th	Grade 5/6 Basketball Championships	
November		
Mon 4 th	Long Weekend - No School	
9/10 th	Grade 3/4 Basketball Championships	
Friday 15 th	Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival	
18 th -19 th	Country Gold Cricket	
Fri 29 th	NMPSSA Swimming Carnival	

Assembly Roster

Thursday 5th September

Primary assembly at 11.15am
 5/6 Styles hosting & 3/4 McNeair sharing

Thursday 12th September – no assemblies due to school photos.

From the Principal Hello everyone,

Well, what a wild, wet and windy week we have had! I hope this finds you all safe and well, without too much damage to property and possessions. Firstly, a big thank you to our grounds crew, who have and continue to work incredibly hard to clean our school from the debris of fallen trees, damage to gardens, playgrounds and fences, rain damage in classrooms and cottages, the clean-up of general leaf litter, twigs, bark and so forth that is scattered everyone around the school. While we have been lucky to escape with no major damage, the clean up job is a large one.

Thank you to our office staff also, who have worked hard to maintain communication with our families throughout this trying time of no power/internet or phone lines. Some of our staff worked from home, on their day off, to ensure that communication came to you in a timely manner.

For those students in attendance yesterday, we connected to the past and spoke about how school used to be prior to power. I even got to ring the original school bell from 1855 to let our students know it was the end of lunch and recess. The students thought this was very novel, and a few lucky students also got to ring the bell.

We know that some families are still without power, if uniform is tricky this week due to this, we will accept non-school uniform items while your power is out.

It is wonderful to see so many of our students back at school today and wearing a touch of pink to support Cancer Council Tasmania. This weekend we have a large contingency of staff participating in the Women's 5Km walk/run. Today as a school we successfully raised just over \$500 to go towards this incredibly worthwhile cause. Thank you for your support.



Tomorrow all our Grade 1/2 classes, 2/3 Legro and Prep/1 Mason are on excursion, visiting both local museums. It is wonderful that the weather has passed, and the students still get to enjoy this experience.

Next week on Thursday, school photos will occur. We ask students to wear the best school uniform they have for these photos.

Today we have been notified of a confirmed case of Whooping Cough in the school, please read on for further information regarding this. A reminder that if your child is unwell to keep them home and if required obtain a doctor's appointment to obtain medical help.

Let's hope the weather continues to improve and for everyone still without power that it is restored soon.



Lauren Beams
Acting Principal



WHOOPING COUGH - PERTUSSIS

We have had a confirmed case of whooping cough in our school today. Please read the below information carefully.

What is Pertussis?

Pertussis is an infection of the nose, throat and lungs caused by the germ Bordetella pertussis. Whooping cough spreads easily and can affect everyone but can be very serious in babies, the elderly, pregnant women (especially in the third trimester) and immunocompromised people. It is important to keep people with coughing symptoms away from babies so that they do not infect the baby with pertussis or other germs. Pertussis usually starts with a runny nose, mild fever and cough. The coughing can get worse causing vomiting, choking and gasping for air, creating a 'whooping sound'. Babies can get sick quickly. They may go blue or stop breathing during coughing episodes and may require a hospital visit.

What should I do now?

If you or your child are experiencing any of the symptoms or feel unwell, please see your GP immediately. Try to limit your contact with other people especially babies.

Symptoms usually develop 7 to 10 days after exposure but can be up to 21 days. The infected person can spread infection for up to 3 weeks though post antibiotics 5 days. For more information, please contact your child's GP or public health and let them know that your child may have been exposed.

Can my child stay in school?

Many children with Pertussis are not feeling well enough to attend school and are more comfortable at home. Children can spread the Infection to others through coughing, sneezing and poor hand hygiene. Children with Pertussis should be excluded from school for five days after starting antibiotic treatment.

Your GP or Public Health will be able to answer any further questions that you might have about pertussis.



PARENT/TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

Parent/Teacher discussions for the Kinder - Grade 6 classes will begin in week 9 of this term, commencing Tuesday 18th of September and finishing Tuesday the 24th of September. The sessions will be on Wednesday 18th 3:15pm – 4pm, Thursday 19th 3:15pm-4:30pm, Monday 23rd 3:15-4pm and Tuesday 24th 3pm – 5:30pm.

Interviews will be for all students and they are strictly 10 minutes. Your child's teacher will discuss with you your child's learning and wellbeing since the last meeting in term two.

Bookings (see below) will be open Wednesday 4^{th} of September and will close on Friday the 13^{th} of September.

Go to https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/7ysv4

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REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

If you are unable to make a booking using the online system please contact the school office on 6392 2272 Bookings must be finalised by Friday 13th of September at 3pm

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- \cdot Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- · OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.



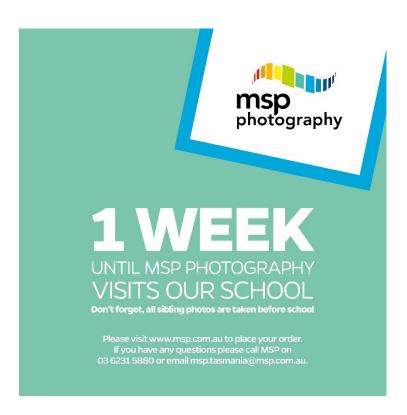
AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Certificates – 22nd August

Certificates		GT4GC
Prep Cooper		Violet
Prep Walker/Eyles	Brighton & Jax	River
Prep/1 Mason	Scarlett & Flynn	Elliot
1/2 Johnson (Leatherbarrow)	George & Isla	Will
1/2 Garwood/Page	Morrison & Myla	Ollie
1/2 Clarke/Millwood	Ava & Rebecca	Phoebe

SCHOOL PHOTOS

All students should have by now received their order forms for photos. If you haven't received yours please contact the office and we can give you the codes for ordering. Orders can be placed up to 26th September, except for sibling photos which must be ordered before our photo day on September 12th. Should you have any questions please contact MSP Photography directly.



"WEAR A TOUCH OF PINK"

Wow! What a great day we have had today. We raised over \$500 for the Cancer Council of Tasmania, supporting our team that is participating in the Women's 5K walk on Sunday. Thank

you to everyone for supporting this worthwhile cause and getting into the spirit of the day.







SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY PROGRAM- YEAR 3-5 STUDENTS

Water safety and swimming play an important part in our lives living in Tasmania and the DECYP has a requirement that all students learn to be safe and competent in water environments as a component of the school curriculum. The DECYP Swimming & Water Safety Program (SWSP) consists of 10 lessons over the course of 2 weeks for each year group in Years 3, 4 & 5. The dates for our school program are from **Monday the 16th of September to Friday the 27th of September.**

Your child will need to bring the following items every day of their program:

- Bathers & swimming cap (house coloured swimming caps can be purchased from the school office for \$3.00)
- A towel and plastic bag to put wet clothes in
- Suitable footwear that allow students to get from the pool to the changerooms when wet
- Any medication (e.g. asthma medication) that may be needed poolside

Please note:

Goggles: Students *may* use goggles in the pool however they are not encouraged. An aim of the program is that students become competent in their skills without the use of goggles. Some parts of the program, in particular the survival in deep water, will be assessed without goggles.

Swimming Caps: For health and safety reasons, it is DECYP policy that all students are required to wear swimming caps.

Jewellery: For safety reasons, ear studs and dangly earrings are not to be worn in the pool. Sleepers are allowed. Please try to avoid wearing these types of earrings during the dates of the SWSP if possible.

Below is a timetable of class times. Please ensure your child has their swimming gear for each of these days to enable participation in this important program.

LESSON TIMES – EVERY DAY 16-27TH SEPTEMBER

9.00 - 9.50: 5's from Styles & Sherman

9.50 – 10.40: 3's from Legro, 5's from Marshall & selected Grade 6's

10.50 - 11.40: 3/4 Cini

11.40 - 12.30: 3/4 Chatterton/Gleeson

12.30 - 1.20: 3/4 McNeair

BASKETBALL REFEREES

We still need referees for both the upcoming basketball championships, should you know anyone suitable please get them to contact the school. We require one referee for every team that we enter.

5/6 Sherman/Donald

Book Week with our buddies 1/2 Garwood/Page







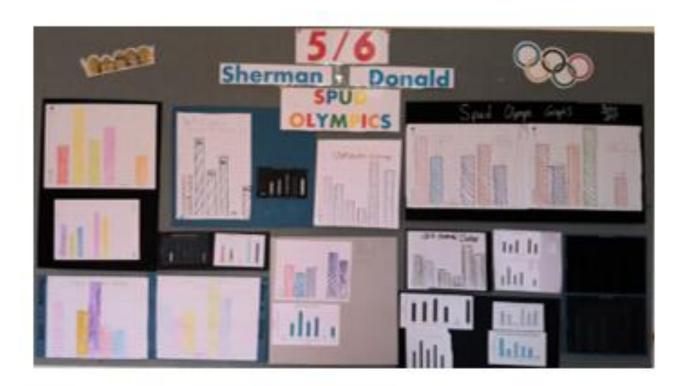








Spud Olympics









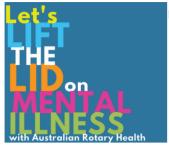






Westbury Town Common parkrun Supporting Lift the Lid on Mental Illness

1 in 7 Australians suffer a mental health condition



Lift the Lid on Mental Illness is Australian Rotary Health's national fundraising initiative for mental health research. Join the Rotary Club of Westbury and parkrun to fundraise for this cause! Come in your best silly hat to participate in parkrun or walk a lap of the course with other participants!

Saturday 12th October, 8.45am for 9am start **Westbury Town Common**

AFTER THE EVENT, THERE WILL BE A \$2 SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND MORNING TEA AVAILABLE BY DONATION

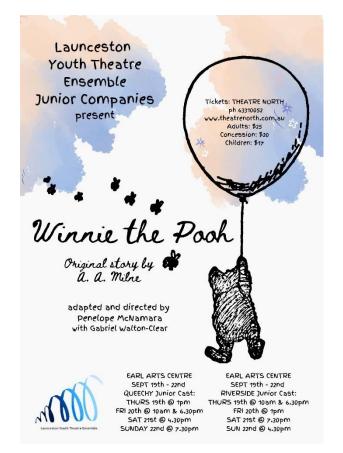
Prizes will be awarded for the best hat for adult and child!

FUNDS DONATED TO LIFT THE LID ARE CURRENTLY BEING FUNNELED INTO MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH FOR CHILDREN AGED 0 -12









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