



Howrah News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

27 October

Halloween Silent Disco

Prep – Year 2 - 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Year 3 – Year 6 - 6:30pm – 7:30pm

28 October

kunanyi/Mt Wellington and Waterworks excursion 2PB

Footsteps Dance Company – trail session in dance – Prep-Year 4

Whole School Assembly – sorry, no parents/carers

2 November

Year 6 Transition meeting at Clarence High
8:30am – 10:00am

4 November

Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary excursion – 1D,
1M, 1/2C and 1/2SW

TERM DATES

Term 4

21 December – Last Day Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Families

What a fantastic first week of Term 4 – it was great to see so many smiling faces and to hear about everyone's holiday adventures on our return last week. It was also a pleasure to ease back in with a short week and I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing long weekend!

Our staff had an inspiring and enjoyable professional learning day, led by Kath Murdoch, on Friday. Our focus was on how to plan effectively for inquiry and how to document the inquiry process to make the learning visible. Kath's sessions are always engaging, practical, thought provoking and full of examples of best practice from the many schools who work with Kath.

Here are some reflections from the day from our staff:

"I have had the pleasure of working with Kath over a number of years and every time I attend one of her workshops I continue to be challenged in my thinking and am able to add new ideas and practises to my teaching toolbox!"

"It is always refreshing for our practice to have quality time with Kath. Kath has the ability to synthesise the inquiry process, distilling the essence of what inquiry learning looks, sounds and feels like for both educators and learners. The opportunity to inquire into our own practice here at Howrah, and clarify and refine our thinking has provided some guide posts for going deeper as a learning community."

"The day with Kath emphasised the importance and power of inquiry in our teaching and for our students' learning. From the session I took away some ideas from

Kath of how I could use the inquiry cycle in my practice across all areas of learning.”

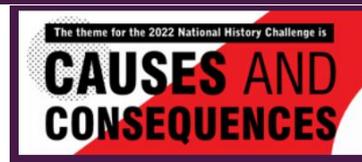
This week our primary students have enjoyed participating in our swimming carnivals. I had the pleasure of visiting both carnivals and was so impressed with the attitude, effort and behaviour of our students throughout the carnivals. I saw some heart-warming kindness from our students as they encouraged each other, cheered each other on and congratulated each other on their efforts. A huge thanks to Mr Gregg for organising our carnivals (a mammoth task in a big school!) and to our staff for their hard work in their different roles to ensure the carnivals ran smoothly. Thanks also to our Clarence High mentors and to our House Captains who supported, encouraged and helped out in so many ways on both days. I am so proud of our amazing school community!



At Howrah we provide a wide range of opportunities for our students to grow and flourish. Recently a number of our students chose to participate in the National History Challenge. The National History Challenge is a nationwide

contest that encourages students to use research and inquiry-based learning to discover more about Australia and its past. It gives students a chance to undertake the work of an historian. It emphasises and rewards quality research, interpretative and reasoning skills and the use of community resources and effective presentation. The entries are judged at school, state/territory and national levels.

This year eighteen Year 5 and 6 students worked diligently to present an inquiry into an area of history that interested them. Six inquiries were chosen to represent Howrah Primary in the State Finals. Lachlan and Grace were selected as finalists to proceed to national judging and will attend a presentation ceremony with the Tasmanian Premier.



Ange Miezitis
Principal
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Hello everyone,
My name is Nurse Emma and I am excited to be your School Health Nurse at Howrah Primary School for Term 4!



I will visit Howrah Primary every Monday. I will be working on issues that have an influence on the general health and wellbeing of the students. A large part of my role is completing Kinder health checks for all Kinder students. I am also available to

check the hearing and vision of students in other years.

I may visit your child's classroom to present about health-related topics which could include things like hand washing, sun safety or dental health – just to name a few!

I am available to chat with students or parents/carers about health-related issues or help with managing complex health needs.

Students need to have a signed consent form to access the school health nurse. These are available at the school office.

I look forward to working within your school.

Nurse Emma

STUDENT FOCUS

My name is Alex and I'm in Year 4. During the final week of Term 3, I had the privilege of representing Tasmania in the National Inline hockey championships in Brisbane, Queensland. The competition ran for 8 days, during which time I played against teams from all over Australia. I trained hard during the year and felt proud to be selected for Tassie's State team. While we didn't win the competition, it was a fantastic opportunity to play with, and be inspired by, the top inline hockey players in Australia.



My name is Mason I was lucky to be selected to represent Tasmania and play In-line Hockey Nationals in Queensland.

I was Captain of the U9s and also played in the UI I team. From the first game to the last game we all played really well and I scored 13 goals over the whole tournament.

Our Tassie team came 3rd in the UI I's division and I came home with a Bronze medal.

I really liked playing on the bigger rink as at Nationals we played 4 on 4 but at home at Woodys we can only play 3 on 3.

We had proper team benches and an actual penalty box. If you got in the penalty box you got offered a lolly from the score keepers. I got one penalty and said no to a lolly as I didn't want a stitch when I went back out to play.

I loved making new friends from all around Australia that I might see at the next tournament I play in at Bendigo.



ASSEMBLY

There is a whole school assembly on 28 October 2022. Due to the size of the hall, we are unable to accommodate parents/carers. An assembly roster is attached to this Newsletter for Term 4. Please note that the classes listed are all sharing with their buddy class in assembly.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please see our display board near the school office for all information.

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.



BREAKFAST CLUB

We are excited to announce the commencement of a Breakfast Club on Thursday mornings between 8:30am – 8:50am.

Prep to Year 6 families will receive an information sheet and permission form this week. We look

forward to being able to provide students with a healthy start to the day.

The first session will be held on the Thursday 10 November. A permission form is required to be completed and returned to the school office before students are eligible to attend.

I would like to thank Shoreline Banjos and Woolworths for supporting this project and hope to extend the days we provide this service in the future.

Nat Wickham
Year 6 Teacher/AST



PREP TO GRADE 2 at 5.00-6.00pm

YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6 at 6:30-7.30pm

KINDERS: Your special dance party is during the school day on Thursday 27 October (No booking required). Kinders can wear dress ups to school on Thursday if you like.

Get ready to have a scary good time with your friends at the Halloween Silent Disco on this Thursday.

You must pre-purchase a ticket to attend the Silent Disco. Limited tickets available for only \$4! Book via Humanitix:

<https://events.humanitix.com/howrah-disco>

If you already have your ticket, this year students will "Check In" at the Gazebo area; and will also be collected from the Gazebo area afterwards.

The event will be supervised by a team of Howrah Parents & Friends volunteers.

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, please contact Judy on:

Phone: **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 and proof of full COVID-19 vaccination is required. An online application can be completed at: <https://www.cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/licensing-and-registration/work-with-vulnerable-people/applications/apply>

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Our next P&F meeting is at Shoreline Hotel at 6:45pm on Wednesday 2 November. All parents/carers and friends of the school are welcome. If you haven't been before but you are curious, send us a message via Facebook or email howrahpandf@gmail.com to let us know you are coming, and we'll look out for you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

We have a number of vulnerable members in our school community, including students, staff, parents, carers and other family members. Please help by keeping your children home when they are unwell. Already we have steps for COVID-19, however if your child contracts any contagious disease (in particular chicken pox, shingles or measles) the office **MUST** be notified immediately so that we can put in place protective processes for our most vulnerable people.



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