



Issue 12, 2026 – 19th August

Upcoming Events

Thursday 20th August

The Smith Family Future Seekers Program

Tuesday 25th August

Book Week Parade – 9:15am

Children's University Lunchtime Club

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

Wednesday 26th August

Walk 2 School Day

Winter Sports – BYE

Thursday 27th August

The Smith Family Future Seekers Program

Tuesday 1st September

Children's University Lunchtime Club

Combined Band – Year 5 rehearsal 3:20pm Montrose Bay High School

Wednesday 2nd September

Father's Day Stall

Winter Sports – away game – Taroona Primary School

Thursday 3rd September

Father's Day Stall – morning

Choir 3- 6 Workshop – MyState Bank Arena

The Smith Family Future Seekers Program

Tuesday 8th September

School Nurse, School Speech Pathologist, and Children's

University talk in Library 1:45

HealthLit4Kids Showcase 2:00 – 2:40

Wednesday 9th September

Winter Sports – home game – Campbell St Primary School

Monday 14th September

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

Tuesday 22nd September

Family Engagement in Learning – Extended afternoon – 2:00 – 4:30pm

Tuesday 29th September

Assembly 1S Hosting, 1S, 3/4LV, 5CzB, SRC & Music presenting

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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BOWEN ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Families,

An important issue we are hearing from many families is that some young children feel left out because their friends are gaming online after school or keeping in touch through social media and messaging apps. They put pressure on their parents to allow them to do the same.

On the back page of this newsletter is an invitation to attend an online webinar exploring the growing overlap between video games and gambling. The webinar examines how gambling-like features are integrated into modern games, why they are so appealing, and the potential risks they can pose to children.

This pressure on parents also extends to messaging apps such as Snapchat. These platforms have age restrictions for good reason. Younger children do not always understand the implications of what they post or share online and may be exposed to inappropriate content, images, or interactions.

Hold fast, stay strong, and remember that by delaying your child's access to messaging apps, online gaming, and social media, you are protecting them. Giving children time to mature, develop a stronger sense of self, and build the skills needed to navigate the online world safely can have lasting benefits for their wellbeing and development.

We have recently reviewed our whole-school behavioural expectations for what **safe, fair, and caring behaviour** looks like across all areas of our school. These are on the back page of the newsletter. Please take a moment to discuss them with your child to support their understanding of these.

By working together as a school community to model and reinforce high expectations for behaviour, we collectively make our school environment an even better place for all of our children to learn, play, and thrive.

I thank you for your support in this.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Kelly-Bounds



Prep B

In Prep we are busy learning about addition and subtraction.

We are learning to count pictorial subtraction number stories up to 10.



We are learning to sound, blend and write words in UFLI.



We also make time to have happy Friday treats!!

Introducing Talk. Read. TOGETHER

Strong early literacy grows from everyday moments – talking and reading or sharing books, together.

But how do you talk and read with your child? This is where we come in!

Talk. Read. TOGETHER is an early years literacy campaign to help families with children from birth to age five build literacy skills.

Follow the campaign via Great Start's Facebook or Instagram.

You will see Tasmanian families putting these tips and ideas into action.

Hear from professionals on how to help build your child's literacy skills in the early years.

And have access to other resources to help you talk, read, sing and share stories with your child.

Visit the Great Start website (greatstart.tas.gov.au/talkreadtogether) for more ideas and resources to support you.

For help with your own reading and writing call the Reading Writing Hotline on 1300 6 555 06.



1S

In 1S, we have been learning all about measurement using informal units in maths. We have discovered that we can measure the length of objects using everyday items such as blocks, counters and pencils. We have really enjoyed putting our skills into practise by measuring different objects around our classroom and comparing their lengths.

We have also been working as a team to measure carefully and accurately, making sure we line objects up properly and count our units carefully.

It has been great to see everyone having fun while developing their thinking and skills.



Object	Unit	Vertical	Horizontal
Notebook	blocks	8	11
Picture book	counters	9	6
Eraser	blocks	3	1
pencil	counters	7	1
counter box	blocks	8	6



Numeracy Team

Our school is excited to celebrate Numeracy Week from Monday 31st of August to Friday the 4th of September! Throughout the week, students will engage in a range of fun and meaningful activities designed to strengthen their mathematical understanding, with a strong focus on developing fluency in numeracy. In classrooms, students will continue their daily number work through Ochre Daily Reviews and Lessons, building confidence and automaticity with key concepts. A highlight of the week will be our 'Capture a Picture' challenge, where students will document their numeracy learning and reflect on their thinking. Students will also enjoy working with their buddy classes, playing a variety of maths games that promote fluency, problem-solving and strategic thinking. Across our school, Numeracy Week will extend beyond the classroom. Our library will host dice games led by our SRC, which offers further opportunities for students to build fluency through play. We will also come together for a whole-school 'Drop Everything and Play' session, where students will participate in a fast-paced numeracy game designed to develop quick recall and flexible thinking.

Numeracy Week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate mathematics and highlight the importance of building strong, fluent foundations that support all areas of learning. We look forward to a week full of enthusiasm, curiosity and mathematical thinking!

HealthLit4Kids Showcase Afternoon

Members of the Bowen Road community are invited to attend our **HealthLit4Kids Showcase of Learning** on **Tuesday 8 September from 2:00pm to 2:40pm**. This special event provides an opportunity to celebrate and explore the learning our students have been undertaking through HealthLit4Kids.

From **1:45pm**, our **School Nurse, Speech Pathologist**, and representatives from **Children's University** will be available in the library to chat with families and answer any questions. Students will be bringing home invitations soon. We look forward to sharing this afternoon of learning with our school community.

Tasmanian Young Archies

Congratulations to our students chosen to enter the Tasmanian Young Archies competition with a chance to win prizes from a variety of categories. Our selection panel made up of 7 school staff were faced with a very difficult choice from so many quality portraits. We only wish we could have entered more.

Prep - Pippa, Lennon, Chris, Goldie

Years 1 & 2 - Liam C, Mabel, Stevie, Hanna

Years 3 & 4 - Davey, Kalila, Eric, Jenny

Years 5 & 6 - Sadew, Felix H, Anna, Eh Hser

Award winners for the State competition will be selected in coming weeks

Young Archies Exhibition

All entries will be exhibited in Hobart at the UTAS School of Creative Arts and Media in late August and early September with exact dates and times to be confirmed.

Following this, a touring exhibition of the 2026 Young Archies Awards prize recipients will visit Launceston and the North-West.

All entries will be on display on the online gallery a few weeks after the winners are chosen.

Please find an opportunity to have a look at all the amazing portraits our young artists have been creating with all artworks currently on display in the art room and the adjacent foyer. Photocopies of selected entries are on display in the office.



If you are part of Children's University come along, get creative, and earn Children's University credits! The next club will be held on **Tuesday 25th**. A reminder that passports can be purchased from the Office. If your child is in Grade 2-6 and would like more information about joining the Children's University come and inquire at the Office.

Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day is next Wednesday the 26th August. 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.



5CzB

Literacy in 5CzB

In class we have been learning about how to write complex sentences, which include an independent clause, and a dependent clause. We have looked at a certain type of dependent clause, known as a relative clause.

A relative clause is where extra information is written about the noun in the sentence. This turns a sentence such as 'The car was driven to the supermarket' to 'The car, which belongs to my dad, was driven to the supermarket.'

Check out a few different sentences the class made, can you work out where the relative clause is?

My sister, who was 8 years old, sat next to me.

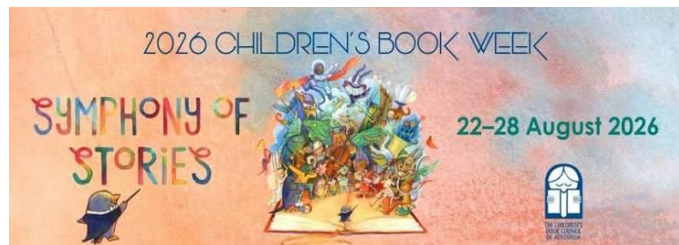
The dog, which is pink and fluffy, is running down the road.

My sister, who is very annoying, always complains on long trips.

The cake, which looked beautiful, tasted delicious.

The **Book Week Parade** is this Tuesday 25th at 9.15 in the Gym. Assembly will be on the same afternoon.

Help celebrate the enjoyment of reading by dressing up as a book character and bring your book with you!



FUN FOOD FRIDAY

Friday 21/8
the Fun Food Friday Team
will be selling:

STIR FRIED NOODLES

Where: canteen (lunch playtime)
Please bring lunch in case we run out
Cost: \$2.50



Vegetarian

Online webinar - The Gambification of Gaming.

Join University of Tasmania researchers Associate Professors Jim Sauer and Aaron Drummond as they explore the growing overlap between video games and gambling. This engaging presentation will examine how gambling-like features are integrated into modern games, why they are so appealing, and the potential risks they pose to young people. Attendees will gain practical tips to

recognise these mechanics, understand their impact, and help protect the young people in their lives.

Event Details

- Event: 'The Gambification of Gaming' online webinar
- Date: Wednesday, September 23
- Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM AEST
- Format: Online Webinar (via Zoom)

Registration

You can view the full event details and reserve your ticket directly on Eventbrite:

The Gambification of Gaming Webinar Tickets, Wednesday, September 23 • 12 PM - 1 PM AEST | Eventbrite

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.

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)



HOBART CITY HIGH SCHOOL

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- Meet the Principal
- Experience the campus
- Visit classrooms
- View students learning
- Ask questions

TERM 3

Friday 14 August 9.15-10.15
Thursday 20 August 3.30-4.15
Friday 4 September 9.15-10.15
Friday 25 September 9.15-10.15

TERM 4

Friday 6 November 9.15-10.15
Thursday 12 November 3.30-4.15
Friday 27 November 9.15-10.15

Book now - Ph 62 28 8800 or hobartcityhigh.education.tas.edu.au




BRPS EXPECTATIONS MATRIX	We are Safe <i>'Plan it...Play it'</i> <i>'Hands off at school'</i>	We are Fair <i>'Be an Upstander not a Bystander'</i>	We Care <i>'Be part of the solution, not part of the problem'</i>
Learning/Classroom	At Bowen Road we... - Keep our hands and our feet to ourselves - Use the 5 Ls on the mat - Keep our chair legs on the floor - Walk and move carefully - Give people personal space	At Bowen Road we... - Share classroom materials - Tidy up after ourselves - Respect everyone's right to learn and the teachers right to teach - Are upstanders - Listen to others - Use inside, respectful voices	At Bowen Road we... - Celebrate differences - Don't have to be friends with everyone but we are kind to everyone. - Solve problems respectfully - Take pride in our work and try our best - Know how our book should look. - Keep our learning environment tidy
Playground/Toilets	At Bowen Road we... - Stay in our play area - Leave sticks and rocks on the ground - Tag on the shoulders - don't grab or push - Don't play fight – Hands off - Wash our hands with soap and water after using the bathroom - Let an adult know if there is a mess or spill	At Bowen Road we... - Share equipment - Talk to others with respect - Take turns at choosing what to play - Play by the rules of a game - Leave the toilet area clean to be fair to others that use it after us.	At Bowen Road we... - Include others in our play - Respect people's choices about who they play with - Check on anyone who looks upset and help them - Look after sports equipment by returning it back to the classroom and using it sensibly
Movement around the school	At Bowen Road we... - Walk in the courtyard, through doorways and around corners - Keep a look out if running	At Bowen Road we... - Be on time to class after breaks - Line up quietly outside classrooms - Keep to our line up order - Move into Assembly and Meet and Greet quietly	At Bowen Road we... Move quietly around classrooms when others are learning.

