



November 5th 2024

Upcoming events

November	
Thurs 7th	Prep Excursion
Fri 8th	Pre-Kinder Orientation
	Garden Working Bee at 3pm
9/10th	Grade 3/4 Basketball Championships
Wed 13th	Early Childhood Fun Day
Friday 15th	Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival
18th-19th	Country Gold Cricket
Tues 26th	Fun Run
Fri 29th	NMPSSA Swimming Carnival
December	
Thurs 12th	Arts Celebration
Friday 13th	Grade 3-5 Presentation Assembly
Tuesday 17th	Grade 6 & EC Presentation Assemblies

Assembly Roster

Thursday 7th November

Early Childhood Assembly at 11.10am – Prep/1 Mason to share

Primary Assembly at 11.50am –

Host 5/6 Sherman/Donald, Sharing 3/4 Cini

From the Principal

Hello everyone,

Can you believe that it is already November? This year is flying past!

I am writing to you from Devonport, where I will be spending this week, participating in an External School Review for DECYP. All schools participate in this school improvement feedback process over a four year cycle, and it will be Hagley's turn to be involved next year. However, as Principal it is a role I take seriously to support other schools in this process. While I am working away, Lauren Beams will be Acting Principal, supported by the rest of the Leadership team. As always, I am thankful of the positive leadership that they provide, allowing me to be away from school to participate in such important DECYP processes.

Last Friday was a student free, professional learning day across the State. Our teachers and teacher assistants are always grateful for the opportunity to participate together in professional learning. Our teachers and ESS staff were involved in quite a few sessions to support growth in opportunities for our students. These included: a continuation of learning about the new assessment processes required for reading in 2025, learning about the use of visuals and language to support learning, a review of our school improvement work throughout the year, including planning for ideas of how we can improve belonging, connection and attendance at Hagley in 2025. For the rest of the day our teachers worked on updating learning plans for individual students. It was a very valuable day.

Our Teacher Assistants all worked together to complete several mandated learning modules for Literacy. These modules are called Qualiteach, and all teachers and teacher assistants are required to complete four of these by the end of 2024. We are certainly on track for the requirement to be completed. Next year we will be required to complete another set to improve our understanding of Literacy and the needs of students in this area.

This Friday will be Ms Heather Styles last day with us for the year. Heather will be taking six weeks leave as she heads away on her honeymoon. Congratulations to Heather and her partner, Maryanne. We wish them the most amazing wedding and time away to celebrate. During this time, Miss Tayla Luttrell will cover the class on Mondays and Fridays, and members of the leadership team will cover the days in between to ensure really important consistency and continuity for 5/6 Styles heading to the end of the year.

Thanks to the parents and carers who completed our online request for class placement information. This opportunity has now closed, and we will begin the process this week of beginning to build the classes for 2025. This does take us several weeks to complete with many reviews and edits. Please be assured that building the best possible classes and alleviating issues is a priority. We work hard to make this process the best possible outcome for next year.

I would like to remind families, that if you are aware that you will not be returning to Hagley next year, it is critical that we know this now. This information has implications for class structures and funding for teachers. So please let the office know if you are aware that your children will not be attending Hagley in 2025.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

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Jeanagh Viney
Principal

GRADE 3/4 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

This weekend it is our Grade 3/4 students turn to take to the basketball court. They have all been training hard, improving their skills and teamwork. The teams would appreciate your support, listed below are their first games of the weekend so you can go and watch if you can.

Div 2 Boys – 10.40am at Elphin Sports Centre – Court 3

Div 3 Boys – 9.50am at Silverdome – Court 2

Div 3 Girls – 12.20pm at Launceston College – Court 1

Goodluck to our teams for the weekend.



FROM THE QUALITY TEACHING COACH ON LITERACY

Next year, we are changing the way we assess reading. Many of you will be familiar with your child going “up a level” in reading and attaining a required level by the end of the school year. This is changing next year. Our teachers are currently learning a new way of assessing reading, based on the science of reading. Attached is some information around the brain and reading.

Justine Page

AST / Quality Teaching Coach - Literacy

Literacy skills set you up for life.

*Find out about the changes
happening at our school*

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THE NEUROSCIENCE OF READING

Reading, unlike speaking, is not hardwired into our brains when we are born. The reading process is neither natural nor automatic — it is a learned skill. While humans have used spoken language for roughly 60,000 years, the first examples of written language date back to only about 5,000 years ago. In evolutionary terms, the human brain has not had the same time to develop functional areas dedicated to reading.

Reading and writing are therefore man-made conventions, not biological ones. While we are biologically wired to hear sounds and notice images, we are not wired to decode written words (the key process behind reading). To become readers, our brains have to develop new neural networks that support reading and writing. The reading process itself is a result of the brain's neuroplasticity, or the ability to restructure and redirect existing neural networks to create new ones dedicated to learning something new. The process of rewiring the brain takes place throughout our lives but is critical during early development from ages 0-8.

Interestingly, learning to read varies by individual and culture. The brain develops neural networks based on specific tasks. When it comes to reading, our neural networks are developed by what we read and the written symbols we use. Thus, someone who reads Chinese characters has a slightly different neural network than someone who reads alphabetic characters like English or Arabic.³



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Reading Every Day

It is so important to make the time to read every day. Read with your children, to your children, and listen to them read or retell a story to you. Read stories, read information books, read signs, recipes and instructions. Keep reading **to** your child after they can read independently. Model your own reading to your child. Take a book in the car and read it when you have 5 minutes, rather than picking up your phone.



Here are some wise words from Linda Stade, a well-respected Australian Educator...

"You may have heard of 'the million-word gap'. It is the idea that if you read five picture books a day to a young child, they will enter kindergarten with exposure to about 1.4 million more words than kids who were never read to.

Let's extrapolate that out. What if you keep reading to kids for years after kindergarten? What if they read a book a fortnight themselves in primary school? A novel a month in high school?

It won't just be words they learn. They will develop comprehension skills, internalise grammar, learn new facts, and explore new ideas.

They will visit other worlds in their imaginations and learn that other people live different lives but may feel the same way they do.

All that reading will help your child build a better brain and a warmer heart. ❤️"

Reach out to us if you would like to borrow some extra books for your family, or need some suggestions on great books to read aloud to your children. We would love to hear from you.

jessica.marston@decyp.tas.gov.au

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

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME (STAS)

Parents/guardians who have not applied for STAS previously (and do not have an existing STAS file) can apply online for STAS 2025 at [Student Assistance Scheme \(STAS\)](#) or simply Google STAS to be taken to the link. Paper forms will be available mid-November from the school office.

Letters advising of STAS approval (or otherwise) will be posted to all families with existing files in the STAS database in mid-November.

If a parent/guardian has received STAS in 2024 and wishes to add a new/additional student to their STAS record; they simply need to email their name, the student's full name, date of birth, school, and grade in 2025 and we will add them to the existing STAS file.

For queries, please contact stas@decyp.tas.gov.au.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

All our Grade 3 - 6 students are reminded that our swimming carnival is next Friday. Students will be required to bring a cut lunch, or pies and sausage rolls will be available for ordering as usual. There will be a coffee van serving coffee and toasties provided for spectators.

Students will need to bring:

- Bathers
- Goggles
- Swimming cap - available to purchase for \$3 from office
- 1 or 2 towels
- Grade 6s will need clothes for the "Late for School" race e.g. hat, t-shirt, socks and shorts

We ask that you show consideration for others in attendance by moving out of the space if you don't have a child competing and can see other parents/carers outside who do have children participating at that time. Entry for spectators will be only through the door in the middle of the school side of the pool building, this will be clearly marked. We have included a timetable of events to help you plan your attendance at the event.

HAGLEY SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Friday 15th November

Approximate Order of Events

9.30am	Freestyle Divisions	50m (Grade 6-4) 25m (Grade 6-3) 25m with flippers
10.40am	Recess	
11.00am	Backstroke Divisions	50m(Grade 6-4) 25m (Grade 6-3) 25m with flippers
11.50am	Breaststroke Divisions	50m/25m (Grade 6-4)
12.40	Lunch Break	
1.10pm	All Novelty Events	
2.10pm	Grade 6 Medley Relays	
2.20pm order)	Freestyle Relays	- Grade 4,3,5 and 6 (in this
2.35pm permits)	Sidestroke & Butterfly Demonstrations	(if time
2.45pm	Presentations	

SWIMMING IN PE LESSONS

A reminder that swimming continues next week, 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 8 th November	3/4 Chatterton/Gleeson, 5/6 Sherman/Donald 1/2 Clarke/Leatherbarrow
Monday 11 th November	1/2 Johnson, 3/4 Cini, Prep Walker/Eyles 5/6 Styles, 5/6 Marshall
Friday 15 th November	Hagley Swimming Carnival – Grade 3-6
Monday 2 nd December	1/2 Johnson, 3/4 Cini, Prep Walker/Eyles, Kinder Flower, 5/6 Styles, 5/6 Marshall
Tuesday 3 rd December	Prep/1 Mason, Prep Cooper, 1/2 Garwood/Page, 2/3 Legro, Kinder Ankin, 3/4 McNeair
Monday 9 th December	1/2 Johnson, 3/4 Cini, Prep Walker/Eyles, Kinder Flower, 5/6 Styles, 5/6 Marshall
Tuesday 10 th 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

UNIFORM SHOP

As we head towards the end of the year, it is time to think about uniform requirements for 2025. Place your order via the Qkr!App before Friday 13th December and it will be sent home with your child before the end of the term.

Alternatively, you can request an order form from the office and return it with a \$20 deposit to the office (payable by cash or credit card) and we will pack your order for collection at book sales. Pre-orders are very much appreciated to help reduce numbers and waiting time in the uniform shop.



EARLY BIRD CLOSES OCTOBER 31

JOIN THE FUN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Nov 24

Early bird entries receive a \$20 My Ride Launceston voucher.
Ride with friends and make a difference in your community.
All event registrations go directly to support youth mental health and suicide prevention initiatives in Tasmania.

Westbury Remembrance Day

The Westbury RSL Sub Branch
will hold our community
Remembrance Day Service
and wreath laying on
Monday 11th 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




FREE ENTRY

**SATURDAY 23RD
NOVEMBER 2024
4.00PM TO 7:30PM**

**CARRICK FAMILY
SPRING
CARNIVAL**

**CARRICK RECREATIONAL
GROUND
SOUTH STREET, CARRICK**

LIVE MUSIC BY ALEX WADLEY
FOOD VANS
& CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

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