



Issue 9, 2026 –24th June

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 24th June

Hobart City High School Information Evening 5pm

Thursday 25th June

1S & 2SN excursion to TMAG and Park

29th June – 3rd July

Parent Teacher – Learning conversations

29th June – 10th July

Swimming & Water Safety Program

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th June

Hobart City High School Music Workshop

Monday 6th July

Combined Band – year 6 (Montrose Bay High School 3:20pm)

Friday 10th July

Last day of Term 2

Monday 27th July

Term 3 commences

Tuesday 28th July

3/4S Excursion to Waterworks

Monday 3rd August

School Association meeting 3pm in the library
Combined Band – year 6 (Montrose Bay High School 3:20pm)

Tuesday 11th August

Combined Band year 6 tour

Monday 17th August

Band workshop – year 5

Tuesday 18th August

Band workshop – year 5

Tuesday 25th August

Book Week Parade

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,

I recently read a report on students' engagement in and enjoyment of school called '*Understanding Student Engagement in Australian Schools*' which can be found here [6a0c84936dea58e7d7b92140_ImpactEd_TEP_Australia_Report_April_2026_Single_Pages.pdf](#) It led me to reflect on how important it is that students feel engaged at school. While we are beginning to implement more standardised, evidence-based approaches to teaching that are consistent across all classes, it is equally important that we continue to monitor student engagement and participation in their learning.

The most striking finding from the first Australian census is a decline in engagement during the later years of primary school and the early years of secondary school. In primary schools, there is a clear decline in school enjoyment as students' progress through the middle years, particularly among boys.

At Bowen Road we work hard to provide a range of opportunities and supports to foster engagement and wellbeing. These include termly options afternoons, the Headspace transition to high school program and other opportunities through the year to connect to the feeder high school. We also have programs such as 54 Reasons and the Merge program, which support social and emotional learning for selected groups of students.

In addition, there are many additional opportunities for students to connect, participate and thrive.

Student voice and input are supported through representation in the SRC, through actively seeking student feedback about how they feel about what and how they are learning (particularly as new learning routines are implemented), and through the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey conducted each August.

It is important for us as a school that students are not only provided with a rigorous, sequenced and structured learning program, but that they also feel engaged in their learning and have a strong sense of belonging to school. If you ever have concerns about your child's engagement in learning, please let us know.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Kelly-Bounds



Numeracy Team

Teachers this term have been focusing on the utilisation for checks for understanding. This is where teachers will recognise if most of the class has understood the taught concept and whether they can move on or require further teaching time. It is a reminder to all how important numeracy is in our daily lives and in the jobs that students will be a part of in their future. Take the time to ask as often as possible what they are learning about in numeracy and remember to always speak positively of numeracy and all areas of learning.

Throughout our school, we enjoy beginning our maths lessons with a Daily Review from Ochre Education. These photos show our students actively participating, thinking and sharing their ideas as they work through a range of quick review questions together.

We love this routine because it helps us practise important skills every day and builds our confidence. By revisiting concepts regularly, students strengthen their understanding of number, problem-solving and mathematical thinking. The Daily Review also encourages all students to participate, explain their reasoning and learn from one another in a supportive environment.

This consistent practice plays an important role in helping our students feel successful and ready to take on new learning in mathematics.



LiL

In Pre-Kinder and LiL sessions this term we have been very busy with our continued focus on developing our gross motor and numeracy skills. Children have had the opportunity to make predictions; then use scooping, pouring and building to test out these predictions.



We have also been very lucky to have several visitors into the LiL space this term, helping us to dig, plant, read stories and even paint sea kelp.



Both LiL and Pre-Kinder are on at Bowen Road Primary every Monday and Friday, Pre-Kinder runs from 9am till 10:15am and LiL from 1pm till 2:30pm.

School Book Swap

A reminder before the school holidays to participate in our schoolbook swap. We believe this is a sustainable and fun way to encourage reading during the school holidays. Students bring in a book/s that they like but are willing to EXCHANGE for another. You can access the book swap before and after school, in the corridor near the art room. Please see Mrs Morgan if you would like further details.



Music

In music, students in years 3-6 have been writing their own music. It has been fantastic to watch the creative process unfold over the course of the term. Some year 5 and 6 students were able to play their compositions on an instrument, which the students found most rewarding.

Year 5 band students have now been learning their instruments for almost 2 terms. They are looking forward to going for their two-day workshop next term. The students are working hard and I'm so proud of the progress every single one of them is making.

Some observations from grade 5 band students are below:

Band is the best because I get to play my saxophone and have fun with my friends. I also love the feeling of getting the song right! - Teddy

Band is a great opportunity for year 5s and 6s to learn how to play instruments and have fun. One of my favourite parts of band is learning new songs and getting certificates, also I like helping other people when they are stuck. I am so glad that I joined band and I hope many more people will join band too. - Anna

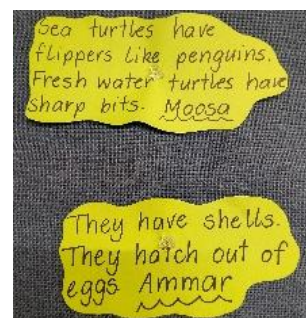
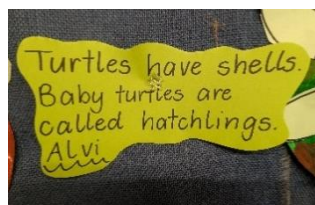
I really like band because you get to play with all your friends and it is another curriculum activity.
- Annabelle & Zara

I love band because of how many instruments we get to play. I play the flute it's so much fun everyone should definitely join! - Avena



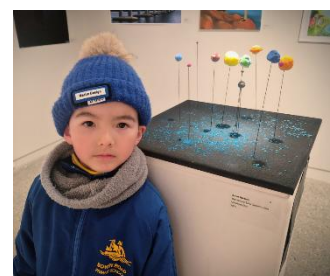
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In Kinder Lawrence we have been learning all about how living things grow and change! We have been looking at the life cycle of turtles and learning all about them. We have also begun looking at butterflies and how they grow and change too!



Moonah Arts Exhibition

Last week, Asher from Year 1 Smith was part of a joint exhibition at the Moonah Arts Centre. This was a great success, with the Mayor of Glenorchy City Council speaking about the positive role art plays in fostering community and multiculturalism, and even specifically mentioning Asher's artwork, Beyond the Solar System. Well done, Asher!



Art

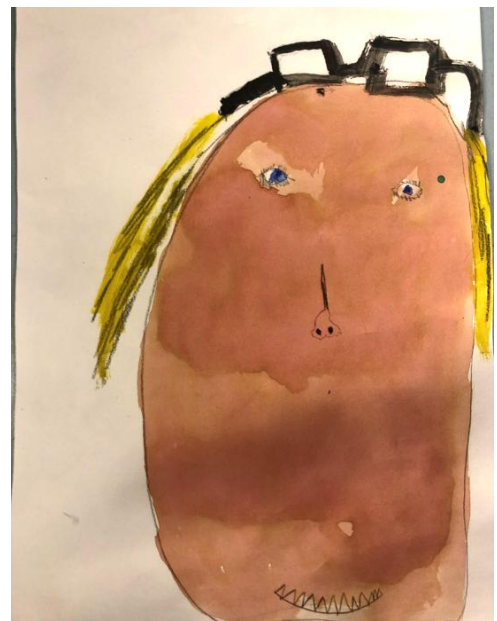
The Young Archies Competition has rolled around again, and our young artists are busy creating more wonderful portraits. Last year two of our students, Nabeel and Ahad, won prizes in their category. Four students from each category (Kinder/Prep, 1/2, 3/4, and 5/6) will be selected to enter the competition. The selection process is made by a panel of teachers and staff who choose the artworks that appeal to them most without knowing the name of the artist in advance.



Anna



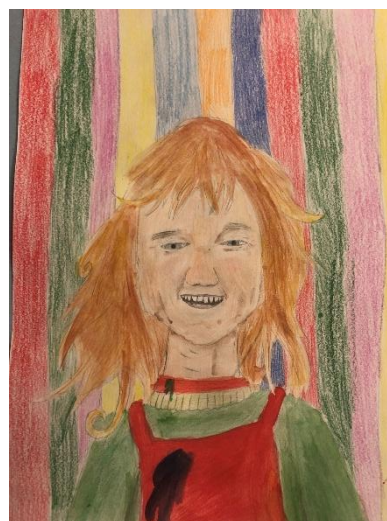
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Ali Zain



Annabelle



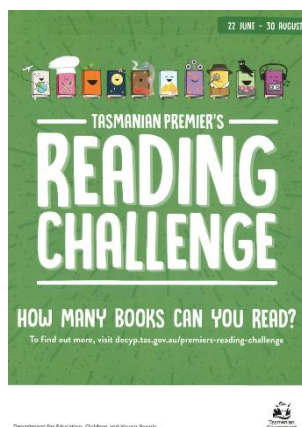
Jenny



Chris S

Premier's Reading Challenge is back!

The Premier's Reading Challenge starts Monday 22nd June, bringing an exciting opportunity for students to discover the joy of reading and challenge themselves in new ways. This initiative celebrates stories, imagination, and learning, encouraging students to explore a wide range of books while developing important skills such as comprehension, creativity, and critical thinking. With a diverse reading list to suit all interests, students can set personal goals, track their progress, and share their favourite reads with others. Record sheets to support this will be provided to students this week. Supported by teachers, families, and our school community, the Challenge promotes a lifelong love of reading—so let's dive in and make this year's reading journey our most rewarding yet!



Story Dog

We're excited to share that the **Story Dogs** program has officially launched at Bowen Road Primary School!

This wonderful initiative supports students' reading skills, confidence, and enjoyment of books by pairing them with friendly, specially trained therapy dogs for one-on-one reading sessions. The calm, non-judgmental presence of the dogs helps children feel relaxed and motivated, making reading a positive and rewarding experience. We sincerely thank Jodie our dedicated volunteer and her beautiful dog Daisy for making such a meaningful contribution to our school community, and we look forward to seeing our young readers continue to thrive.



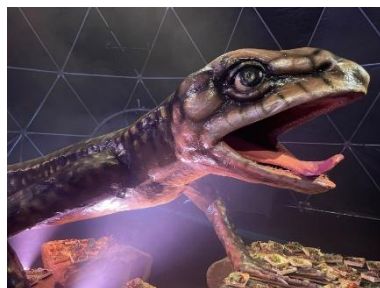
Ogah Ogah parade

On Sunday some of the Year 6 students joined the procession of the Ogah Ogah and displayed the birds they made at the workshop on Friday.

It was lots of fun and very noisy!

This year the Ogah Ogah was a Pedra Branca skink. The species is restricted to the windswept Pedra Branca, an island off southern Tasmania of only 2.5 ha (6.2 acres), where it is dependent on the seabird colonies. It is the only lizard species found on the island.

This is why students made sea birds to accompany the skink on its journey.



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 (3-4) PE (P-2) 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 & 5-6) Japanese (5-6) 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)

AusAlert

The Australian Government is introducing a new emergency warning system later this year called AusAlert.

AusAlert uses the latest technology to send emergency messages to compatible mobile devices during local and national disasters.

These messages aim to keep communities informed so they can take action, saving lives and property.

In the lead up to AusAlert being used, there will be a national test on Monday 27 July.

For more information and resources, visit:

www.ausalert.gov.au.



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.

FUN FOOD

FRIDAY

Friday 26th

the Fun Food Friday Team will be selling:

Sweet treats \$1.50

Jam donuts

Chocolate muffins

Chocolate slice

There will be enough for 1 item each. We have limited quantities of each item, so no guarantees on variety. If there is any items left after everyone is served students may come back to buy a second item until we run out.



