



Howrah News

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CALENDAR

8 June

Public holiday

24 June

Alliance Française Poster Competition – posters due to Madame Mitchell

3 July

Last 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.

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start back now that most children have been able to return to school. It is a delight to welcome children in the morning who are full of excitement about their return to school learning and their ability to be with their friends. Thank you for all the support and very positive feedback we received in person or by email from families over the past several weeks while we were under lockdown conditions.

I would like to take this opportunity as we are now all back, to remind all parents/carers about the school's *Respectful School Volunteer and Visitor Behaviour Policy*. This policy can be found on the website and is also attached to this week's newsletter. The document is based on the Department of Education's policy which requires that all interactions at every school in Tasmania must be respectful. The term 'visitors', which appears in the document, includes all people to our site both inside buildings and anyone using the grounds for any reason including visiting the carpark or waiting at school to collect their children.

This is a timely reminder that many schools have no carpark facilities for parents/carers and while we recognise the restricted amount of spaces at Howrah Primary is tricky for everyone, we ask all visitors to the site to use respectful behaviour and patience with the increased pressure in this space due to the increased number of families currently dropping off and collecting children. For those families who are unsure, the only parent/carer and visitor parking is up near the Kindergarten. Many families choose to park close by and walk in and this is an excellent idea as it promotes a healthy lifestyle and models this lifestyle to our children. The drop off zone can't function as a parking area as it blocks all cars trying to drive through to collect their children.

I would also like to remind all parents/carers and family members that when you are waiting for your children, either before or after school, you observe physical distancing between yourselves and other adults. We base this request off the Department of Health recommendations. Please find other ways to catch up offsite rather than congregate in close knit groups on the oval. It is important we also model this as well as continuous respectful behaviour in front of our children.

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.

CANTEEN

The Canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for lunch orders. There will be *no counter sales* or *sushi sales* until further notice. 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

DUTY OF CARE

Our staff has a duty of care for students from 8:30am to 3:00pm.

FACEBOOK PAGE

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

Finally, I would like to remind parents and carers that the videoing of other families or children at school without their permission is not allowed and again we must be respectful of this critical privacy matter. It is made in consideration of student safety; not every child has permission to be filmed for legal reasons. Adults cannot be filmed without their permission.

I take this opportunity to mention these matters because parents/carers are of course the biggest influence on their children and the role model you set is very important; children watch our every move. We want to have a healthy and safe school where everyone feels they belong. Indeed, this is the Australia we want for our children and we all have a critical part to play in this endeavour.

Best wishes for a terrific week.

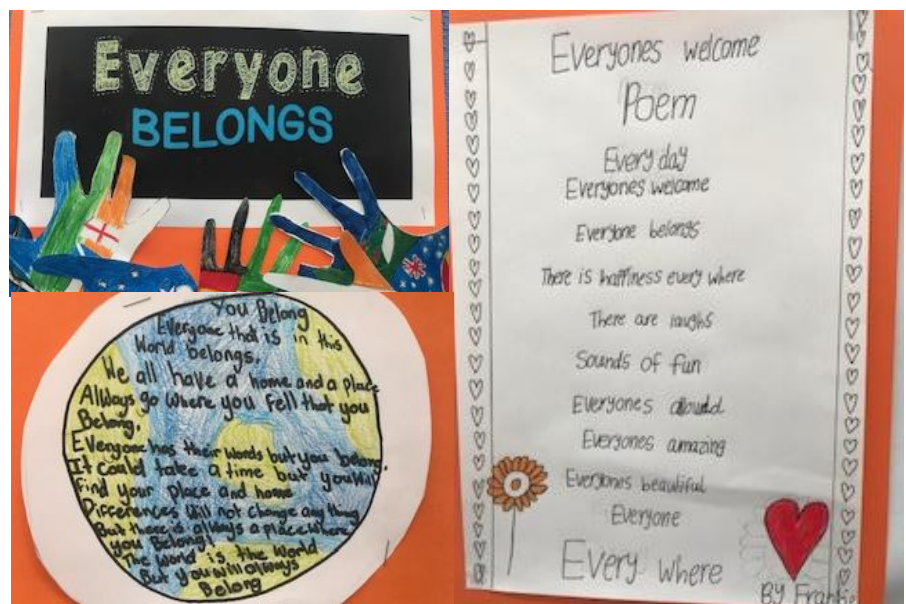
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EVERYONE BELONGS

We celebrate cultural diversity at school in many ways. Our Harmony Day message this year was 'Everyone Belongs'. Students in Year 5/6 Matic reflected on this important Australia wide message and wrote poems that reflected this message.



YEAR 5 WING

In Year 5 Wing, we watched a maths program on ABC ME called 'Look Kool: Nature's Most Mysterious Patterns'. We then researched 'fractals' which we found out are patterns that get progressively smaller. One group of students used our new white board table to brainstorm where we see them, how are they used and even drew some examples.



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



ART PROGRAMS

The Art program is off to a flying start now that nearly all of our students are back at school.

Year 6 students have been using clay. They started their work by exploring the properties of clay and how to handle it properly to get the best results. Students then explored different ways to make coils and had the time to make a bowl either using a mould or making a free standing bowl. We are waiting for the bowls to air dry and then students will paint them. We are sure these will become priceless keepsakes.



Art in Prep explored the theme of helping others. Students were asked to imagine how they could mend a little girl's cloth of dreams that had been broken. They had to imagine what they would do to assist mending the cloth and then they collaborated on a large piece of cloth by drawing ideas from their imagination.

Thank you to the Parents and Friends who helped fund the school Art Studio with their valuable financial contribution; it was a wonderful help in getting this 2020 project off the ground.

LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

Our Launching into Learning program at home is continuing. If you would like to be included in our weekly emails, please contact Robyn Fazackerley (robyn.l.fazackerley@education.tas.gov.au) or the office.

Last week we made dinosaurs! Look at Ronan's fantastic dinosaur he made at home. Well done Ronan!



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