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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

We were very excited to partner with AFL Tasmania in a regional launch of the Tasmania Devils AFL team in Campbell Town this week. Our students participated in this event by standing in markings that spelled DEVILS on the football club oval. Camera footage and drone shots looked fantastic and were featured widely in local and national media. AFL Tasmania then hosted skills clinics for our students. Former Richmond forward. Jack Riewoldt was in attendance and posed for photographs with a number of our students. We hope that in years to come, our students will remember their part in the foundation of Tasmania's AFL team.





The new DECYP values of Connection, Growth, Courage, Respect and Responsibility continue to be taught and celebrated in across the school. Ms Clegg, has led our secondary art students in the construction of a mural depicting the values on a blank wall of our electrical substation. It has brought life and colour to the building and celebrates the values that guide our school community.



Camps for Years 4-10 will occur next week. We have organised first term camps as part of our engagement and wellbeing strategies. The intention is for students to make connections with peers early in the year and to establish resilience, confidence and engagement with school programs.

Reading and literacy continues to be a high priority for our work at Campbell Town. Our teachers are working with a strong focus on implementing the DECYP reading priority by ensuring that instruction for all students is reflective of current research and evidence-based practices. We have extended the Macqlit reading intervention program that we commenced in the high school last year into the primary sector and we are really encouraged by the engagement and progress of the students.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been participating in NAPLAN assessments during the past week. We have been impressed with the courage, commitment and resilience displayed by all of our students. Our secondary student leaders have participated in the GRIP leadership conference and are developing their understandings about leadership and making a difference in the school community.

We are really encouraged by the improvement in school attendance this year. Our current school attendance has improved significantly on 2023 attendance rates and our attendance is above average for Tasmanian K-12 schools. Thank you to all families for your support in valuing every school day.

Kind Regards

Mike

7/8 SCIENCE

Our 7/8 Science class has started superbly! Our students are engaged and learning about chemistry and the different reaction types. So far, our students have separated sugar and water, cooked pancakes, separated iron from cereal, grown crystals with salt and made lava lamps. Through these experiments, students have learned how to write scientific reports, draw scientific diagrams and identify chemical and physical reactions.

Mrs Barber and Mrs Hodge

7/8 Science Teachers







# **GRADES 7 TO 10 HOSPITALITY**

What an amazing start we have had to the year.

Beautiful weather allowed us to harvest many goodies from the school garden, zucchini, tomatoes and apples which we turned into delicious French Apple Cakes and Chocolate Cake (yes, there is zucchini in chocolate cake).

The School Lunch Project was off to a fantastic start in Week 3, with delicious Butter Chicken and Caribbean Chicken in Week 5.

Students have found their groove and are committed to making the food look appetising for our dine in guests.

The second block of Hospitality is used to further improve cooking skills but to also look at the importance of hygiene and food allergies which have become such a commonality. Students will embark on a culinary journey in the coming weeks where they will bake, cook, and taste foods that are allergen conscious. We will be including gluten and lactose free options when we prepare food for functions, morning teas and other catering occasions.

I am very excited to see student's skills improve as they gain confidence in the kitchen.

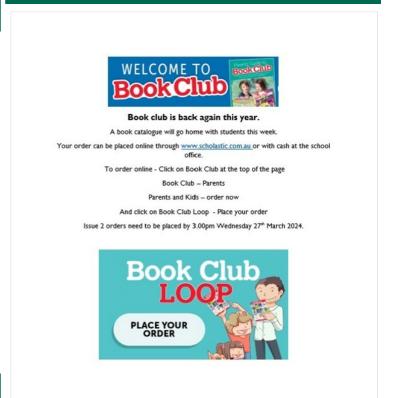
Yvonne Albers

Teacher





# BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 2



## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

The Campbell Town District High School Parents and Friends committee are again co-ordinating a Hot Cross Bun Drive with Banjo's. Banjo's will be donating 10% of all sales to the school.

Order forms and cash payment are due back to the school office by Monday 25 March and orders will be delivered to the school for collection on Thursday 28 March.



FEBRUARY 2024

# Reading in Tasmanian Government Schools



#### Learning to read sets you up for life

Reading is foundational to everything we do – learning, working, functioning in society.

Every young Tasmanian should have the reading skills they need when they leave our

This year all Tasmanian Government schools are taking steps to introduce a new way of teaching reading. This follows the latest national and international research about how our brains learn to read

#### What does the research say?

Children aren't born with natural skills in reading, like they are for walking and talking. They must develop new pathways in their brain to master this skill. It is a complex process.

Current research shows that reading can be broken down into a series of skills. This starts with phonics –the relationship between letters and sounds. In upper primary, secondary and college, the focus shifts to reading comprehension.

At every stage it's important that students master all the individual skills before moving on. This is the best way to set them up for success.

#### Our teachers are boosting their skills

From 2024 all our teachers will be undergoing training in how to teach reading based on the latest evidence.

Importantly, all staff from Kindergarten to Year 12 will be doing the same training. This means that by 2026, no matter where your child goes to school, they will be taught to become confident readers in the same way.

#### You might see changes at your school

All schools are at different stages with putting these changes in place. You and your child might notice these changes already happening at your school. Other schools will be working towards change by 2026.

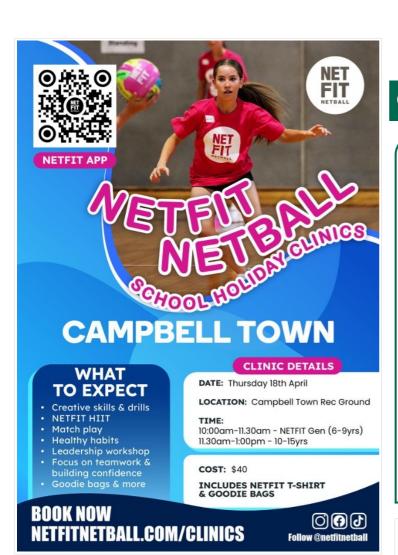
Read more about Tasmania's new approach to reading on the DECYP website.



Department for Education, Children and Young People

# READING INFORMATION

# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



# Cassie's Place

#### UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY

A Workshop Series for Children and their Parents/Carers Facilitated by Clinical Psychologists Sian Balmer and Cassie Xintavelonis



Are you interested in learning more about emotional wellbeing? Want to know how to best support your child to effectively manage their anxiety? Want to learn some practical strategies in a fun and safe environment?

Then our anxiety workshop is for you!

9:00am - 2:30pm Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

Learn why understanding our emotions is essential for wellbeing and healthy emotion regulation. Learn how emotions, specifically anxiety, can impact our behaviour. Participate in a practical workshop to learn strategies to effectively manage anxiety. Receive a resource pack with useful handouts to extend the learning at home.

Suitable for Children aged 7-12 accompanied by a parent/carer.

Cost \$195 per family

For tickets go to: https://www.trybooking.com/CPRTH or scan the QR Code

For all enquiries, including information on payment options, please contact 6288 7371 or Workshops@cassiesplace.com.au Numbers are limited so act quickly to secure your spot.



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### 2024 TERM DATES

Term 1: Thursday 8 February to Friday 12 April

(Thursday 28 March 11/12 Moderation Day)

(Easter Break Friday 29 March to Tuesday 2 April)

Term 2: Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

(Friday 7 June Kinder to Grade 10 Student Free Day, 11/12 students attend classes as normal)

Term 3: Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

(Friday 6 September 11/12 Moderation Day)

Term 4: Monday 14 October to Thursday 19 December

(Friday 1 November Kinder to Grade 10 Student Free Day, 11/12 students attend classes as normal)

"Together we will achieve"			Calendar Term 1 2024	
Week 7 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	21" Mar RACT visit - Kinder, Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students	22" Mar
NAPLAN Week 3	NAPLAN 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NAPLAN 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NAPLAN 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NAPLAN 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar
NAPLAN	Years 7 to 10 camp Years 4/5/6 Camp  11/12 Ag excursion - Watering Downs, Relbia	Years 7 to 10 camp Years 4/5/6 Camp	Years 7 to 10 camp Year 6 Camp Year 11/12 students - Moderation Day	Public Holiday - Good Friday
Week 9 1st Apr Public Holiday - Easter Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr  Public Holiday - Easter Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	5 <sup>th</sup> Apr
Week 10 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	11 <sup>th</sup> Apr Preliminary/Progress reports sent home	12 <sup>tt</sup> Apr
		Inter-High Swimming Carnival	Family afternoon tea/term 1 celebration 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Last Day of Term

"Toget	ther we will achieve'		Calendar Term 2 20	124
Week 1 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	1 <sup>st</sup> May	2 <sup>ne</sup> May	3" May
			Hydony	NMPSSA Hockey Gala Day - Year 5 and 6 students
Week 2 6 <sup>th</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>EL</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May
				Primary Sport commences
Week 3 13 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> May	15 <sup>th</sup> May	16 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May
				Primary Sport
Week 4 20 <sup>th</sup> May	21° May	22" May	23° May	24" May
				Primary Sport
Week 5 27 <sup>th</sup> May	28 <sup>th</sup> May	29 <sup>th</sup> May	30 <sup>th</sup> May	31 <sup>st</sup> May  Campbell Town Show
Week 6	4 <sup>th</sup> June	5th June	6th June	Primary Sport 7" June
3 <sup>rd</sup> June				Kinder to Grade 10 Student Free Day
Week 7 10 <sup>th</sup> June	11 <sup>th</sup> June	12th June	13 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> June
Public Holiday Kings Birthday			All Schools Cross Country - Secondary @ Symmons Plains	Primary Sport
Week 8 17 <sup>th</sup> June	18 <sup>th</sup> June	19 <sup>th</sup> June	20 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> June
	All Schools Cross Country - Primary ⊕ Symmons Plains			Primary Sport
Week 9 24 <sup>th</sup> June	25 <sup>th</sup> June	26 <sup>th</sup> June	27 <sup>th</sup> June	28 <sup>th</sup> June
			School Photo Day	Primary Sport
Week 10 1 <sup>st</sup> July	2 <sup>rd</sup> July	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	4 <sup>th</sup> July	5 <sup>th</sup> July
			Year 7 and 10 Immunisations	Country Gold Trials Last Day of Term 2

Dates subject to change without notice