



Howrah News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

24 November
ID, IM, I/2C and I/2SW – Pantomime and Kingston Park

25 November
Combined Primary Schools Band and Choir Concert – Mystate Bank Arena

29 November
Prep C, Prep G/H and Prep/IC- Excursion to the Pantomime

SPSSA Champions Swimming carnival – Doone Kennedy Aquatic Centre

30 November
Botanical Gardens – Robin Hood Play – 4F, 4S and 4M

Year 6 Clarence High Transition Day

2 December
All School Triathlon Challenge – Bellerive Park

7 December
Kinder – Year 2 Athletic Fun Day

9 December
Year 5 and 6 – Robin Hood Play

TERM DATES

Term 4

21 December – Last Day Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Families

We are fast approaching the end of another year – it is hard to believe that it is almost December. The pandemic appeared to be coming to an end but just as we thought it was safe to get back to a more normal lifestyle, another variant has popped up and we need to increase our efforts to ensure that we keep ourselves and each other safe. I would like to thank all our families for their ongoing commitment to the Public Health advice and requirements.

There are quite a few nasty bugs around. I had a week away with Influenza A and know first-hand how unpleasant it is to be sick! Please make sure that you keep your children at home if they show signs of COVID or the flu (coughs, sneezes, fever, sore throat, upset tummy). It is also a good idea to get a PCR which now tests for four illnesses.

We held our fantastic school triathlon last week and the weather was very kind to us with perfect conditions. It was so impressive to see our students doing their best and also supporting each other. Well done to Mr Gregg and all of our helpers for the smooth running of this wonderful opportunity.

On Tuesday a group of Howrah students graduated at the Children's University Graduation Ceremony for 2022. We joined other local primary schools to celebrate the hard work, commitment and achievement of students who are recognised for their hours of attainment outside of school. Well done to all of our graduates for this year and to our coordinator, Ms Sierink. There is a report about this wonderful celebration of learning by one of the students involved in this newsletter.



Children's University

I joined Children's University 3 years ago. I joined as it seemed a fun way to learn about the world and topics that interested me. By doing activities from reading books, watching plays and movies, to visiting the museums around Tasmania and playing sport you can earn hours/points. Each child has a 'passport to learning' in which you record your activities and collect stamps from the school coordinator (Ms Sierink). If you earn more than 30 hours per year you can graduate at a ceremony at the University of Tasmania in November.

I enjoyed the graduation celebration held on the 22nd of November. It was with a sense of achievement and excitement that I collected my certificate, all dressed in my gown and sash from the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, Mr Martin Grimmer. I enjoyed seeing my family watch with pride; meeting other children from other schools who had participated, learning that we collectively achieved more than 5000 hours during 2022, of learning out of school hours; and best of all was the morning tea! Yum!

I would like to thank Ms Sierink for her time and support of my learning over 2022.

Robert 4S

On Tuesday I felt incredibly proud as Year 3/4 Brown officially unveiled their new Torres Strait Islander flagpole and hoisted the flag for the first time! They held a beautiful ceremony for the occasion and shared their journey over this year. This truly shows what student voice and agency can do and how wonderfully inclusive our students are! It was great to have Allen, our previous AEW, speak during the ceremony.



Here are some thoughts from the students about their journey and achievements:

When we first started this inquiry, I didn't think it was possible. Now I know that anything is possible if you try. – Lily

This inquiry changed my thinking about how our class can work so well together - Zoe

I realised that together we are stronger and can do anything. – Zac W

It made me feel proud and independent, like I could do anything. It also made me wonder how much more I could change. – April

Our future is in good hands with ambassadors such as these in our community!

This Friday I am looking forward to attending the Combined Primary Schools Annual Concert at My State Arena. Our band and choir students will be performing and it is always a highlight of the end of year celebrations, showcasing the musical talent of our local primary schools. I can't wait!

Ange Mieзитis

Principal

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END OF YEAR REPORTS

A reminder to families that end of year reports will be sent home on Friday 16 December. You can learn more about school reports by watching the video accessed through the QR code or view the links below:



- [School Reports FAQs](#)
- [Understanding the 9-point scale](#)
- [Visit: Reporting - The Department for Education, Children and Young People Tasmania at \[decyp.tas.gov.au\]\(http://decyp.tas.gov.au\)](#)

SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE

On Saturday 19 November three Year 5/6 teams went to Clarence High School to race in the Southern Interschool Solar Car Challenge. Students designed and built a solar car in the lead-up to the event. Some of the specifications were that it had to be no larger than 500mm long, 150mm high and 320mm wide with the solar panel fitted in place. It also had to be able to hold 15 ping-pong balls, and an egg 'driver' and 'passenger'. The students involved embraced this STEM challenge enthusiastically, with each team coming up with their own unique car design. One of our teams ('Thunderbolt') came an impressive 4th place. I was very proud of their sportsmanship, enthusiasm and teamwork. Well done to all involved!

Ana Prior
Science Teacher

SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE 2022



'Thunderbolt'



'Dababy Lessgo Convertible'



'Blue Lightning'

HOWRAH PRIMARY SCHOOL TRIATHLON FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER

A beautiful, calm and sunny morning greeted us for our 2022 HPS Triathlon. Students from Year 3-6 participated for various reasons in a swim, bike and/or run event. It didn't matter if it was with the intention of being the fastest, a self-satisfying challenge, teamwork or just for fun; we were excited to see all the courageous athletes prepared

to "give it a go". An extra congratulations to those that took the challenge on as an individual. It can seem quite daunting, but all who crossed the finish line, managed to still be smiling and should be very proud of themselves. We look forward to 2023 and hope that even more students take the opportunity to try the healthy and challenging sport or Triathlon!

A special thanks to the parents/carers that came along and assisted with the marshalling of the race. The event is only possible with your support and ensures everyone can participate in a safe environment.

Many of the competitors used the opportunity to practice for the upcoming All Schools Triathlon Challenge. It is to be held at Bellerive Beach and Recreation Reserve on Friday 2 December. We look forward to hearing how they all go!



THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WERE AWARDED MERIT CERTIFICATES IN ASSEMBLY ON 18 NOVEMBER 2022

Student	Class	Student	Class
Phoebe	PC	Rouble	5/6K
Zoe	PC	Marisol	5/6K
Ollie	PC	Sophie	4F
Charlie	PC	Tylah	4F
Scarlett	PGH	Isaac	4F
Prayansh	PGH	Rayyan	4F
Teddy	PGH	Evie	ID
Ben	PGH	Jono	ID
Raygen	3BT	Nate	ID
Jack	3BT	Henri	ID
Evie	3BT	Quinn – 3BT	Music
Felix	3BT	Thomas – 5/6J	Music
Ally	4S	Daniel – 5/6J	Music
Ted	4S	Isla - PGH	PE
Aila	4S	Charlotte – 4F	PE
Xavier	4S	Lachlan – 5/6K	PE
Rouble	Science	Reuben – 1/2C	Art
April	Science	Summer – 2P/B	Art
Jackson	Science	Molly – 1M	Art
Harriet – 5/6J	French	William – 5/6K	French

ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

- 25 November – no assembly – Combined Primary Schools Band and Choir Concert
- 2 December – Interschool Triathlon
- 9 December - Whole School assembly
- 14 December – Kinder Assembly
- 16 December – No assembly
- 21 December – Year 6 Presentation Assembly

**SRC UPDATE
PYJAMA DAY**

Last Thursday we held a pyjama day where students from Prep to Year 6 brought a gold coin donation and wore their pyjamas to school. This was to raise money for new soccer nets on the bottom soccer oval. In the end we raised \$700.00 and we would like to thank everyone who helped by bringing a gold coin donation.

HOWRAH MONDAY HOME BAKED DAY

Reminder, there will be a Howrah Bake Day on Mondays for the next two weeks to help reduce the litter we produce. You are encouraged to bring home baked goods for recess or lunch. Grace has kindly shared a recipe for baked goods attached to this newsletter.

Annabel 6W

SALVATION ARMY BAGS OF HOPE

This Wednesday each class will receive an empty Bag of Hope from the Salvation Army. We would like to encourage students to bring one non-perishable Christmas item to contribute. This may include Christmas decorations, bonbons, crackers, fruit mince pies, tinned fruit, sweet treats, tinned seafood etc. The SRC will collect the bags on Friday 9 December and hand them over to the Salvation Army to be sorted and delivered to families in need that live in Clarence.



Nat Wickham
AST/Teacher

MOVE WELL EAT WELL



CANTEEN – LAST DAY FOR 2022

Last day of operation will be **Friday 16 December**.
There is no canteen in the last week of school.

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. If your child contracts any contagious disease the office **MUST** be notified immediately so that we can put in place protective processes for our most vulnerable people.

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.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS FOR STUDENTS AND COVID-19 INFORMATION

Kits are available at the school office. Please ring or email to request these and they will be sent to your child's classroom to go home at the end of the day.

If your child has tested positive to COVID-19 positive, it is important they stay home if they are unwell or have symptoms.

If your child is well and not displaying any symptoms, they may attend school. Primary school students are not expected to wear a face mask, however they will be encouraged and supported if they choose to do so.

Please inform the school office if your child has COVID-19.



COMBINED PRIMARY SCHOOLS BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT

Tickets are now available to purchase for the Combined Primary Schools Band and Choir Concert to be held at MyState Bank Arena on Friday 25 November.

The concert performance will start at 7:00pm sharp, and students are requested to be at the venue by 6:30pm. Student performers do not require a ticket.

Please note, due to copyright and privacy, recording and photography are not permitted during the performance.

Tickets on sale Friday 28 October 2022 (credit card processing and transaction fees apply):		
Online at www.ticketek.com.au Phone Ticketek on 13 28 49 for Credit Card Bookings or on site at the Arena from 9.00am to 4.00pm	Adults	\$30.00
	Concession	\$20.00
	Children	\$20.00
	Family (2 adults, 2 children)	\$70.00

SUN SMART

Being SunSmart in Tasmania means using sun protection when UV levels reach 3 and above, this occurs from September to April. This means implementing sun protection measures from the beginning of the school year until the end of April and again from the beginning of September until the end of the school year. Please send your child with their named hat and own sunscreen. Students who don't have a hat must stay in the covered gazebo at recess and lunch times. Staff give time before recess and lunch for students to self-apply sunscreen. Thank you for your support of this important health policy.



YEAR 6 LEAVERS DINNER

The Year 6 Leavers Dinner is on Tuesday 13 December. Invitations were sent home to students last week. Parents/carers are asked to return the RSVP form to class teachers/office by next Friday 25 November. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Nicole 0419611980 or email howrahprimaryleavers2022@gmail.com.

WANTED LIBRARY AND HOME READER BAGS

If you have any library and/or home reader bags you would like to donate, please leave at the school office



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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



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