



Howrah News

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CALENDAR

5 February

Welcome back to school!

10 February

Regatta Day (public holiday)

13 February

Children's University Parent Meeting 3:15pm – 3:45pm

17 February

LiL commences

20 February

Year 6 Leadership Day (Orana)

28 February

- Howrah 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Clean Up Australia Day

19 March

School Photos Day 1

23 March

School Photos Day 2

9 April

Last day of Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Families

Welcome back everyone, we are delighted to be able to work with you again this year. I trust you had a relaxing break and enjoyed some valuable family time together. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new families. I would like to also welcome our new staff. We are certainly lucky to have such a dedicated and hard-working team. Many hours have already gone into planning and preparation from the whole team at Howrah. I thank all staff including office staff, cleaners, grounds staff, teachers and teacher assistants for their dedication. We were also incredibly fortunate as a staff to start the beginning of our professional partnership with world class speaker Kath Murdoch who worked with all staff on Tuesday this week.

For many in Australia this summer was an unsettling time and we acknowledge all families who are connected to someone affected by bushfires. We all want to help and for this reason we will hold a fundraiser in the next few weeks with students nominating the charity recipient.

Please come and say hello! I look forward to working with you all again this year.

Kind regards

Sue Bullen - Principal



STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent it is important that you notify the school on the day by calling the absentee line.

6246 6366

or

SMS 0418 159 088

We need you to provide
- the child's name, your name, your relationship to the child and a detailed reason for the absence.

If you are unable to do this, we require a short note explaining the reason for the absence.

LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

Our Launching into Learning Program caters for children aged from birth to age 5. Sessions are conducted in our Kindergarten on Mondays from 9:15am – 10:45am.

Children enrolled to attend Kindergarten in 2021 are invited to join the Launching into Learning program for Term 1, prior to Pre Kinder commencing.

Sessions commence on Monday 17 February.

DENTAL WASTE RECYCLING

Year 5HP are collecting used

- Toothpaste tubes and caps
- Toothbrushes
- Toothbrush and toothpaste outer packaging
- Floss containers

and organising to have those waste products recycled.

Please support this initiative!

Staffing for 2020

Kinder	Wendy Cracknell, Lucy Warrillow-Williams, Anna Birch, Angela Mason
Prep	Rachael Bromfield, Chris Gibbons/Natalie Towns, Alana Cooper, Judy Cordwell
Year 1	Wai Chan, Maddy Carver, Claire Cotton/Amy Metcalfe
Year 1/2	Alice Brown
Year 2	Anne Parisi, Sarah Brand/Amy Metcalfe, Sarah Williams
Year 3	Di Heddle/Natalie Towns, Alison Gardner/Natalie Towns, Ana Prior/John Heffernan
Year 3/4	Tania Sierink
Year 4	Tom Watt/John Heffernan, Emma Hughes
Year 5	Wendy Wing, Ben Allanby
Year 5/6	Kate Howell, Mikayla Matic
Year 6	Jenny Hansen/Rachel Page, Deb Joseph
PE	Scott Broadby
Music	Karen Matthews and Alison Mahoney / Band: Simon Reade (Wednesday afternoons)
French	Janet Mitchell
Literacy Coach	Belinda Simpson
Support Teacher	Toni Tarbarth, Anita Tujula, Nicole Eckardt
Art	Deborah Henderson
Wellbeing	Tom Watt and Lucy Warrillow-Williams
Maths Support in class/Additional programs	Ian Reeves
LiL and LIFT	Robyn Fazackerly and Claire Bradley
Office Staff	Gill Shadbolt, Maree McGee, Brittany Henderson and Frances Berndt

UNIFORM

Lowes are the new supplier of uniform for our school. Lowes have advised that some sizes of the girl's summer dress and polo tops are not currently available. Until these items are available, students may wear a plain 'bottle green' (preferably polo shirt) short sleeved top. The delay in the supply of these items will only be during the transitional arrangements with the new suppliers. Plenty of stock in all sizes will be available moving forward. More information will be provided in relation to the expected date of delivery into the store for these items when it is available from Lowes.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Please "like" our school Facebook page, which we will keep updated with information for your convenience.

2020 SCHOOL LEVIES

The school levies for 2020 have been finalised and ratified by the School Association. Levies for year 5 will increase in 2020 due to the introduction of a Year 5 Leadership day. Levies for all other year levels will remain the same:

Kindergarten	\$148.00
Prep, 1, 2	\$218.00
Year 3 & 4	\$253.00
Year 5	\$293.00
Year 6	\$299.00

SCHOOL HOURS

Howrah Primary School hours are 8:30am to 3:00pm.

It is important that parents/carers do not bring children to school before school hours because there is no supervision of students at that time. Similarly, it is important parents/carers either collect their children at the end of the school day, arrange for them to catch the bus home or make other collection arrangements so students are not left unsupervised at the end of the school day.

Unsupervised students may engage in dangerous play or put themselves in dangerous locations.

Parents/carers are responsible for their child outside school hours unless they have accessed school-based childcare during these times.

STUDENT DRIVEN LEARNING

Yesterday our staff were very excited to participate in Professional Learning focusing on the importance of generic learning skills and dispositions (our learning assets) within an inquiry context, led by Kath Murdoch (Teacher, Author and International Educational Consultant). Our Inquiry approach to learning emphasises the need for learners to be curious, independent, self-aware and active, which in turn promotes higher order thinking and deep contextual understanding. The learning assets, (skills and dispositions) foundational to learning for life are embedded across the curriculum meeting the 21st Century General Capabilities within the Australian Curriculum. You may notice a more visible presence of our five learning assets across the school in these first few weeks: the ability to **think** deeply and creatively; to **research** critically and efficiently; to **communicate** effectively; to **collaborate** with others and to **self-manage** this with initiative and confidence and independence. Stay tuned for more evidence of how we power up our learning using these assets through our inquiries in our newsletters as the year proceeds.



STUDENT MEDICATION

If your child/ren require any medication (prescribed or over the counter) during school hours, please ensure the mandatory consent forms are received by the school office immediately.

The *Administration of Medication Authorisation* form (parents/carers and doctor/pharmacist) must be completed in **all** cases of medication administration. When a student is assessed by their medical practitioner as being capable of self-administering their medication, they can be permitted to do so. This information must be recorded on their *Administration of Medication Authorisation* forms.

<https://howrahprimary.education.tas.edu.au/medical-forms/>

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Our Canteen is managed by Judy Harrison and is open 3 days a week - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are able to volunteer for an hour or two just one day per month, especially on a Friday, please contact Judy on 6246 6333 or 0409 442 832. No experience is necessary and your contribution to the school community would be greatly appreciated! Lunch is provided to all volunteers! A registration to work with vulnerable people is required. An online application can be completed at:

www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, CALL 1300 135 513 FOR ASSISTANCE.

VOLUNTEERING AT HOWRAH PRIMARY

Volunteers at Howrah Primary are required to hold a Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. Unless volunteers have a WWVP card they will not be able to work/volunteer at the school.

Examples of Activities that would require a WWVP:

- An off school campus excursion with parent/carer/s attending;
- Parent/carer/s reading with children in the classroom;
- Parent/carer/s actively engaging in supervisory aspects of a walkathon/swimming event/sports days; and
- Parents/carers cooking with a small group of children or helping out at the canteen.

Examples of Activities that would NOT require a WWVP:

- Parents/carers attending a whole school assembly;
- Parents/carers attending a walkathon/swimming event/sports day as spectators only; and
- Parents/carers attending to watch a school play.

TEAM GEORGE

During Term 1 *Team George* are endeavouring to raise awareness of brain cancer alongside raising funds for George McNees and his family. Students will be invited (on a date TBA) to wear something purple to school and bring a gold coin donation.

George McNees was diagnosed with the brain cancer Ependymoma when he was 11 months old. After being in remission for a year, he had a relapse early in 2019 and is still fighting his battle. The family have relocated temporarily to Melbourne for George to participate in a world first trial for his condition. George turns 5 this April and was meant to start kindergarten at Howrah Primary - along with the rest of his buddies - in February.

His older sister, Arabella, attended Howrah Primary in 2018 and 2019. The family have planted their roots in the community of Howrah. It would be much appreciated if we, as a school community, could rally around George, Arabella and their parents, Sarah and Darren.

Team George is a group of walkers and runners that formed together and enter fun runs to represent and support George and his family. It is wonderful we have multiple members among the parents and students at Howrah Primary. Our next fun run is 23 February in which multiple families are entered in the Run the Bridge race.

If you would like to be a part of *Team George* and join us in the Run the Bridge, then please contact Emily Lambert (via Messenger or emily.lambert@education.tas.gov.au). Otherwise we thank you in advance for your amazing support when we hold a day of purple for George.

Emily (parent)



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