



Issue 5, 2026 –15th April

Upcoming Events

Thursday 16th April

Champions Athletics Carnival

Friday 17th April

Pre-Kinder & LiL excursion - GCFLC
Last day of school

Monday 4th May

Term 2 commences

Wednesday 6th May

Special Persons Stall

Thursday 7th May

Special Persons Stall- morning

Thursday 11th May

Combined Band Rehearsal – Year 6 Montrose Bay High
School 3:20pm

Thursday 14th May

School Cross Country Carnival – Year 3 – 6
Woolworths Cricket Program - Lunchtime

Friday 15th May

National Walk Safely to School Day

Monday 18th May

School Association Meeting – Library 3pm all welcome

Tuesday 2nd June

Assembly 3/4S Hosting, 3/4S, 6E, 1S, 2SN & Music
presenting

Tuesday 23rd June

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

29th June – 3rd July

Swimming and Water Safety Program

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

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Dear Families,

As a staff, we were only commenting yesterday on how quickly this term has flown by.

Throughout the term, our teaching and learning focus has been on introducing the new **Ochre Maths** materials to ensure a consistent, high-quality approach to the teaching of Mathematics across the school. I sincerely thank our Numeracy Team - Mrs Morgan (AST), Mr C, and Mrs Smith for their leadership in this area and for the support they have provided teachers as this new approach is embedded in classrooms.

Class teachers have been persistent and intentional in establishing strong class cultures where the values of respect, responsibility, growth, courage, and connection underpin how students approach their learning and how they treat one another. Class culture requires ongoing maintenance, and we continue to hold high expectations for the way our students manage themselves both in the classroom and in the playground.

Our Year 6 students recently attended their first Taster Day at Hobart City High School and have also received their leavers' tops, perfect timing as the weather begins to get colder. We are very proud of how our Year 6 students conduct themselves as leaders and role models within our school community. They are shaping up to be a wonderful cohort.

Over the upcoming school holidays, the old substation at the front of the school will be demolished. This structure has long detracted from the beauty of our historic and modern school buildings and our line of established trees. We look forward to a much-improved streetscape once this building is removed.

I thank families for their ongoing support of the school by holding high expectations for their children's respectful behaviour and attitudes to learning. Whether through regular home reading, curious conversations, or engaging children in meaningful experiences beyond the classroom, your partnership makes a genuine difference.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Kelly-Bounds



Interschool Team

Last week on the first of April we had the Interschool Athletics Carnival. Some of the events were 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 metres, shuttle relay, circular relay, long jump, vortex and shotput. Our school came sixth place out of eight schools. Our school got first in a lot of races including the 100, 200 and 800 metres as well as a lot of close seconds in things like the circular relay and 200 metres. There was an amazing team spirit and sportsmanship as well as running (of course). Overall it was an amazing day.

By Lucinda and Avena!



Numeracy Team

Throughout Term 1, teachers have been developing their knowledge and skills to deliver a consistent Maths approach across the school, through trialling Ochre Maths Materials. Your child will have been engaged in a range of different topics within numeracy, with a focus on building strong understanding and fluency. Please continue to ask your child about what they are learning in Maths and reinforce the importance of Mathematics in the workforce and its use in everyday life. Where possible during the school holidays, engage in Maths conversations when shopping, cooking and planning to help your child see how relevant Maths is to everyday life.

Celebrating Literacy Success – End of Term 1

As we reach the end of Term 1, we are proud to reflect on the strong progress our students have made in literacy. It has been a busy and productive term, with a clear focus on building the foundational skills needed for confident reading and writing.

It has been wonderful to see our home reading program up and running again and students engaging with reading at home, supported by their families—an important partnership that helps foster a love of reading.

Our explicit teaching of phonics using the UFLI program continues to go from strength to strength. This high-quality practice has been recognised by DECYP, who visited to record exemplar lessons for other schools. We have also welcomed teachers and leaders from other schools who have observed literacy teaching in action.

We have continued our explicit teaching of morphology through the Word Origins program, helping students better understand how words work, while our focus on reading fluency is supporting greater accuracy, expression, and comprehension.

In Kindergarten, the Heggerty Phonological Awareness Program is being consistently implemented across both classes, alongside the GAPS screening tool, which is now embedded and informing our teaching of speech and language.

We are also excited to be participating in a DECYP trial of the 'Read It Again' program—an evidence-based approach designed to support early reading comprehension.

Thank you to our staff and families for your continued support. We look forward to building on this strong foundation in Term 2. Ricky Sinfield – AST



PE

In PE students began this Term preparing for their Athletics Carnivals. Years 3-6 have also participated in units on cricket and soccer as well as focusing on teamwork skills and fair play. Students in Kinder – Year 2 have been focusing on fundamental movement skills including throwing and catching, as well as learning the routines and rules that are important in PE and sports.



ECE Term 1 Highlights



Prep

Maya - Doing my handwriting

Arlo - Doing cutting and my numbers



Year 1

Freddie - Learning about tally marks

Sophie - Learning about Bees



Year 2

Stevie - Learning about Bees

Liam L - Doing Maths activities



Kindergarten

Naheem - I got to play with playdough and do leaf rubbings.

Hazel - I like playing with my friends and going on the swings.

Special Person's Stall

Wednesday 6th May

Gifts between 50cents - \$5

Students can bring a maximum of \$5

The Stall will also be open Thursday 7th in the morning for those who need.

School Cross Country – Years 3 – 6

Thursday the 14th of May is our school Cross Country Carnival! The Cross Country will be held on school grounds beginning at approximately 9.00am, with each race starting on the school oval. Students are encouraged to wear their House colours and bring their House spirit. Possibly pack extra socks and shoes as it can get a bit wet and muddy. Weather depending, grades may be called one by one if the weather is clear or the Cross Country will be postponed. Spectators are welcome.

Tasman

Bowen

Collins

National Walk Safely to School Day

On Friday the 15th of May is National Walk to School day. If you would like to be involved please meet **Mrs Bowden at Benjafield Park** or **Miss Higham at Ashbolt Crescent Store at 8.10am** to leave by 8.15am. If your child requires medication during this time families are responsible for bringing it. There will be extra fruit at Breakfast Club once students arrive at school.



School Levies

A friendly reminder that levies have been sent out. If you would like to organise a payment plan, please come and see or contact Ally, our SBM, at the Office.

Seesaw

If you haven't connected to Seesaw, please see your child's teacher or the Office. It is important to be connected to Seesaw as much of our school communication is shared through this app.

FUN FOOD FRIDAY

Friday 17/4

the **Fun Food Friday Team** will be selling:

Hot cheese rolls \$3.00

Cheese and garlic roll \$3.00

Garlic bread \$2.00

We are making extra but still please bring your lunch in case we run out.

Where: canteen (lunch playtime)



Woolworths Cricket is coming to Bowen Road Primary School to run their program at lunchtimes.

They will be working with girls from Prep – Grade 6. If your daughter would like to participate, please sign up with the QR code below or come and see the Office for a paper form.



All Girls Cricket Program: Bowen Road Primary School

Take part in a **FREE** 3 session Cricket Blast Program delivered at Bowen Road Primary in Term 2!

Woolworths Cricket Blast is a fun and fast program for children of all abilities to learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork through game-based activities.

Program Details:
Who: Girls in Prep – Grade 6

Session Details: Thursdays during lunchtime
Commencing 14th May – 28th May

Participant Pack: Lip Balm, Hair Ties, Hair Scrunchies, Bracelet

Program Cost: Free

Registration Details: 3 options available:

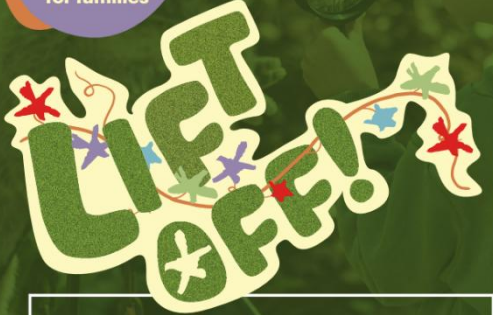
- 1. PlayHQ Registration:** Scan the QR Code
- 2. Paper Registrations** are available to collect from the School Office.
- 3. Microsoft Form:** Scan the QR Code

For more information, please contact Lauren Hepburn
lhepburn@crickettas.com.au



TMAG's Festival for Children and Young People

FREE
school
holiday fun
for families



18 – 23 April 2026

Dunn Place, Hobart
tmag.tas.gov.au



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**TASMANIAN
MUSEUM &
ART GALLERY**

GENERATIONS CONNECT FUN DAY

Wednesday
29th April 2026

10 AM - 1 PM

Princes Wharf No. 1 (PW1)

Local Organisations & Service Providers

Sally Sunshine | Face Painting
First Aid Demonstrations
Cartooning | Laser Tag
Knitting and Pom Pom making
Drumming | Train Rides
Photobooth

and so much more...

Come and try:

10:15am Cooking Demo - Simple Salad
10:30am Belly Dancing
11:00am Line Dancing
11:15am Cooking Demo - Easy Dahl
11:30am Zumba
12:00pm Cadence Jazz Ensemble
12:00pm Tai Chi
12:15pm Cooking Demo - Fruit Balls
12:30pm Chair Pilates

a FREE event for ALL* ages

*children under the age of 16 must be supervised by a responsible adult

Book your
free ticket
here









School Holiday Programs

LIBRARIES
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Home

Autumn school holiday activities

Autumn school holiday activities

Find fun free activities at your local library in the autumn school holidays.

Get ready for an exciting program of activities from Monday 20 April to Sunday 1 May for children and teenagers at your [local library](#). Everyone is welcome.

View the program in the North, North West, and South (links below).

Make sure to book via Eventbrite - or speak with local library staff to find out more.

South

- [LEGO Zen zone at Sorell Library](#)
- [Think inside the book: Storytime at Rosny Library](#)
- [The Great Race: theatres and puppets at Hobart Library](#)
- [Games Day at Glenorchy Library](#)
- [Mini Fish Tanks at Bridgewater Library](#)
- [Explore the world of Osmo at Kingston Library](#)

Please see more flyers on our school notice board outside the Courtyard.

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)

Assembly Certificates



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.

Year 6 Leavers Tops

