



Issue 4, 2026 –25th March

Upcoming Events

Thursday 26th March

School closed – Industrial action

Wednesday 1st April

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Thursday 2nd April

HCHS Year 6 Taster Day

3rd April

Public holiday - Good Friday

3rd April

Public holiday – Easter Monday

3rd April

Public holiday – Easter Tuesday

Thursday 9th April

Reports to go home

Hobart City High School Parent information evening

13th to 15th April

Australian Dental Program

Tuesday 14th April

Assembly 5CzB Hosting, 5CzB, 3/4S, Prep B, Music & SRC presenting

Thursday 16th April

Champions Athletics Carnival

Friday 17th April

Pre-Kinder & LiL excursion - GCFLC

Last day school

Monday 4th May

Term 2 commences

Wednesday 6th May

Special Persons Stall

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



Dear Families,

Important – School arrangements for Thursday,

26 March 2026 - Due to planned industrial action by the Australian Education Union, our school will be **closed to students tomorrow** (A message was sent on Seesaw on Monday). The school will reopen as normal on Friday, 27 March. Please ensure you have made alternative supervision arrangements for your child or children. Thank you for your understanding.

Principal position

For those who may have missed the Seesaw message sent on Monday, I can confirm that I will be continuing in the role of Principal, having been successful in a recent recruitment process. I am very happy to continue working alongside our school community to provide an inclusive, aspirational and supportive environment in which your children are safe, well, known and learning. I feel privileged and grateful to now call Bowen Road Primary 'home'!

Harmony Day

Yesterday, we celebrated Harmony Day at our school. Harmony Day is about everyone belonging, and this is something we take great pride in at Bowen Road Primary. The culture of a school is often described as the 'air we breathe' every day — the accumulation of small daily actions that shape our community's experiences and the 'tangible intangibles'. This can be seen in the way classes begin, the 'vibe' in the playground, the atmosphere in the staffroom, and the feeling visitors carry with them as they move through our school. It is reflected in our values, behavioural expectations, and the way we interact with each other each day. It is something that can be 'felt', and I trust that we will all continue to contribute to the positive and inclusive school culture we value so highly.

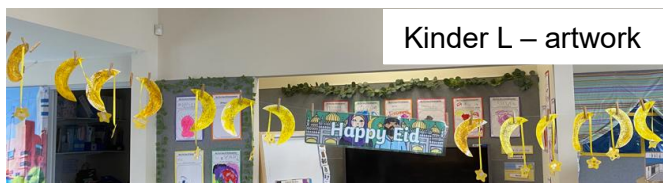
Kind regards,

Mrs. Kelly-Bounds



Celebration of Cultures

One of the best things about our Bowen Road school community is the number of different cultures, backgrounds and languages we have amongst our students and their families. Did you know there are more than eighteen different languages spoken amongst our school community?! This is why celebrations such as Harmony Day are so important for our school community, as it gives us a chance to celebrate all of the wonderful and unique differences amongst us. Whilst many of us are looking forward to the celebration of Easter this year, a number of families within our school community recently celebrated a day of great significance, known as Eid Al-Fitr. This year Eid was celebrated on Friday, 20th March and is a very important day for our Muslim families as it signifies the end of Ramadan. We enjoy hearing about the many cultural celebrations experienced by our students throughout the year and we welcome all of our families to share their different cultures with us too!



Kinder L – artwork

Music

In the Music department, Choir and Band are well underway and the music classes are working on their musical skills.

The year 1-2 choir performed 'Have you Ever Seen a Leprechaun?' in our first assembly as well as leading the National Anthem beautifully. Our grade 6 Band students are working hard to learn some new pieces of music and had their first after-school rehearsal on Monday 23/3 at Montrose Bay High.

Grade 5 Band students are learning the basics of sound production on their instruments. Teaming this with their already developing music reading skills, they are all making great progress! The best way parents can support our Band students is to encourage them to play as much as possible. If we

want to have beautiful Band sounds, we have to work through the less beautiful beginner sounds. The music room is open for Band students to practice on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8.30-8.50 and Wednesday lunch time. Band students are looking forward to sharing their progress in upcoming assemblies.



FUN FOOD FRIDAY

Friday 27/3

the Fun Food Friday Team will be selling:

What: **Cheesy tomato and sausage pasta—snack sized**

Cost: **\$2.00**

Where: canteen (lunch playtime) Please bring lunch in case we run out!



Reminder

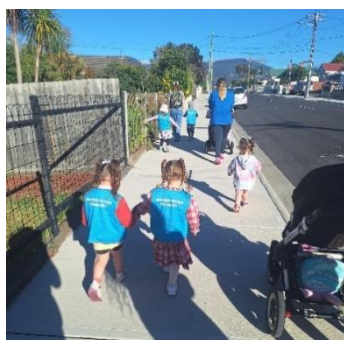
Can families please remind children not to ride their bikes or scooters in the school grounds.

LiL



In Pre-Kinder and LiL sessions this term we have been looking at using our counting and shape recognition skills as part of our numeracy focus.

We enjoyed a playground and picnic get together at the end of Week 7 at Benjafield Park to celebrate the start of Autumn and blossoming friendships



School Association AGM

The following parents were successful in their nominations at the recent School Association AGM:

- **Tash Fleming** – President (continuing)
- **Courtney McCabe** – Vice President (with sincere thanks to Svend Hodgetts for his time in this role)
- **Cassie Kiklis** – Secretary (continuing)
- **Sam Broadby** – Treasurer

Thank you to these parents for generously giving their time for the betterment of our school. We have also welcomed several new parent members

and are very pleased with the level of interest from our community in contributing to the direction and improvement of the school. Easter Raffle winners are announced below.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought tickets for our Easter Raffle.

Congratulations to all the prize winners:

1st Jonty

2nd Mrs Di Smith

3rd Perry

4th Tasman

5th Raven

6th Amanda – 54 Reasons

7th Alex - TA

8th Avena

9th Olive



School Levies

A friendly reminder levies have been sent out. If you would like to organise a payment plan, please come and see the Office.



If you haven't connected to Seesaw for your child/ren please see your child's teacher or the Office. We post lots of information on this platform.

School photos

You can still order your child/rens photos up until end of Term 3. Please see the Office for details.

Art

Harmony Week Mandalas

Over the past few weeks years Prep to 6 have been looking at the tradition of Mandalas (or art based on radial symmetry) from around the world. We discovered that these circular patterned artworks can be found in almost most every culture from ancient to modern. Often these designs are inspired by the radial symmetry seen in nature and have a spiritual value.

As a part of Harmony Week, we are displaying all the mandala in the foyer area next door to the Art room.

Prep have created beautiful Mandalas sunflowers.



Zahaib

Years 1 and 2 created paper mosaic Mandalas.



Arto

Years 3 to 5 have created their own thoughtful designs with pencil and watercolour on paper.



Eric

Year 6 have created stunning mosaic Mandalas which will be permanently mounted in the foyer area.



Mandala by Jacob and Bruno

Family Engagement in Learning

Thank you to those families who joined us in our Family Engagement in Learning Session on Tuesday afternoon. The focus was Harmony Day, and it was so exciting to see our families and students engaging in learning together. We look forward to seeing you again in Term two.

Kim Zeitzen LIFT Coordinator



Triple P Seminars

This week, our School Psychologist, Denika Classen, delivered the first of four seminars in the popular, evidence-based **Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Seminar Series** to parents of children in Kindergarten to Year 2.

The first seminar, **The Power of Positive Parenting**, explored practical strategies to support positive family relationships and children's learning. Topics included:

- Looking after yourself as a parent or carer
- Using consistent routines and effective problem-solving strategies
- Setting realistic expectations for yourself and your children
- Creating a positive and supportive learning environment at home

We are pleased to advise that the **remaining seminars will soon be open to parents of children in Years 3–6 as well.**

The remaining seminars will be held in **Term 2**, with further details about dates and how to book your place coming home soon:

- **Seminar 2:** Raising confident, capable children
- **Seminar 3:** Raising resilient children
- **Seminar 4:** Healthy screen time habits

We look forward to seeing many families take part in this valuable series.

Please reach out to Kim Zeitzen if you have any questions. Denika can also provide more information about free, online Triple P courses that address specific needs.

School Dental Program

We're pleased to let you know that the Australian Dental Foundation will be visiting **Bowen Road Primary** from **Monday the 13th of April to Wednesday the 15th of April 2026** to provide free/no out of pocket cost dental care for students. See previous Newsletters for details or collect a paper form from the Office.



Term 1	
Communication	Meet the Teacher/Families Welcome BBQ. Learning Plan conversations
Sharing evidence of learning	None in Term 1
Report	Primary Progress Report sent home Thursday 9 th April.

Term 2	
Communication	Learning conversations meeting: An opportunity for a conversation with your child's teacher/s focussing on your child's learning progress.
Sharing evidence of learning	Prep - Year 6 English Maths Music (3-6) Art (P-2) PE (P-2) Japanese (5-6) Kindergarten
Report	Mid-year Report KDC Check 1 (Kindergarten)

Term 3	
Communication	Open classroom afternoon – Children to share evidence of learning with families. Opportunity for a chat with your child's teacher/s focussing on your child's learning progress.
Sharing evidence of learning	Prep - Year 6 Science HASS Music (P-2) Art (P-2) PE (3-6) Kindergarten
Report	None in Term 3

Term 4	
Communication	Learning Plan conversations
Sharing evidence of learning	Prep - Year 6 English Maths 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.



Prospective Parent Information Evening —

Thursday 9 April (Week 10), 5:00–6:00pm

Held in the Ogilvie Campus Hall, this session is for families considering HCHS in 2027 or beyond. It's an opportunity to meet key staff, learn more about the school, and tour the campus.

School Tours – Ogilvie Campus

We continue to offer campus tours throughout Term 1.

Upcoming tour dates:

- **Friday 10 April** — 9.15am to 10.15am