



Howrah News

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CALENDAR

20 February

Year 6 Leadership Day
(Orana)

28 February

Howrah Year 3-6 'Fun
and Run' Athletics
Carnival

3 March

Meet the Teacher
3:15pm – 4:45pm

5 March

Children's University –
Parent Information
Session 3:15pm –
4:15pm

9 March

Public Holiday – 8 hour
day

13 March

SPSSA Div D Interschool
Athletics Carnival

18 March

- SPSSA Div A
Interschool Athletics
Carnival
- School Photos Day 1

23 March

School Photos Day 2

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Families

We would like to welcome you to an Open Classroom Afternoon on Tuesday 3 March from 3:15 – 4:45pm. Teachers will be in their learning spaces to talk about the program they offer and to get to know you. Building a strong partnership with your child's teacher is one of the keys to success for all students. All teachers will have a brochure to share and there will be information about the recent work with Kath Murdoch on the Learner Assets. As part of our bushfire fundraising, the Parents and Friends Committee will be joining SRC representatives to sell ice-cream cones at ice-cream stations around the school. SRC representatives, who will be presented to the school community at this Friday's Assembly, will be researching charities that are supporting those heavily affected by recent bushfires and will choose one or two to support. The chosen charities will be announced soon. A coffee van will also be onsite. In the meantime, please save the date for this important community event.

On Monday 23 March, staff and the Parents and Friends Committee, would like to invite all parents to join Lisa Ford, a clinical psychologist, to hear her speak about how we as parents and educators can help to build resilience in our children. Please see the attached flyer for information about the topics Lisa will discuss at this event. The event will be held in the evening at school and the exact starting time will be announced in next week's newsletter.

CARPARK ISSUES

For the carpark to work efficiently, we all need to work together to use this space. The pick-up/drop-off zone, parallel to the oval, is not a parking zone. If one person leaves their car, there is then a backflow of people who cannot access the area. If you are waiting for someone at the end of the day, this zone can be used as a standing zone for a couple of minutes only. Similarly, the purpose of disabled parking bays is to primarily assist those who have students with additional needs. Additionally, please ensure your children use the walking paths and do not walk through the actual carpark or between cars as you make your way to the visitor parking in the Kinder area.

CANTEEN

The Canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during recess and lunch breaks. Please use the Qkr! app, or alternatively write the student's name, class teacher and lunch order clearly on a brown paper bag and enclose correct money.

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.



This is also a polite reminder that the carpark is a 'go slow zone'. We ask that all cars maintain a crawling pace with so many children around. There are signs indicating staff parking and speed limits.

We recognise that with over 680 students, the school was never built to accommodate large numbers of cars. One solution is to help your children recognise the importance of physical health and park further away and walk to school together when time permits. Let's all work together to make this part of the school safe and accessible for everyone.

Kind regards

Sue Bullen - Principal

HOWRAH LAUNCHES A NEW VISUAL ART PROGRAM

We are delighted to start our Art Program today with Deborah Henderson as our art teacher. The Arts develop a child's creativity, which in turn, spills over into academic achievement. An Arts Program is also another opportunity for our students to foster confidence and perseverance. The timetable is split into two semesters and all children from Prep to Year 6 will participate in the program across the whole of the year. Those students who are in the semester one program, will have lessons for term one and two. Thank you to the Parents and Friends Committee who donated \$10 000 to go towards art materials and some of the cost of refurbishment. The art room is in the room next to the Multi-Purpose Hall. Please visit it during open classroom afternoon on the 3 March to witness its complete transformation. This is an exciting space for everyone!



FRENCH EXTENSION CLASS

This year, French Extension is being offered to students in the Primary years, by expression of interest for Years 5 and 6 or by invitation. The course will consist of an extra 40 minute lesson of French per week in addition to normal French lessons and will take place during school hours. There has been a lot of interest so there may be a waiting list and a semester based program. French Extension will involve a focus on writing, speaking, responding, viewing and listening in sentences through:

- conversation
- grammar
- music
- poetry
- online interactive learning
- cultural studies

The application process will determine entrance to the course. Students will be required to submit a short paragraph detailing their interest and commitment to learning French and the assets they feel they would bring to the class. Examples of assets may be persistence, curiosity, resilience or courage. Students do not need to be experts in French but will need to display a growth mindset.

Please return forms to Madame as soon as possible. Thank you.

Madame Mitchell

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

21 February 2020

2:00pm

Multi-Purpose Hall

Led by – SRC

FACEBOOK PAGE

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

2020 SCHOOL LEVIES

School levies for Year 5 have increased in 2020 due to the introduction of a Year 5 Leadership day. Levies for all other year levels remain the same:

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

DENTAL WASTE RECYCLING

Year 6HP 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!



ASSEMBLY ROSTER TERM 1

Date	Group	Sharing/Leading
7 Feb	No assembly	
14 Feb	No assembly	
21 Feb	Whole School Assembly	SRC
28 Feb	No assembly	3-6 Athletics Carnival
6 March	A	5A, 5/6M, 6J
13 March	B	3PH, 3HT, 3GT
20 March	C	4H, 4HW, 3/4S
27 March	A	2BM, 2P, 2W
3 April	B	1Ch, 1Ca, 1CM, 1/2B

A - 5A, 5/6M, 6J- 5W, 5/6H, 6HP- 2BM, 2P, 2W

B - 1WC, 1MC, 1CM, 1/2B- 3PH, 3HT, 3GT (Kinders invited T3)

C - Prep Cooper, Prep GT, Prep B, Prep Cordwell- 4H, 4HW, 3/4S

YEAR 3-6 'FUN AND RUN' ATHLETICS DAY – 28 FEBRUARY

Parents, carers and family members are welcome to come along and enjoy our school 'Fun and Run' Athletics Day with us from 9:30am to 2:45pm on Friday 28 February. The main focus of the day is on participation. Our fun activity stations will be run by the Clarence High Sports Leaders.

It would be great if students could please wear appropriate shoes, house coloured t-shirts if possible (*Banksia – Green, Waratah – Red, Acacia – Yellow*), hats and sunscreen and bring any medication, drink, healthy snacks etc.

A program with the events and times is attached to this newsletter. Some events will need to be run at recess and lunch times during the week of our carnival. Students will be given at least two days notice to get prepared.

Following the 'Fun and Run' Athletics Day, two Howrah Primary Interschool teams will be selected and entered, giving more students the opportunity to represent our school and experience interschool competition.

Scott Broadby - PE Teacher



HOUSE CAPTAINS

House meetings will be held this week to announce House Captains. We would like to wish all the candidates the best of luck and congratulate them for their courage in applying!

Good Luck!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

February

- **17 February** – FitKids
Classes run every Monday and Thursday afternoon at 4pm Glenorchy Health and Fitness
- **20 February** -
Underwater Hockey held at Clarence Pool. Come-and-try session for Years 5-6 from 7:30pm – 8:30pm
- **23 February** – Hobart
Run the Bridge
Use the discount code **SCHOOLS** to enter online at www.hobartrunthebridge.com.au
- **29 February** - Westerway Primary School is celebrating its 100th anniversary. All past and present students, staff and parents are invited from 10am-3pm.
- **29 February – 4 April** –
Coder College
Enrol now at cctl.eventbrite.com.au

March

- 5-12 year old Learn to Surf Programs. To book, visit www.coastrider.com.au

For more information about these events, please see our noticeboard.

PALS (PARTNERS AS LITERACY SUPPORT) NEEDED

The PALS program will recommence shortly at Howrah Primary School for 2020.

PALS offer support in Literacy across the school. Students, who would benefit from additional help, work with their assigned PALS on a range of reading and writing tasks. All training for the program and resources are supplied. PALS will meet as a group to share success stories, new ideas and to look at the resources available.

More PALS are needed. Please contact Mrs Fazackerley if you are interested in joining the program or would like to know more.

robyn.l.fazackerley@education.tas.gov.au

PALS coordinator

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Mr Reeves is available in the library between 8:30am and 8:50am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to stamp Children's University passports.



CANTEEN

Due to an increase in the cost of supplies, there have been some increases in price for items sold from the canteen this year. Please see the attached Canteen Menu for updated prices. This menu is also available on the school website.

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!

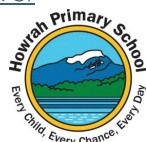
SCHOLASTIC

The first issue will be distributed this afternoon, apologies for the delay. The order cut off for the first order will be Friday 28 February, which is only a short time but the second issue should be back on schedule! Thank you for your patience.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Fundraising Facebook Page

Have you liked the P&F Fundraising page yet? Get all the latest news re fundraising, events, and some great offers from local businesses to help with our fundraising efforts. <https://www.facebook.com/Howrah-Primary-School-Fundraising-549669868445295/>



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