Welcome back to Term II!

Many exciting things are happening this Term, among them our 2 week swimming program for grades 3/4 and 5’s and winter sports which will start for the grade 5/6’s next week.

We have had a smooth if not cold start back after the holidays. Mrs Richardson returns to us next week and will take the helm once again. Mrs Rainbird welcomed a baby girl Eve on June 6 weighing a healthy 8 pounds 6 ounces! Congratulations also to Georgia Lucock raising $1450 at a bingo night towards her cheerleading interstate trip.

Our first reward for the Term is Frozen yoghurt (brrrr...) next Thursday at lunchtime for 10 cards. This will be followed a fortnight later by a play at Cornelian Bay Park on the Wednesday afternoon for 15 cards. This week staff will be planning for our next social skill focus which is “Plan it—Play it”. We aim for all students to spend their break times in a constructive, sociable manner and play in the BR Way. More about this next week.

In the last week of Term we had a Treasure Hunt which involved solving clues around the school and working with a partner. P-2’s 1st - Sienna, Anita, Sarah C. 2nd - Amy, Ashley. 3rd - Oscar, Allan, Daksh. 4th - Sienna, Kadyina. 3-6’s 1st - Tess, Immy, Jordana. 2nd - Dependra, Jesse, Tyson. 3rd - Max, Daniel. 4th - Lucy, Lara

Australian Curriculum

On the last Friday of Term teaching staff focussed on establishing and becoming familiar with work samples at the level of a ‘C’. It is important for families to know that achievement at a ‘C’ level in the Australian curriculum means that the student is achieving at the expected standard for their grade.

C is for Capable, Competent, Correct and to be Celebrated!

Mid-year reports will be sent home on Friday 27th of July and parent teacher interviews will be the week beginning Monday 6 August. Only grades 3-6 will have an A-E assessment on their report. P-2’s will have a comment as to how they are performing in relation to the expected standard (at, above, below) at this stage of the year.

Welcome to Miss Shephard

My name is Lauren Shephard and I am taking over from Marion Huett on the grade 4-5. I’ve recently moved to Hobart from Launceston where I have been teaching for the past few years. Most recently I was in a literacy support role and teaching Japanese from Prep to grade 6. I love to travel and taught kinder in Japan for a year before going to Ghana in West Africa to teach grades 5-9. It was very different teaching a class of 40 children with no computers and no electricity in the classrooms - especially in 40 degree heat! If you have a child in my class, come in and introduce yourself - I’d love to meet you!

Reminder - Have Fun, Make Junk Puppets!

Grades 4, 5 and 6 students and families

In a previous newsletter children and family members from Grades 4, 5 and 6 were invited to get involved in making Junk Puppets at school this term. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to spend one-on-one time at school with their children over a 6 week period and make Junk Puppets together. It is an opportunity to spend quality time with your child which can be hard to find at home, doing something enjoyable. The program is run by Colony 47, Communities Supporting Families and is cost free.

It will start this Term on Tuesday 24th July, in the afternoon between 1:30-2:45 in the Japanese room. If you are interested in coming along please contact Mrs Kelly-Bounds or your class teacher.
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**School Photos**

School photos will be taken on the 4th July. Please ensure your photo envelope and money are returned to the office by the end of the week.

**Term 1 Reflection 2012:**

**Grade 6 Brelis-Nicholas**

Term 1 2012 was very busy for the senior class this year. The term began with students nominating for leadership positions throughout the school. These roles included house captains, student council reps, playground buddies, daily P.E leaders, canteen and library monitors. A major focus has been learning to do things the Bowen Road Way (BR Way) with the introduction of the thumbs up BR cards.

During class time students have produced some wonderful work including their ANZAC letters and some great colour and line art work. Friday afternoon Master Chef also proved very popular with students cooking some amazing dishes. Science has also been a big focus during term I, students have undertaken a unit on microorganisms and discovered the best conditions to grow mould, with some very interesting results.

Term 1 concluded with a fantastic camp to Hagley Farm near Launceston. Students participated in many activities ranging from feeding animals, watching a live sheep dog demonstration, making butter and bread the traditional way, going back in time at the museum and Olde classroom.

We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing holiday and are ready to tackle term 2 with enthusiasm and hard work.
Camp review:

On Tuesday the 29th of May our grade 5-6 group headed off to Hagley School farm near Launceston. At 9.00am we loaded our luggage and 60 students onto the bus ready for the 3 hour journey to our destination.

On the way to Hagley we had a toilet stop at Oatlands where we saw the lake with water in it; we heard the lake was full for the first time in many years. Our next stop was for lunch at Campbell town where we all stretched our legs and had a play on the equipment. At around 1.00pm we arrived at Hagley School farm and loaded the tractor up with our luggage and headed to our respective cabins. The boys set up their beds and moved straight out to the play equipment; the girls also did the same and then were straight into their lolly stashes.

Over the following 2 days students were required to help set up the dining hall and clean up after each dinner. Lots of students commented on how good the food was with Fish and chips, roast beef and vegies on the menu. Each morning students were required to rise early for breakfast; this was extremely difficult for some who chatted till the early hours of the morning.

Students participated in a variety of activities over the three days. Some of these activities included searching for Dung Beatles in cow poo, searching for creatures in the dam using nets, going back in time and experiencing a real life olde school classroom, dressing up in olden day clothes at the museum, baking traditional bread roles, making butter from scratch, watching a wool spinning demo, making handmade candles, feeding various animals from ducks, pigs, chooks, horses, goats and many more. Some of these experiences will be remembered for ever by all students.

A highlight on the second night was the bi annual talent quest with guest judges Pete the Pirate (alias Mr Nicholas) and Sumo Baby (alias Mr Sproule) with special comments and some interesting scores. The talent quest involved over 10 acts and was won by a group of girls doing a spectacular dance.

On the final day we had to pack all of our gear and clean the rooms. This proved quiet difficult for some of the boys and resulted in many return trips to their rooms. On the last morning we were also lucky enough to watch a sheep dog demonstration. This was amazing and very exciting for all involved. We watched Tommy and Kenny the sheep dogs jump over sheep and walk on their backs. In fact Tommy recently featured in an article in the Mercury for being the highest ever price paid at an auction ($12,000) for a sheep dog in Australia.

The bus trip home was a little more subdued with lots of exhausted children catching up on some sleep. I would like to thank all those involved in organising the camp especially Mrs Brelis and Jodi and Naomi from the office for all their hard work. Special thanks must also go to our parent helpers who volunteered their time Jane Patterson and Lee Smith.

Mr Nicholas
Grade 6 Teacher