



Issue 6, 2026 – 13th May

Upcoming Events

Thursday 14th May

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

Monday 18th May

School Association Meeting – Library 3pm all welcome

Thursday 21st May

Woolworths Girls Cricket Program – Lunchtime

Friday 22nd May

National Walk Safely to School Day

Monday 25th May

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

Tuesday 26th May

Family Engagement in Learning Afternoon – 2:05pm
Children's University Lunchtime Club – Key rings/bag charms

Thursday 28th May

Woolworths Girls Cricket Program - Lunchtime

Tuesday 2nd June

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

Wednesday 3rd June

Interschool Cross Country Carnival

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

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Dear Families,

Last term teachers spent a great deal of time investing in establishing a positive class culture, with predictable routines and high expectations for learning and this has been evident in the way students have quickly focused on their learning straight away at the start of this term.

We have a busy term ahead, with students participating in the Swimming and Water Safety Program, the Cross Country, and a range of sporting clinics, including girls' cricket.

In the classroom, students will be learning about how to have respectful relationships with others, through teaching of Respectful Relationships content shared in fortnightly Meet and Greets. They will also participate in Growth and Development sessions with our School Nurse Hilary.

I thank the School Association for providing a Mother's Day / Special Persons stall last week. **The next School Association meeting is this Monday 18th at 3 pm in the Library** – all welcome!

Mid-year reports will be shared at the end of Term 2, with Learning Conversations providing an opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

I would like to congratulate Tara in Year 3 for being selected at the Champions Athletics Carnival to participate in the state finals in Launceston. Well done!

Special mention also to Mashal in Year 6 who won the 'Artistic Skill' prize for the portrait of her father in the Bucaan Community House 'Crewactive Heroes' competition. The portrait, along with some Year 6 and Year 3/4 student entries, are on display in our Office foyer. Come and take a look!

Lastly, our current attendance rate is 87.3%. While it is important that children rest and recover when unwell, regular attendance is essential for consistent learning. Missing even a single key lesson, particularly in Mathematics and Literacy, can be difficult to make up due to the structured sequence and pace of teaching across the week.

Thank you for your ongoing support in prioritising your child's attendance at school each day, unless they are unwell.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Kelly-Bounds



Home Reading: Building Strong Readers, One Page at a Time

At Bowen Road Primary School, we are passionate about developing confident, capable readers—and we know that this journey doesn't stop at the classroom door. One of the most powerful ways you can support your child's learning is by encouraging regular reading at home.

Why is home reading so important?

Reading at home helps children to:

- **Develop fluency and confidence** – Regular practice strengthens their ability to read smoothly and with expression.
- **Improve comprehension** – Talking about books helps children better understand and reflect on what they read.
- **Build vocabulary and imagination** – Exposure to a wide range of words and ideas expands their language and creativity.
- **Foster a lifelong love of reading** – Positive reading experiences at home create strong, lasting habits.

Rewarding Home Reading

Our home reading program aims to help children develop fluency, comprehension and a lifelong love of reading. One of the best ways to build this is by making reading a regular habit at home. To encourage this, we offer home reading rewards as a way to celebrate students' efforts and consistency. In 2026, as in 2025, the following rewards will be available:

I have read for...	This is recognised by...	I am rewarded with...
25 days	A certificate in Meet and Greet.	
50 days	A certificate in Meet and Greet.	Bowen Road Bookmark and small gift.
75 days	A certificate in Meet and Greet	10 BR Way points
100 days	A certificate in Meet and Greet	A free book token!
125 days	A certificate in Meet and Greet	10 BR Way points
150 days	A certificate in Meet and Greet	Extra play time!
175 days	A certificate in Meet and Greet	15 BR Way Points
200 days	A certificate in Meet and Greet	Free trip to Fuller and a free book!

What does effective home reading look like?

Home reading doesn't have to be lengthy or complicated. Just 10–15 minutes a day can make a significant difference. You can support your child by:

- Listening to them read aloud and offering gentle guidance.
- Asking simple questions such as "What happened in the story?" or "Who was your favourite character?"
- Encouraging them to read a variety of texts - books, magazines, recipes, or even signs and menus.
- Modelling reading by letting your child see you read.

A partnership for success

When schools and families work together, children thrive. Your support at home reinforces the skills and strategies we teach in the classroom, helping your child grow not only as a reader, but as a learner.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making reading a priority.

Morning Reading Volunteers Needed!



We are excited to invite members of our school community to become involved in a very special part of our students' day—morning reading time!

Each morning from **8:30 – 9:00 am**, students benefit greatly from the opportunity to read with a supportive adult. This time helps build confidence, improve literacy skills, and foster a lifelong love of reading. To continue offering this valuable experience, **we are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to read with students** on a regular or occasional basis.

Whether you can spare one morning a week or a few times a term, your time and support can make a meaningful difference.

✓ How to Get Involved

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact:

bowen.road.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au

Please indicate the days you are available and, if you have a preference, which year level you would like to read with.

🔒 Important Information

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, all volunteers are required to hold a **Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP) card**.

The good news is that this registration can now be obtained **free of charge**. You can begin your application here:

👉 <https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/rwvp/home>

We warmly welcome parents, carers, and community members to take part in this rewarding opportunity. Thank you for helping us support our students' learning and development!

📖 Together, we can make reading a powerful start to every school day.

National Walk Safely to School Day



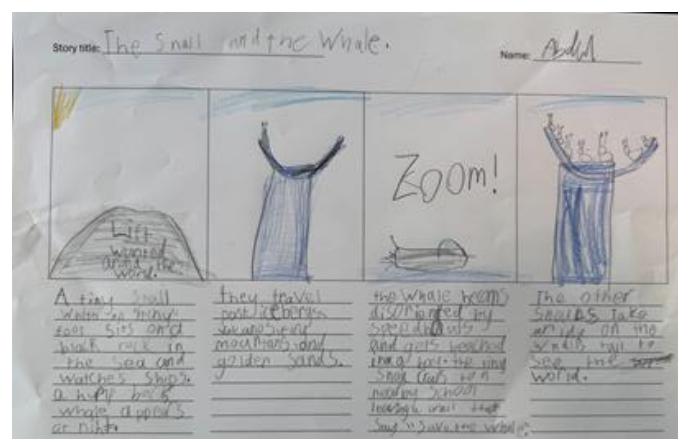
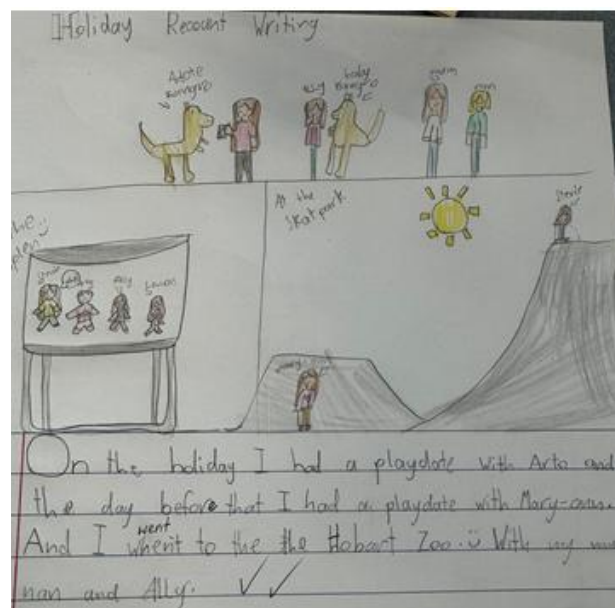
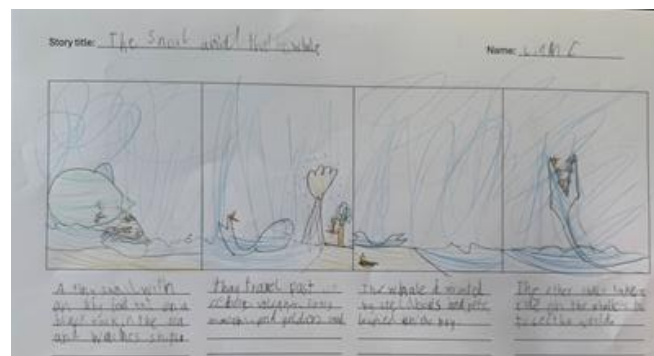
We have changed our Walk Safely to School Day to align with the national day on Friday the 22nd. If you would like to be involved please meet Miss Higham at Ashbolt Crescent Store or Mrs Kelly Bounds at Benjafield Park at 8.10am to leave by 8.15am. Please ensure that your child takes any medication that they may need during this time including their asthma puffer. There will be extra fruit at breakfast club on this day.

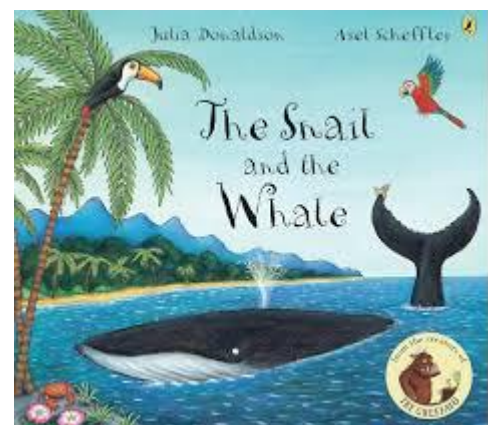
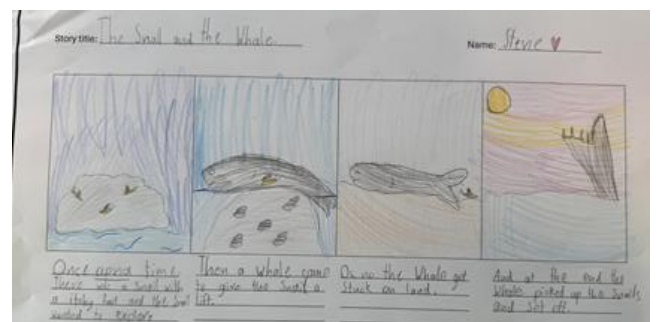
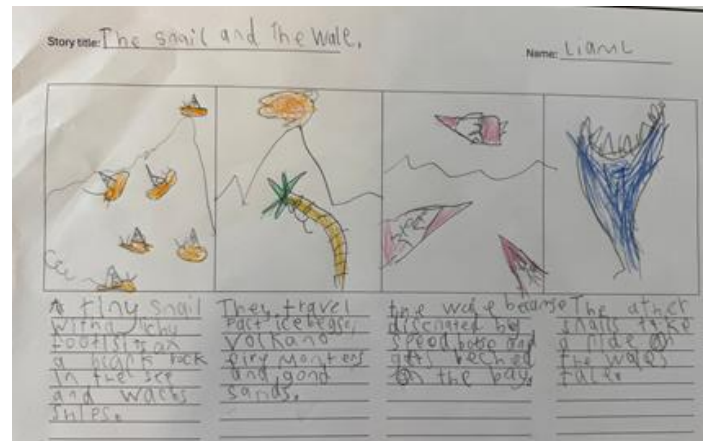
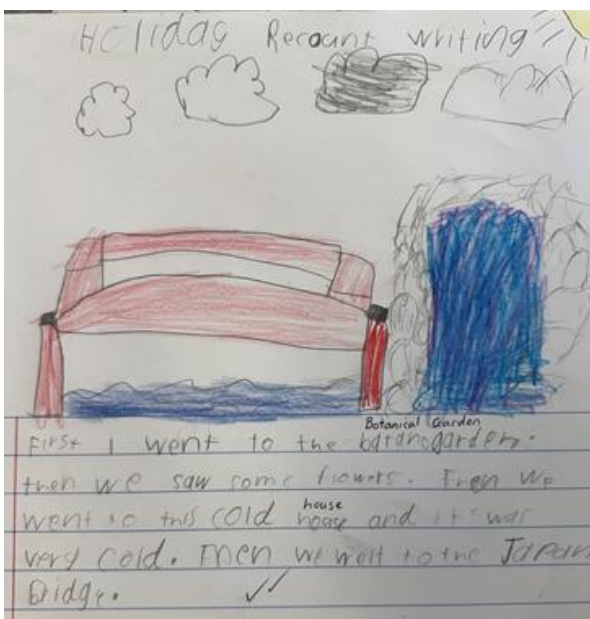
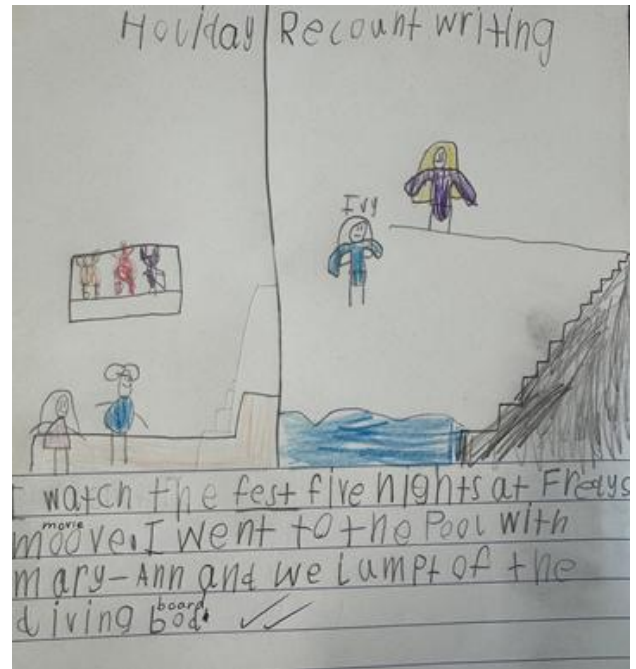
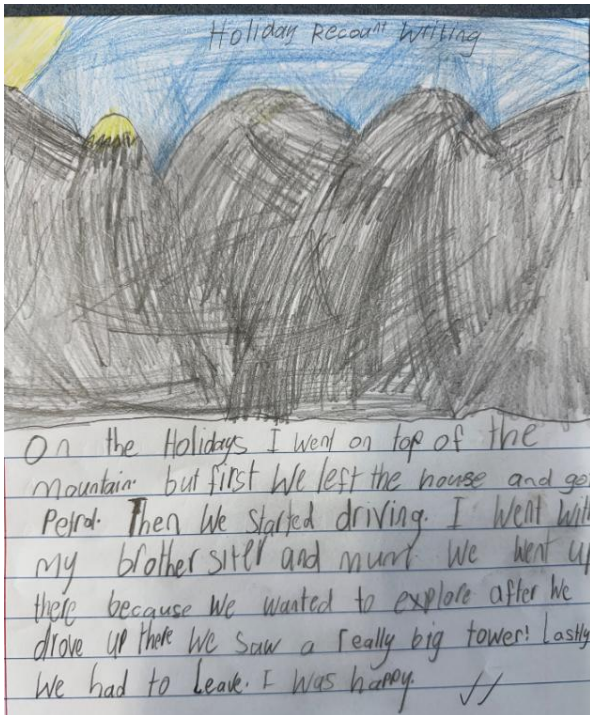
Congratulations to our Class Captains for Term 2

Prep B: Maya & Chris 1 S: Daniela & Teddy
2 SN: Stevie & Jaish 3/4 LV: Ruby & Matilda
3/4 S: Davey & Jenny 5 CzB: Matilda & Xavier
6 E: Prasamsha & Eh Hser

2SN

Our class has begun the term with a big focus on writing. Last week, students wrote a recount of what they did during the holidays. This week we have been focusing on narrative writing. Students started by looking at the book *'The Snail and the Whale'* before creating a storyboard about the beginning, middle, problem/resolution and end of the book.





6E

What have we been learning about in 6E?

This term has been flat out already even though we have only been back at school for 1 week!

Students are excited to have their own copy of our class novel, *The Ghost In My Suitcase*, to read along with. The story so far has us wanting to read more. Sentence writing, grammar, and vocabulary are based around this book in our English lessons. Soon we shall start revising and refining persuasive writing techniques. In Word Origins the morpheme 'fin' (meaning end) was explored. Maths has been all about fractions - comparing and ordering fractions, placing fractions with both the same and with different denominators on a number line, placing equivalent fractions on a number line and simplifying fractions. In HASS, students have selected a level of government, and they are working on an individual research project to present their learning about various aspects of that level of government. In upcoming news some of our students have been invited to star in a short film for TMAG – watch this space and we will let you know when it has been released and where it can be viewed.



School Association

Thank you to the School Association for running the Mother's Day/Special Persons Stall last week.

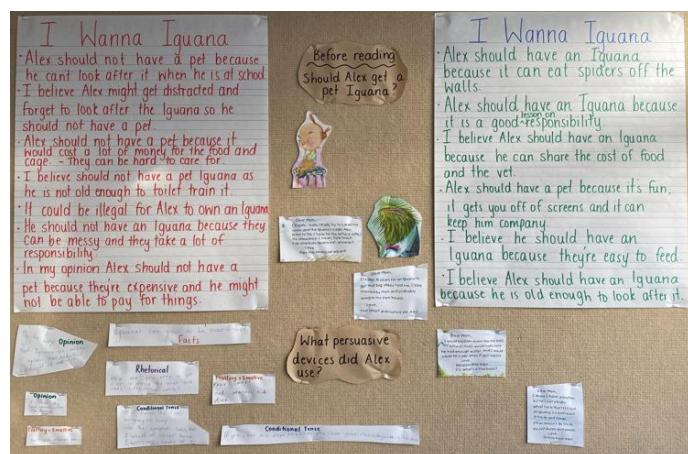


3/4S

This term we are looking at persuasive devices and will be planning and writing persuasive letters. We read the book "I Wanna Iguana" where Alex tries to convince his Mum he should be allowed a pet iguana! Before reading we brainstormed some reasons for and against Alex having a pet iguana.

After reading we then took a closer look at each of the letters that Alex and his Mum wrote and tried to find all the different persuasive devices. We think the most common device was flattery!

We have now started to plan and write our own persuasive letters for our families. We hope they're ready to be persuaded!



5/6 Soccer team

Some students have shown interest in putting together a year 5/6 soccer team. To be part of the team students would be required to pay a \$105 registration fee and be available Saturday mornings for games. Families would be responsible for transport to and from the games as well as supervision during the game. For this to be possible we need a volunteer to coach the team. The volunteer would need to have a Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. If you are interested, could you please let the school know ASAP.

Makaila Higham | HPE Teacher

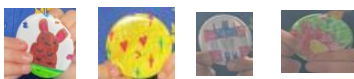
Chinese Dragon performance!

Last Friday our school was lucky to be visited by the Tasmanian Chinese Buddhist Academy of Australia. We were treated to a Chinese Dragon dance performance. It was magnificent! 🌟🐉



Children's University activity

Yesterday students who participate in Children's university made magnets with Miss Smith and Sachie from Children's University at lunchtime club. In the next fortnight's session students will be making keyrings/bag charms.



School Cross Country – Years 3-6 Thursday!

This 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. Spectators are welcome!

The focus of the morning is participation in a fun, supportive environment. Students are encouraged to run, walk, or do a combination of both to earn points for their house. Every effort counts - the goal is to do their best, not be the best.

It's been great to see many students practising running the course during their break times!

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• Thursday 14th May 9.05 – 11.00

Time	Event	Distance
9.10	Year 6 Boys	2.6km
9.20	Year 6 Girls	2.6km
9.30	Year 5 Boys	2.2km
9.40	Year 5 Girls	2.2km
9.50	Year 4 Boys	2km
10.00	Year 4 Girls	2km
10.10	Year 3 Boys	2km
10.20	Year 3 Girls	2km

*times are approximate

Congratulations



Tara in year 3 for competing in the Champions Athletics Carnival in Launceston last Friday. Tara's 100m relay team placed 1st, Tara placed 3rd in 100m and 6th in 200m. Well done Tara, amazing effort.



Mashal in year 6 who won the 'Artistic Skill' prize for the portrait of her father.



National Volunteer Week

Volunteers play a crucial role in supporting student learning and in supporting engaging activities in schools. When training as a teacher at University, I was yet to realise how important volunteers are to the effective running of a school.

We could not provide the learning support and experiences for our students that we do, without the volunteer time of our School Association members and parent and community members who are reading volunteers – however we are always keen for more!

A big thank you to our volunteers for the time you give to our school, you are highly valued and an integral part of our school community.



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.

Registration Details: 3 options available:

1. **PlayHQ Registration:** Scan the QR Code



New school Beanie proposal – feedback welcome!

Please see the proposed design for a new school beanie to keep heads warm in the colder months. These have been priced at around \$18.

We are keen to hear if parents would be interested in purchasing these before we commit to buying some as uniform stock. We think they look great! Let Michelle or Ally in the Office know if you would like to purchase a beanie in the new design.

FUN FOOD FRIDAY

Friday 15/5

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

What: **Cheesy filled pasta with tomato pasta sauce – snack sized** (vegetarian)

Cost: \$2.00

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

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)



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TERM 2
Friday 29 May 9.15-10.15
Thursday 11 June 3.30-4.15
Friday 19 June 9.15-10.15
Friday 3 July 9.15-10.15

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hobartcityhigh.education.tas.gov.au/enrolments

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.

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