



Issue 20, 2025 – 3rd December

Upcoming Events

Friday 5th December

LiL & Pre-Kinder Christmas Party 9 – 11am

Tuesday 9th December

Celebration Assembly – all classes 12 – 1:30pm

Thursday 11th December

Children meet next years teachers, reports to go home with their class placement letter

Friday 12th December

Year 6 Big Day Out
3/4S Excursion to the Pantomime at the Botanical Gardens

Tuesday 16th December

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 10 – 11:30am
Children's University Graduation arrive -12:45 / start - 1:15pm

Wednesday 17th December

School Fun Day/Picnic

Thursday 18th December

Last day for student's

School Hours

8.55am – 2.45pm

Lunch: 11.30 – 12.15pm

Recess: 1.45 – 2.00pm

Classrooms open at 8.30am

For student safety, students are not to be on the school premises before 8.30 am or after 3 pm.

Before school care 8.00 – 8.30 am for a small cost.

School Office Hours 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

☎ 6228 1549

📞 Mobile (text for absence): 0400 701 682

✉ bowen.road.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au

School Office open for uniform sales In 2026

Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th January from 9am – 2pm

Dear Families,

This is our final newsletter for the year, featuring a wrap-up from the Prep–2, 3/4, and 5/6 teams. Next week we'll share the Calendar of Events with any last updates. In the final week, you'll receive the **2025 School Magazine** showcasing highlights from all classes and specialist areas.

Don't forget to **buy tickets for the Christmas raffle**, drawn at the Celebration Assembly next Tuesday, 9th. A big **thank you to our School Association** for their incredible support this year—funding the Gym Mural, special person day stalls, Colour Run, free BBQ for Fun Day, buses for excursions and more! Their commitment to improving our school environment and supporting experiences for our students is very much appreciated. Please support them by purchasing raffle tickets—prizes are listed later in the newsletter. We also acknowledge **Nyrstar Hobart** for their \$300 contribution toward refurbishing our Kinder playground.

Year 6 students have completed high school orientation and are preparing for their Leavers Assembly and looking forward to their Big Day Out. All classes are getting ready for the Celebration Assembly and also looking forward to our Fun Day in the last week of school, featuring a silent disco, oval games, free BBQ, icy poles, and a scavenger hunt!

Class structures for 2026 will be: Two Kinder classes, a straight Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 class, two 3/4 classes, and a straight Year 5 and Year 6 class. Next Thursday, students will meet their 2026 teacher and bring home their report and class placement with class location and teacher.

You'll hear more from me in the School Magazine in Week 10 and while the year isn't over yet, I want to **thank you for your ongoing support and optimism** in working with us to ensure your children continue to grow academically and socially. We need your support to ensure our school is a warm, caring, safe, and settled environment where every child can thrive.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Kelly-Bounds





Music

On November 21st, the Year 3-6 choir and 5/6 band performed at My State Bank Arena for the Combined Primary Schools Band and Choir Annual Concert. The choir sang six songs including *Try Everything*, and *You're Welcome*. Most of the time, we sang without the Band but for the finale, we sang *You're Welcome* with the Year 6 Band, and the Year 5 band joined in with the singing.

We hope the Choir enjoyed the night even though it was hard to sit still for the whole concert. The performance was amazing, and it was lots of fun!

Written by Piper, Quinn, Matilda and Nala

PE

In PE students in Prep to Year 2 have been working on teamwork skills. We have discussed how as a team we listen to others, share our ideas and include all teammates in different ways. Students in Years 3-6 have participated in activities chosen by the Year 6 students. These have included badminton, flags, bench soccer, basketball and netball.



Social media age restrictions

From 10 December 2025, the Australian Government's age restrictions for social media will come into effect. At this time, young people under the age of 16 will no longer be able to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms. Platforms will likely include Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X, and YouTube.

Enforcement of the restriction will be the responsibility of the platforms. There are no penalties for under-16s, their parents, carers, or schools. DECYP staff are not expected to monitor compliance. They will however be supported to take an educative approach with students and families. The national e-Safety Commissioner (e-Safety) is leading the development of resources and information to support this. They are the authority and subject matter experts.

FAQs and resources for educators, parents and carers are available via the [eSafety website](https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions-hub). <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions-hub>

social media age delay resources for teens

From 10 December, Australia's social media delay will start for under 16s – Kids Helpline is here to support your under 16 with the transition.

supporting teens kidshelpline.com.au/social-ban

about the restrictions esafety.gov.au/social-media-age-restrictions-hub

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kids helpline
anytime. any reason.

LiL News

Hello beautiful families!

Last week we had our Kindergarten Orientation Session. We thank our incredible Pre-Kinder families for attending and making the event such a success!

We are still taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2026. Can you help us to spread the word? If you know of anyone who has a child turning four this year, please tell them about our Kindergarten program, we will have two Kinder classes next year! Enrolment forms may be obtained from our school office.

End of Year Party



Please join us to celebrate a wonderful year of LiL and Pre-Kinder!

There will be a gift for every child, yummy food to share, and a visit from Santa.



Date: Friday 5th December

Time: 9am-11am

Place: Bowen Road Primary LiL/Pre-K Room

Bring: Please bring a plate of food to share 😊

It has been a fabulous year of LiL, and now we are wrapping up for the Summer Holidays! You are warmly invited to our end of year party this Friday 9-11am to help us celebrate 2025 and all of the new friends and connections we have made this year. Please bring a plate of food to share.

SRC

Thank you everyone for supporting the ABC Giving Tree. We have raised \$136.20. *Tyler and Kirus*

Support

☀️ Holiday Support for Families:

Exploring Our Children's Minds

The holiday season can be joyful, but it also brings big feelings and busy days.

To help parents support their children's emotional wellbeing during this time, here are four child-friendly resources that make mental health simple, practical, and even fun.

My Brain is My Home

Helps children understand the "thinking" and "emotional" parts of the brain and manage feelings using The Problem Scale.

My Mindful Brain

Introduces mindfulness and shows how it supports calm, focus, and wellbeing through simple guided activities.

My Brain First Aid

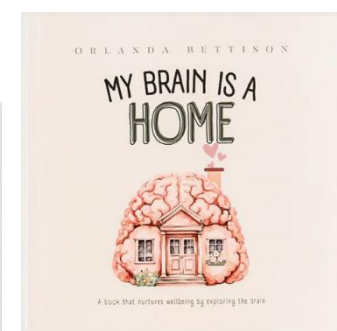
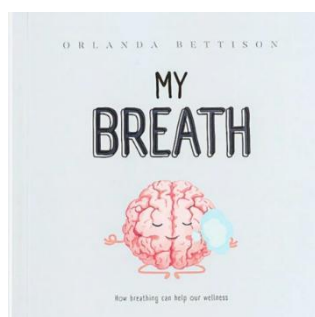
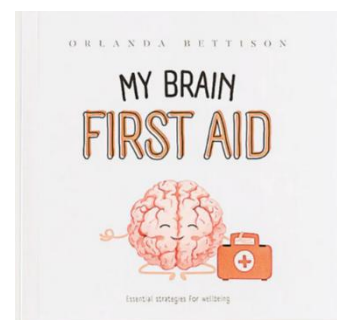
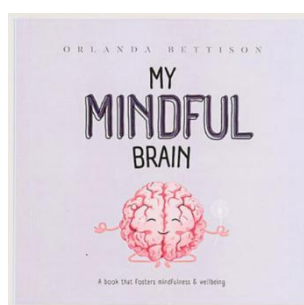
Provides practical strategies like breathing, self-kindness, and growth mindset to support mental health.

My Different Brain

Celebrates neurodiversity by highlighting the strengths and unique ways different minds experience the world.

Mrs Bradshaw

Support Teacher 😊



Learning Teams

ECE Team

What a wonderful year it has been for our Early Childhood team! Our Year 1 students achieved the best phonics screening results ever at our school, a fantastic achievement that reflects their hard work and the dedication of our teachers. We also said goodbye to Mrs Higgs and Marj (ESS), while warmly welcoming Ms Taylor and Nikki (ESS), who have already brought fresh energy to our classrooms. Another exciting highlight was being chosen to trial new Year 1 reading comprehension resources ahead of a system-wide rollout in 2026, placing our students at the forefront of literacy innovation. Beyond the classroom, children enjoyed a range of excursions, with favourites including the pantomime and a fun-filled day at the zoo. Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support—together we've made 2025 a year to celebrate, and we look forward to an even brighter 2026!

3/4 Team

It's been a fantastic year for our Year 3/4 students! We introduced the new Word Origins spelling program, helping children explore how words are built and boosting their literacy skills. Students also loved getting out and about, with memorable excursions to Waterworks and the Marine Discovery Centre. Back at school, learning came alive through exciting science experiments with Hobart City High and creative projects like making bugs from recycled materials.

We're so proud of all the curiosity, creativity, and growth we've seen this year, and we thank our families for their wonderful support. Here's to more adventures in 2026!

5/6 Team

It's been a busy year of learning and enrichment for our Year 5/6 students! Learning highlights have included the Science inquiries into the States of Matter and animal adaptations. Students further developed their creative writing skills and their understanding of morphology. Classes went on excursions to the Tennis and participated in the Black Square

Chess program. We continued to build strong connections with our high school feeder schools, Hobart City High and Cosgrove. Students developed their entrepreneurial and leadership skills through Enterprise Education and as student leaders.

It's been exciting to watch the academic and social growth in our students, and to strengthen our connections with families. We wish our Year 6s the best for high school and are looking forward to welcoming back our Year 5s as our Year 6 leaders in 2026!

Library

Library books are due back now. Your assistance with returning our library books is greatly appreciated.



Graduating Children's University students

Need to collect their gowns from Mrs Morgan's office on the Monday the 15th of December at 8.30am or 2.45pm.



Family Engagement in Learning

Thank you to the families that have supported our session during the year. Teachers and students have appreciated your attendance. We look forward to welcoming you again in our school in 2026.

Thank you also to those who have returned their questionnaire forms about our family engagement in learning information sessions. If you would like to be in the lucky prize draw, please return your forms by Friday the 5th December.



BOOK SWAP Reminder

Our book swap is open each morning from 8.30am – 9am in the corridor near the Art Room. Students select their book from the large wooden bookshelf. See Mrs Morgan for further details.



Enterprise Education Market

Jade Sweet Finds defeated the Cookie Monsters group by \$1. Thank you everyone for a successful market. The winners will be choosing their charities soon.



Progress with Families

A reminder that following is the schedule for our Communicating Learning Progress with families for the remainder of the year.

Term 4	
Communication	Kindergarten families will be invited to discuss KDC results.
Sharing evidence of learning	Prep - Year 6 English Maths Art (P-2) Kindergarten
Report	End of year Report KDC Check 2 (Kindergarten)

Communication at BRPS

Method of Communication:	Purpose:
School phone 6228 1549 0400 701 682	Notification of absence and general contact
Email teacher.name @decyp.tas.gov.au	Direct communication with a staff member
SeeSaw	Celebration of learning and classroom information
Bowen Road Primary School Facebook page 	Bowen Road Primary School Facebook page is for sharing school wide events, celebrating learning and reminders/updates for our school community.
Bowen Road Primary Launching into Learning Facebook 	To keep our LiL families informed about our Launching into Learning program.

Christmas Raffle

The school association are holding our annual Christmas raffle to raise funds for end of year celebration activities and Grade 6 leavers.

Tickets will be on sale Monday 1st December- Tuesday 9th December.

8:30-9:00am in the office (Eftpos available)
2:30-3:00pm on the picnic tables opposite the library (Eftpos available)

Ticket prices
\$2 each
or
3 for \$5



