



Howrah News

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CALENDAR

28 February

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

3 March

Meet the Teacher 3:15pm – 4:45pm

4 March

Winter Sport Roster Round 1:

- Lindisfarne v Howrah

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

- Year 3/4 Sierink/Bradley excursion to Molesworth
- School Photos Day 2

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Families

Last Friday at assembly, we recognised and celebrated our first group of SRC leaders for the year. Students, working with staff and parents, add to the vital life of our school. By working together, we help build a strong sense of community. Congratulations to the following students who will represent their classes for the first two terms:

3PH	3HT	3GT	4HW	4H	3/4S
Ethan Ruby	Mitchell Harriet	Dexter Jake	Finn April	Toby Ashton	Grace Leo
5W	5A	5/6M	5/6H	6J	6HP
Zara Chloe	Imogen Leon	Harriet Christy	Lucas Saskia	Gwyneth Jasmine	Evie Jack

We look forward to our first SRC meeting on Monday at lunch time to help lead our whole school community. Students will be helping at our ice-cream fundraiser with the P & F on the 3 March from 3:15-4:45pm at 'Meet the Teacher'. Please join us for this event.

I would also like to congratulate the House Captains and Vice-Captains who were announced on Monday and will be assisting at the Year 3-6 'Fun and Run' Athletics Day. Our House Captains and Vice-Captains are:

ACACIA	BANKSIA	WARATAH
Captains: Henry and Alice	Captains: Tom and Evie	Captains: Brendan and Kanako
Vice-Captains: Lucas and Rita	Vice-Captains: Jack and Eliza	Vice-Captains: Kallan and Emily

Kind regards
Sue Bullen - Principal

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.



YEAR 5 TEAMWORK

Our Year 5 students had a team-building day on Thursday, 20 February. Students participated in several Trust and Teamwork Games organised by Jo Cordell-Cooper. The activities enabled our students to further research their thinking around 'What makes a great community of learners?'. There was a focus on supporting each other, having a sense of team culture and fostering mutual respect whilst celebrating our commonalities and our diversity. *"We learnt skills to work with our peers, especially how to communicate more effectively"* (Year 5 student).



The day also included two guest speakers from the Hobart Hurricanes, Sam Bates and Riley Meredith. They spoke to a very attentive group about team culture, or 'the way we do things around here', and that every group, whether it is a sports team or a school, has its own culture. They also spoke making sure you get your values right and that sticking to them is important. This complements work in classrooms on identifying their ideal culture for their class and how they will make this happen. I spoke to one of our Year 5 students about their takeaway messages from the day who said: *"you may have really good cricket skills, but you need to be a good person first. Then you will be a good communicator and leader"*.



YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP DAY

"Self-management, good communication skills and resilience were some of the qualities of leadership I hadn't really thought about before" (Year 6 student)

What are the assets of a great leader? This was the question our Year 6 students were researching on our extended excursion on Thursday, 20 February. The Outdoor Education program focuses on building leadership capacity in Year 6 students whilst exploring self-management skills and building teamwork. Student leadership activities link strongly with learning about citizenship and the processes involved in a democracy in Year 6. They assist all students to learn about, and exercise, the rights and responsibilities of participating in a community that values social justice.

I spoke to Scott Broadby, who coordinated the day, about its aims and objectives.

"Through a range of fun and practical activities we aim to instill some sense of responsibility and a strong sense of our school values; it's not just about being in Year 6 and being the oldest and telling everyone else what to do; that's not leadership. We talk about our Year 6 students being role-models for our younger students, and we're asking them to stand up for themselves (and sometimes stand up to their peers). This is a big ask and today is about supporting our students to make the right choices and giving them the skills and confidence, they need".

Catherine Grace
Assistant Principal

NO ASSEMBLY

No assembly this week due to the Year 3-6 'Fun and Run' Athletics Day.

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!



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 2020 – CONGRATULATIONS!

On Friday, we held House Meetings to elect House Captains for 2020. Well done to those students who had the courage to speak in front of their peers and deliver a speech on why they should be elected. We congratulate our House Captains and Vice-Captains for 2020.



Absent: Lucas

GET YOUR TICKET TO PLAY AND JOIN A CLUB IN 2020!

Ticket to Play is a Tasmanian Government initiative designed to reduce the cost of participating in club sporting activities. Tasmanian children aged 5 to 17 may be eligible for a voucher of up to \$100 towards club membership.

Children who are listed on a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, or who are in Out of Home Care are eligible.

Apply for a voucher at <https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/ticket-to-play>

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

February

- **26 February - 1 April** – Aussie Hoops Term 1
Want to be part of Aussie Hoops this term? If so, head to www.hobartbasketball.com.au to register
- **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 cct1.eventbrite.com.au

March

- Howrah Junior Soccer Club – Registrations are now open for the upcoming soccer season. Registrations close on 14 March. For more information, search 'Howrah Junior Soccer club' on Facebook.
- Starfish Nippers Event – Starfish Nipper is a surf life saving skills program designed for children and young adults with a disability 6 years and older. For more information and to register, visit <https://slst.wufoo.com/forms/mlqj192o1ja6b3/>
- 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.

WINTER SPORT ROSTER

This year, Howrah Primary Year 6 students will again be participating in the Schools Sports Roster with other schools in the Clarence municipality. Games will be played in Term 1 to avoid cancellation due to inclement weather.

Students will play netball and football. We are providing 1 football and 2 netball teams for each of the 6 rounds. Games commence at 1:00pm.

Round 1 begins next week on Wednesday 4 March Lindisfarne v Howrah at Lindisfarne.

Mrs Hanson will coordinate the netball teams and Mrs Joseph the football team.

More information will be sent home later in the week.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

MEET THE TEACHERS, TUESDAY 3 MARCH - ICE-CREAM STALL!

Next Tuesday, the P&F, with help from the SRC, will be selling ice-cream cones for \$2 to raise money for the bushfire relief efforts. After everyone has had a wander through the classrooms, and met teachers, we will have an ice-cream stall set up at both the gazebo and near the Kinder classrooms. We will start scooping at 3:30pm. We will also have leftover fundraising tea towels for sale, as well as some of the last uniform items (very limited supplies available). There will also be a coffee van on site for the duration, feel free to bring a reusable cup.

NEW ART PROGRAM

The P&F are happy to announce at the end of last year we donated \$10 000 towards the start-up costs of the new Art Program. Some classes have already commenced their programs and have been enjoying it immensely! The art space is located adjacent to the Multi-Purpose Hall and will also be open next Tuesday, so feel free to stop by and have a look.

MATHS FUNDING

Last week at the P&F meeting, it was decided to donate \$10 000 towards new classroom Maths supplies for the whole school to enjoy.

NEXT MEETING 23 MARCH

We are still finalising our donation goals this year. Everyone is welcome to come and pitch an idea for a fundraiser or something to spend our money raised on.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE P&F:

Next Meeting - 23 March

Easter Raffle Free Dress day - 20 March

Easter raffle drawn - 6 April

Mothers Day Stall - 7 and 8 May

Quiz Night - 15 May



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