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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear families,

Welcome to another edition of our fortnightly newsletter. With the very successful External School Review now behind us, I have enjoyed the opportunity to be more present in classrooms and around the school. Activities students have been engaged in recently have certainly been rich and varied. As well as those detailed below, I note that students have also embraced opportunities including the RACT Drivers Education Program and our Quad Bike and side by side safety program (one of the only ones in the State). We also had a visit from the Royal Flying Doctor Service on Wednesday and they taught most primary students about dental health and oral hygiene. Finally, Grade 4 to 10 students were inspired by a visit from the 2025 Tasmanian Australians of the Year Sam Elsom, Ariarne Titmus and Keren Franks earlier this week.

### National Science Week

This week, students have engaged in a variety of activities.

Some of the highlights of the week were the Grade 3 excursion to Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery on Wednesday. Students were filled with excitement as they got off the buses in the afternoon and teachers report that the exhibition was fabulous. My thanks to Mrs Fitzallen for organising and leading this excursion.

There was also an incredible celebration of National Science Week yesterday. Under the guidance of our Science and Art teacher, Mrs Barber, high school students have been working for weeks to put together a science expo. It all came together yesterday as our primary school students toured the exhibition. They saw rockets, learned how to make bouncy balls and sugar crystals, learned about how magnets work and so much more! It truly was inspiring to see the way that our high schoolers had

worked so hard to prepare their exhibitions and the enthusiasm and warmth with which they embraced our younger students.

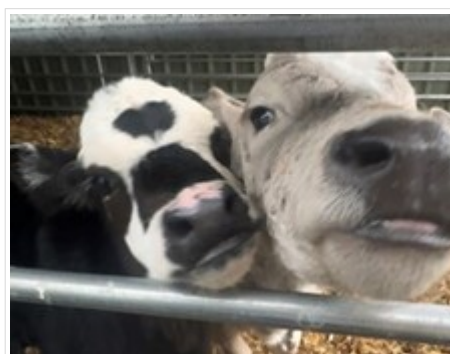
I will have exciting information to share related to Science and STEM soon (involving a significant grant to the school for some extension and enrichment activities in Term 4 and into 2026).

### National Book Week

Of course our focus on extra-curricular activities continues next week with National Book Week. With a variety of activities across the week, culminating in students and staff dressing as their favourite character on Thursday, it promises to be an exciting and interesting week. I look forward to reporting back on it in the future.

### Help us name our calves?

If you missed it on Facebook, please help us name our calves. Classes have put forward some names and now it is time to vote. I wonder if you, like me, are interested in trying to work out which names came from our younger students and which from our older ones? Please vote here: <https://forms.office.com/r/bCwy791mAK>



### Next School Association meeting

The next meeting is an opportunity to share more detail of the affirmation and recommendations following our recent School Review. It will be held on Monday 8th September at 9.00am and everyone is welcome.

Staffing changes

From the end of next week our Support AST Mrs Taylor-Hambleton will commence leave until the end of the term. Ms Rachel Hodge will backfill the important Support AST role during this time.

Mrs Lydon (our secondary AST) will also take on the key responsibilities aligned with our Instructional Specialist role from next week until the end of the year. Mrs Lydon will be responsible for monitoring and supporting our implementation of the Lifting Literacy priority and planning for further improvement next year.

To facilitate this, Mrs Lydon will share the Secondary Leadership role with Mr Tom Hodge. Mr Hodge is known and trusted by our secondary students and families and will, I know, continue the high levels of support currently offered by Mrs Lydon. Consequently, Ms Hoang will take on some of Mr Hodge’s teaching responsibilities. We will share more detailed information with families of affected classes soon.

Finally I want to give an early heads-up that we will again celebrate the end of term with another Big Breakfast on the last day of term (Friday 26th September). This morning will also serve as the culmination of Mental Health Week. Please save the date.

Thankyou for your ongoing support of the school as we work together to support the academic and social development of our young people.

In partnership,

David Bryant,  
Acting Principal



KINDERGARTEN

Our curious Kinder students are exploring measurement concepts this term. They have been exploring the vocabulary of length by learning to compare and describe using words like shortest and tallest. We love watching our little learners stretch their minds.

Kelsey Maconachie  
Teacher



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY 8 AUGUST 2025

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at our Primary Assembly on Friday 8 August 2025.

Student	Class	Value	Reason
Seth	Kinder	Courage	For trying new things that can be tricky like puzzles.
Mia	Kinder	Responsibility	For doing the very best she can with learning jobs.
Isla	Prep	Growth	For her effort and improvement in phonics.
Amberley	Prep	Growth	For her effort and improvement in phonics.
Jamie	Grade 1	Respect	For being kind, considerate and inclusive in the classroom and playground.
Ella	Grade 1	Growth	For taking responsibility for her learning and trying her best in all curriculum areas.
Sonny	Grade 1	Growth	For taking responsibility for his learning and trying his best in all curriculum areas.
Poppy-Rose	Grade 2	Courage	For showing courage in starting at CTDHS and showing progress with learning our classroom rules.
Olivia	Grade 2	Growth	For her persistence and growth when learning new words and sounds in UFLI.
Hollie	Grade 2	Growth	For showing perseverance with her reading during fluency.
Aubree	3A	Growth	For slowing down and taking time to complete tasks to the best of her ability.

Declan	3A	Growth	For accepting feedback about his work and trying hard to implement suggestions to improve.
Skyla	3B	Courage	Trying new things and taking on new challenges.
Fletcher	3B	Responsibility	Owning mistakes and working to fix them.
Rhys	3B	Responsibility	Consistently prioritising learning above all else.
Jackson	3B	Growth	Continuing to develop the ability to do difficult things.
Charlie	Grade 4	Courage	For showing resilience with change and unfamiliar situations.
Bailee	Grade 4	Respect	For being a kind and respectful class member.
Satsuki	Grade 5	Responsibility	For consistently demonstrating a high level of attention to detail in her work. She carefully checks instructions, ensures accuracy in her responses, and takes pride in presenting work that is thorough and well-considered.
Lachlan	Grade 5	Growth	For demonstrating an 'I Can' attitude by always giving his best effort and accepting feedback from teachers and peers to improve the quality of his work.
Stella	Grade 5	Growth	For showing encouraging growth in her persistence, particularly when navigating moments of uncertainty or changing her mind during learning tasks. She is more willing to commit to a strategy, reflect on its effectiveness, and adjust thoughtfully without giving up. This shift

			demonstrates a developing confidence in her decision-making and a stronger ability to persevere through uncertainty.
Hollie	Grade 6	Responsibility	For taking ownership in all of her learning tasks.
Sebastian	Grade 6	Growth	For his growth in Macqlit.
Aydon	Grade 6	Courage	Demonstrating grit during Word Origins.

## SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

You're invited to our  
**SCHOLASTIC Book Fair**

Books featured include:

- the SPEEDY SLOTH MEETS HER MATCH
- KILLIAN MEADPE
- BABY-SITTERS LITTLE SISTER
- the BAD GUYS
- STAGE STARS
- BRUNOCORN
- JACK HEATH SPY ACADEMY
- Gymnastics DIARIES

Event details:

- Date: 18<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August
- Time: 8:30am till 8:50am
- Place: The Hub
- Time: 3:pm till 3:30pm

Find these books and more at the Fair!

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

## STORYBOX LIBRARY

Tasmanian primary school students are being provided free access to StoryBox Library - a fun and educational digital library you can enjoy at home! StoryBox Library is a subscription-based website and app featuring Australian storytellers reading hundreds of much-loved children's books. It's a fantastic way to nurture your child's love of reading and



support their literacy development. With features like Read-Along, Closed Captions, Auslan stories, and engaging audio-visual content, StoryBox Library is designed to be inclusive and accessible for all children.



**To access StoryBox at home:**

- 1) Visit <http://storyboxhub.com>
- 2) Select LOG IN from the top right corner of the screen
- 3) Enter the username and password provided below
- 4) Discover the magic of storytelling and hundreds of stories at home on any device!
- 5) You can also download the free App version by searching for 'Story Box Library'.

USERNAME: CTDHS

PASSWORD: CTDHS





**StoryBoxHub**  
Australia's most celebrated digital literacy platform

## It's Dental Health Week!

DHW is the Australian Dental Association's major annual oral health campaign, aimed at raising awareness about the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene.

Our teeth play a vital role in nutrition, digestion, speech, and contribute to our facial structure and smile.

Maintaining good oral health and preventing gum inflammation can help reduce the risk of chronic conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, and cognitive decline, including Alzheimer's | disease.

To explore more resources and tips, visit the ADA's website: <https://www.teeth.org.au>

If you have any concerns and would like some support, feel free to contact your me through the school office or email [louise.hawkins@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:louise.hawkins@decyp.tas.gov.au)

Nurse Lou

Almost half of the Australian population has one or more chronic diseases – and yet...

**70%**

of people are not aware of the link between their oral health and chronic medical conditions.

Help kids reach every **Smilestone.**

More resources, support and information for parents and carers.



Oral diseases are connected to:

- Type 2 Diabetes
- Heart Disease
- Gum Issues
- Lung conditions
- Pregnancy complications
- Alzheimer's disease



SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES + 

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Children and Young People



## SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE

## STUDENT WELLBEING AND ENGAGEMENT SURVEY



**STUDENT WELLBEING AND ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**



At Campbell Town District High School, the wellbeing of our students is a top priority. We want to hear directly from our students about how they're feeling and what's happening in their lives.

Students in Years 4 to 13 will soon be participating in the *Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey*. This important survey helps us build a clear picture of our students' current wellbeing and identify ways we can better support them to thrive and engage in learning. The more students who take part, the more meaningful the insights will be.

This survey is part of the Department's *Child and Student Wellbeing Strategy*.

Survey Details:

When: From Monday 25 August 2025

Who: Years 4 to 13

What do I need to do: You and your child don't need to do anything. The survey will be done in class time and will not require your child to prepare in any way.

A letter with more information has been emailed to parents and carers of all Year 4 - 13 students. This includes a list of Frequently Asked Questions and a form to return if you do not want your child to participate.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact David Bryant or Laurindah Taylor-Hambleton.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure every student feels safe, supported, and ready to learn.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

The CTFC invites  
expressions of interest for a  
mini-league game!


When - 23<sup>rd</sup> August 10am -  
prior to our final home game


Where - CTFC Ground

Who - Children aged 8 to 11 years

Also if enough interest - there will be a  
kids clinic for 7 years and under run by  
some senior players at 9am.

If your child is interested in participating in  
either please contact Clinton on 0457 295 986

 **NEWSTEAD COLLEGE**





**FAMILY  
INFORMATION EVENING**

Year 10 students and parents/carers are invited  
to come and learn about our courses, facilities,  
programs, culture and student support.

**2026 COURSE & ENROLMENT INFORMATION**  
Tuesday 2 September 2025, 7.00 PM  
Newstead College Auditorium

**Enrolment information**  
Lana Davie  
6332 3278  
lana.davie@decyp.tas.gov.au

  
Scan to RSVP

 **Tasmanian  
Government**

**WWW.NEWSTEADCOLLEGE.EDUCATION.TAS.EDU.AU**

 **positive partnerships**  
Working together to support autistic school-aged students

**Free workshop**

**1 Day Autism  
Workshop  
for Parents  
and Carers**

**Campbell Town, TAS**

 Scan the  
QR code or  
[click here](#)  
to register



This workshop is for parents, full time  
carers and grandparents.

 **Thursday**  
4 September, 2025  
9:15am to 3:00pm

 **The Grange Estate**  
4A Commonwealth Lane  
CAMPBELL TOWN TAS 7210

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

 **Interpreters available upon request**

**During the workshop  
you will learn about:**

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with  
your child's school.

Learn more about autism  
and ways to strengthen  
the partnership between  
home and school.

For more information or to register visit:  
 [www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC)  
 [jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au](mailto:jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au) or  
[smidwood@positivepartnerships.com.au](mailto:smidwood@positivepartnerships.com.au)

 0477 574 746 or  
0461 324 758

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2025 TERM DATES

Term 3: Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September

(Friday 31 October Kinder to Grade 12 Student Free Day)

Term 4: Monday 13 October to Thursday 18 December



"Together we will achieve"

#### Calendar Term 3 2025

<b>Week 4</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>12<sup>th</sup> August</b>  Newstead College Careers Expo – Grade 11-13 students	<b>13<sup>th</sup> August</b>  Grades 3A and 3B excursion – QVMAG, Launceston  Secondary Sport  Quad Bike training – selected students	<b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b>  Quad Bike training – selected students	<b>15<sup>th</sup> August</b>  Primary Sport v Cressy @ Cressy
RACT driving lessons	Science Week	Science Week	Science Week	Science Week
<b>Week 5</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>
Book Week	Book Week	Book Week	Book Week Dress Up Day	Primary Sport v Cressy @ Cressy
<b>Week 6</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> August</b>
11/12/13 Learning Conversations 3.10pm to 5.00pm  Primary Assembly, 2.10pm	11/12/13 Learning Conversations 3.10pm to 5.00pm  Grades 3A and 3B excursion – Hollybank Reserve  Secondary Sport	11/12 Ag excursion – Watering Downs, Relbia  Grades 3A and 3B excursion – Hollybank Reserve  Secondary Sport	11/12 Sport and Rec excursion – St Marys CHS  11/12 Sport and Rec excursion – Oatlands Aquatic Centre	Primary Sport v Bracknell/Mole Creek @ CT
<b>Week 7</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> September</b>
RACT driving lessons	Secondary Sport	Secondary Sport	11/12 Sport and Rec excursion – Cradle Mountain	Primary Sport v Westbury @ Westbury
<b>Week 8</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Hospitality class excursion – Drysdale, Launceston  School Association Meeting 9.00am	Bravehearts visit – Kinder to Grade 2	11/12 Ag excursion – Rokeby, Campbell Town  Secondary Sport	Kinder to Grade 10 Evidence of Learning open afternoon	Country Gold trial games
<b>Week 9</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Grades 5 and 6 excursion – Hollybank Reserve	Secondary Sport	Secondary Sport	Primary Assembly, 2.10pm	Primary Sport v Evandale @ CT
<b>Week 10</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> September</b>
RACT driving lessons	Secondary Sport	Secondary Sport	Country Gold Carnivals	Big Breakfast  Mental Health Expo

Dates subject to change without notice

