

October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

### **Upcoming events**

October	
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Association Mtg at 6pm at Iron Horse Grill
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer Gala Day – Gr 4s & some Grade 5s
26-27 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5/6 Basketball Championships
November	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Staff PL Day - No School
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Long Weekend - No School
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder Excursion
9/10 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3/4 Basketball Championships
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Early Childhood Fun Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival
18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Country Gold Cricket
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Run
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	NMPSSA Swimming Carnival

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Whole School Arts Celebration
-Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December
More details to come

### **Assembly Roster**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October Early Childhood Assembly at 11.10am – Prep Walker/Eyles to share Primary Assembly at 11.50am

## From the Principal

### Hello everyone,

It has been great to welcome everyone back, and to celebrate the successes of positive attendance for term 4 so far. Being at school is critically important for every child, all day, every day. Teachers plan for every child's learning every day. When they are not here, they miss out on critical parts of their curriculum knowledge. The current average attendance rate for the school is 89% and yesterday it was 91%. This sounds pretty good, but 9% is about 30 of our students and half of these were unexplained. Of course, if they are unwell, they must be at home. But when they are unwell, we need to know, and we encourage you to let us know, through text message, Facebook Messenger or phone call. Otherwise, please support us to provide the education they require for each grade and curriculum level by ensuring that that they are here every day possible. Please work with us if you have concerns to help your child come to school. We will support and find strategies to assist you, and them. A reminder to parents that you must notify the office if your child arrives late at school, otherwise they will be marked absent for that day.

It has been lovely to see a few attendance successes already this term – let's keep these positives going!

Our School Association Committee are meeting this evening at the Iron Horse Grill at 6 pm. We are always welcoming of new community members, so if you would like to join us please do so. We just need an RSVP to the committee to ensure that we have a spot at the table for you. There will be information further on in this newsletter.



I would like to thank the School Association volunteers for opening the Uniform Shop yesterday afternoon. This is a great support to the school community and very appreciated.

An email was sent to families last week seeking educational information for class placements for 2025. Please understand that this request is for specific information related to **educational** needs for your child. We gather friendship information within each class, from students and teachers. Of course, if there is an ongoing issue between students – we consider this to be an educational reason, so please include this in your request.

We also request families to let us know if you will not be attending Hagley Farm School next year. This information is very important for us, as we plan classes for 2025. Please let us know as soon as possible if your family will not be continuing with us next year.

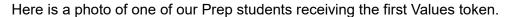
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#### **VALUES**

We have made some changes to our 'Good Things For Good Choices' tickets. They have been updated to reflect the values and will now be called 'Values Tokens'.

The tokens are 2-sided; one side displays the values while the 3Bs remain on the other side. These tokens will be used in the same way as the previous tokens – to reinforce students displaying our school values and expectations. We will continue to select tokens during assemblies for students to choose a prize from the box.



Nicole Eyles -Advanced Skills Teacher

# **GARDEN CLUB WORKING BEE - RESCHEDULED**

We will be holding Garden Club - Working Bee on this **Friday between 3-4pm**. If we need to cancel due to the weather we will post this on the school Facebook page.

We are placing cardboard and mulching pathways to assist with safe, clean access to garden beds. No skills required. Equipment provided. Children encouraged to participate. Fun way to engage with school community, exercise in the outdoors and learning about food production and caring for your patch.

We need your help to keep the vegie patch available to students for their learning.

Contact Jane 0439 877 573 or Shelly 0427 907 032 for further information.

### **GRADE 5/6 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

This tournament is on this weekend, and we wish our teams all the best. They would love it if you could get along and show them some support. Their first games are listed below:

Div 2 Boys - Saturday at 9.00am - Court 3, Elphin Sports Centre

Div 3 Boys - Saturday at 11.30am - Newstead College Court, Newstead College

Div 3 Girls - Saturday at 9.00am - Court 2, Elphin Sports Centre



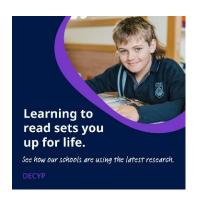


#### FROM THE QUALITY TEACHING COACH ON LITERACY

This term I will be informing our community around changes that are happening in the teaching of reading at Hagley Farm School, and across the State. Our teachers have been undergoing training in how to teach reading based on the latest evidence. This training will continue over the next few years. Importantly, all staff from Kindergarten to Year 12 will be doing the same training. This means that by 2026, no matter where your child goes to school, they will be taught to become confident readers in the same way.

Read more on the <u>DECYP website</u>. I've also included communication from the Department of Education, Children, and Young People.

Justine Page - AST and Literacy Coach



# **Reading in Tasmanian Government Schools**

# Learning to read sets you up for life

Reading is foundational to everything we do – learning, working, functioning in society.

Every young Tasmanian should have the reading skills they need when they leave our schools. This year all Tasmanian Government schools are taking steps to introduce a new way of teaching reading. This follows the latest national and international research about how our brains learn to read.

### What does the research say?

Children aren't born with natural skills in reading, like they are for walking and talking. They must develop new pathways in their brain to master this skill. It is a complex process.

Current research shows that reading can be broken down into a series of skills. This starts with phonics –the relationship between letters and sounds. In upper primary, secondary and college, the focus shifts to reading comprehension.

At every stage it's important that students master all the individual skills before moving on. This is the best way to set them up for success.

### Our teachers are boosting their skills

From 2024 all our teachers will be undergoing training in how to teach reading based on the latest evidence.

Importantly, all staff from Kindergarten to Year 12 will be doing the same training. This means that by 2026, no matter where your child goes to school, they will be taught to become confident readers in the same way.

### You might see changes at your school

All schools are at different stages with putting these changes in place. You and your child might notice these changes already happening at your school. Other schools will be working towards change by 2026.

Read more about Tasmania's new approach to reading on the <u>DECYP website</u>.

#### **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

**Book Fair** – Our Book Fair was a resounding success with over \$2000 worth of books earned for our library.

I would like to thank all of the families who supported our Book Fair, the parents who came in to help on those busy mornings, and the fabulous grade 5/6 helpers who we simply could not have done without, some of whom are pictured below.



Thank you also to the amazing helpers from 2/3L who assisted me when it was time to pack up. Here they are pictured below with just some of the books we were able to keep for the library.



I would also like to thank Mrs Pat Poulton who is one of our volunteers. Pat covered 103 books in one day at the end of last term! This included some of our new books from the Book Fair and it has been lovely to see how excited many children were to borrow a brand-new book during library lessons over the last two weeks – thank you Mrs Poulton!



**Book Club** – Issue 7 orders are due in by this Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, by 9pm on the LOOP app.

Happy Reading from the Library Team – Mrs Jessica Marston (Teacher-Librarian) and Mrs Bron Walker (Library Technician)



### **SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

The next School Association Committee meeting will be held tonight, 6pm start at Iron Horse Bar & Grill Prospect Vale. You can find the meeting agenda in last week's newsletter. All very welcome to attend, please RSVP via email to <a href="mailto:hagleyschoolassociation@gmail.com">hagleyschoolassociation@gmail.com</a>

### **SWIMMING IN PE LESSONS**

We are commencing swimming in PE this week on Friday, please see timetable below for the next few weeks. Keep an eye out for any class communications changing this schedule.

Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for swimming on the days they are scheduled; bathers, towel, appropriate footwear to wear to and from the pool.



DATE	CLASSES
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	3/4 Chatterton/Gleeson, 5/6 Sherman/Donald
	1/2 Clarke/Leatherbarrow
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	1/2 Johnson, 3/4 Cini, Prep Walker/Eyles
	5/6 Styles, 5/6 Marshall
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Prep/1 Mason, Prep Cooper, 1/2 Garwood/Page, 2/3 Legro, 3/4 McNeair
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Prep/1 Mason, Prep Cooper, 1/2 Garwood/Page, 2/3 Legro, 3/4 McNeair
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	3/4 Chatterton/Gleeson, 5/6 Sherman/Donald
	1/2 Clarke/Leatherbarrow
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	1/2 Johnson, 3/4 Cini, Prep Walker/Eyles
	5/6 Styles, 5/6 Marshall
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Hagley Swimming Carnival – Grade 3-6
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	1/2 Johnson, 3/4 Cini, Prep Walker/Eyles, Kinder Flower, 5/6 Styles, 5/6 Marshall
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Prep/1 Mason, Prep Cooper, 1/2 Garwood/Page, 2/3 Legro, Kinder Ankin, 3/4 McNeair
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	1/2 Johnson, 3/4 Cini, Prep Walker/Eyles, Kinder Flower, 5/6 Styles, 5/6 Marshall
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Prep/1 Mason, Prep Cooper, 1/2 Garwood/Page, 2/3 Legro, Kinder Ankin, 3/4 McNeair
Last week of school	Pool Parties – times and days to be advised



# Westbury Remembrance Day

The Westbury RSL Sub Branch will hold our community Remembrance Day Service and wreath laying on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at the Westbury Cenotaph commencing at 10.45am.

The Tartan Terrors Pipes and Drums will play prior to our service on the Westbury Village Green from 10.20am.

Please join us to remember





