



Howrah News

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CALENDAR

3 April

- Last day of Term 1
- **Purple Dress Up for George Day**

27 April

- First day of Term 2

In line with the latest advice from the Minister of Education, all assemblies, excursions, travel, fetes and fairs, concerts (with audiences), all sports carnivals, school camps and parent teacher meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

A REMINDER FOR EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

If you were one of the lucky winners in the Easter Raffle, please collect your prize from the office ASAP. Thank you!

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Families

I hope you are all well and managing as best you can in these difficult and uncertain times. If you are now learning at home with your children, we trust you are enjoying this extra time together. Learning at home looks different to learning at school. Being flexible about the day while trying to establish a regular routine for learning, especially in the morning, will be one of the keys to success. Remember outside time in the backyard is also very valuable for everyone's well-being.

The learning packs we have available on our website are intended to be a self-sufficient tool for your family the next two weeks. We deliberately included a lot of paper-based activities which do not require any internet access once you have accessed the learning packs. We also included fun based activities where learning still occurs. Card games and board games are learning opportunities too. This balance of online and offline/inside and outside activities will continue to be provided into next term. We deliberately avoided students needing any login or passwords at the moment to avoid any confusion for families. These logins, user names and passwords for Office 356 and other online educational supports, will be mailed out to you either this week or next week. Please keep an eye out in your letterbox.

The DoE is unsure about how schools will look next term. We are preparing for any eventuality at this stage. Therefore, our staff are undertaking Department of Education training this week to use Office 365 which will be the main way we communicate learning to you next term. Seesaw will also be used. Work packs will be emailed to families next term, rather than everything going onto our webpage. We will be releasing one week's worth of learning every week next term. Next week our staff will be working on planning next term's work as well as undertaking a whole range of other professional learning.

We are still holding our SRC fundraiser this Friday. Even though we have most of our students learning at home now, we still want to proceed with our Friday Fundraiser for George, one of our Kinder students. We ask you to wear something purple as George loves the Hurricanes. You can make an online donation via the Qkr! app from as little as two dollars. Students who are here at school, are welcome to make a cash donation.

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

We will advise when Launching into Learning recommences.

Thank you for your understanding.

FACEBOOK PAGE

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

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2021

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2021! All children born in 2016, who live in the area or have a sibling attending Howrah Primary School, are able to enrol now for Kinder next year. Please see the school office for an enrolment pack or alternatively email:

howrah.primary@education.tas.gov.au



A WORD FROM OUR CHAPLIAN

Hi, my name is Michael. I started at Howrah Primary School as Chaplain two weeks ago, working on-site on Thursdays. Last August, my family moved to Hobart from Melbourne after we built our new home in Sorell. I have a wife and two daughters, aged five and three. Over the past two Thursdays, I have spent time getting to know students and teachers, both through spending time in various classrooms and through being present in the playground during recess and lunchtime.



My primary role is to be a support to the whole school community in any way that I can; I am here to serve where needed.

PURPLE DRESS UP FOR GEORGE DAY - FRIDAY 3 APRIL

The SRC will be holding a fundraiser for one of our students, George McNees who has gone to Melbourne for urgent medical treatment. Our idea is to raise money for George and his family at this tough time. We would like you to wear a piece of **purple clothing, purple ribbon, purple socks, purple accessories or anything purple** and make a gold coin donation (either in cash at school or via the Qkr! app if you are learning from home). George loves the Hurricanes and this is why we picked **purple** as the colour.

Please join us this Friday 3 April for our **Purple Dress Up for George Day!**

Thank you for your support.

Jack 6HP

NILS TASMANIA HELPING PARENTS WITH SCHOOL COSTS

The NILS Network of Tasmania can help parents with the associated costs of purchasing a computer, laptop or tablet.

If you receive a Centrelink benefit, you are eligible to apply. Please visit www.nilstasmania.org.au or call 1300 301 650 to find out more.

NILS Network of Tasmania Inc. is a not-for-profit community organization funded by the State and Federal Governments.

A MESSAGE FOR OUR STUDENTS LEARNING FROM HOME

We hope your learning journey at home with family members is going well!



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