It was with deep sadness that we learned of Tahlia Ketchell’s passing last week after a short illness. Tahlia was a popular and valued member of our school community for many years, beginning her school life in our Kindergarten class of 2007. Tahlia attended Hagley for the next 8 years until she was farewelled with our Year 6 students last year, moving on to St Patrick’s College.

Tahlia was well-known to many staff, students and families within the Hagley school community. All who knew her remember her wonderful, at times cheeky smile, her enthusiasm for life, that glint of mischief in her eyes and her eagerness to help others. “Sunshine with a dash of hurricane” was one of the phrases used yesterday to describe her – a very apt description!

Tahlia excelled in many sports – she was a talented runner, swimmer and netball player, to name a few of her skills. She represented the school on a number of occasions, always displaying great sportsmanship and effort. Tahlia also enjoyed dancing and gymnastics, and was often found upside down, doing handstands in different locations around the school. Tahlia spent many a lunch time teaching her classmates how to do cartwheels, handstands and the splits.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Rachael, Chris and Codey, their family and friends at this difficult time. We hope that your memories, together with those of family and friends, will provide some comfort. To Tahlia and her family, we would like to say:

“You may be gone from our sight, but you will never be gone from our hearts”
Dear Parents and Carers,

150 /160 Celebration
Our two major events are rapidly approaching. On the evening of Friday the 18th of September we have a Cocktail party with 150 invited guests. There will be a launch of Jenny Walter’s marvellous book the “Hagley– The First 100 years” of our school and the opening of our photographic gallery. This of course will be followed by an open invitation to the whole community to come along between 10 and 2 pm on Saturday the 19th and visit our new photographic gallery, the Olde classroom and the Agricultural museum. There will be a BBQ and refreshments available provided by our P&F group.

Future Directions Group (Farm and Environment Centre).
As you know, this group will be meeting over the coming weeks to look at opportunities and challenges for these two crucial elements of our school. The group will explore viable options that will ensure educational excellence and financial sustainability. Notes and general information from the group meetings will be available on the school website to peruse.

Student Safety
For the safety of our children it is crucially important for all users of the school to adhere to the 10 kmh speed restriction and stop for the designated pedestrian crossings.

Supporting our school community
Fifteen staff members attended a moving service for our highly valued ex-student Tahlia Ketchell who tragically passed away last week.

A range of strategies have been put in place over the past week or so to support our staff and students through this challenging time. The focus has been with our older students, as they potentially have the closest associations with Tahlia. Students have been able to talk with their teachers, members of senior staff and of course their families, about questions or concerns that they have. Some students have wanted to discuss ideas and feelings, others have not felt the need.

Our school Social Worker, Susan Diprose, and our school Chaplain, Pete Garwood, have been great sources of information and support, and will remain so in the future. They have been working particularly with Mr Johnson and his students to identify potential ways to support Codey on his return to school.

There have been some discussions with students through our School Parliament about ways to commemorate Tahlia’s life. Her name will be added to our memorial garden. There are also plans for a school fundraiser, with any funds raised to go to support the work of Ronald McDonald House.

We know that a number of our school families have strong connections to the Ketchell family. If you, your child or your family feel the need for additional support through the school, please contact Sharyn, Lauren or myself so that we can arrange for that to happen.

We are a strong school community with a great tradition of supporting each other in difficult times. This is one of those times, and the school leadership team would like to acknowledge the many ways we are all working together to support the Ketchell family and each other at this time.

Regards,

Mick
Mick Davy
Principal
**Bushdance – what a great night!**

Last Friday night saw a well-attended and enjoyable evening for many students and their families as they danced their way through the night. It was a very successful evening, with lots of fun had by all who attended. As always with an event such as this, there are a number of people to thank.

A huge thank you to our Master of Ceremonies Mr Preece, for his enthusiasm and skill in getting us all dancing. Thanks also to Liv Johnston and her team of volunteer staff and parents who provided delicious foods and reviving drinks throughout the night. Students from Mrs Gardiner’s 5/6 class painted the wonderful posters that decorated the walls, and several Grade 5/6 students helped with the setting up of the gym. Our cleaning staff, particularly Juliette Burrows, were on hand to help prepare and clean up the gym ready for another week’s activities.

Thanks one and all for such a great night.

*Sharyn Cook*

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**SLAPPED CHEEK**

We have a confirmed case of ‘Slapped Cheek’ in 1/2 Eyles/Tyers class this week. According to medical information, ‘Slapped Cheek’ is a mild virus. Symptoms include red cheeks, and an itchy lace like rash occurring on the body and limbs. A sore throat or runny nose can also be common symptoms.

There are no specific treatments for this virus, other than treating the symptoms. Good hygienic habits should help prevent the spread of the virus. If your child does have slapped cheek, they do not need to stay home unless they are feeling unwell, as the infectious period occurs before the rash appears.

There is a warning for those people with blood disorders or weakened immune systems to avoid contact if possible. Pregnant women should also consult with their doctor if they have any concerns. Please contact the school or your local doctor if you are concerned.

*Sharyn Cook*

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Thurs 22nd** | Fiesta in the Field  
**Friday 23rd** | Student Free Day  
**27th-30th** | Gr 5/6 Camp - 5/6T & 5/6O  

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**News from the Library**

**Book Fair** – Our very successful Book Fair concluded on Friday – with a total of over $5,500 in sales! Thank you to the school community for your overwhelming support of our Book Fair. We will receive approximately $2000 worth of books for our library as commission, which is just amazing.

We would like to thank the wonderful members of our library committee who so willingly volunteered their time to help run the Fair; Francisca Cummins, Caroline Clarke, Michelle Clarke, Robyn Shean, Leanne Arnott and Maree Smith. Thank you also to Mrs Beams, Mrs Cleland, Mrs Grose, Mrs Willson and Mrs Eyles for their assistance during the week, and to the many students who gave up their own time before school and during recess times to assist us with the Fair.

**Book Parade** – What a wonderful celebration of Book Week and children’s literature! We were so impressed with the amazing costumes and the level of participation. Photos from the parade will be on display outside the library for the next few weeks. A big thank you to all participants, their families and to all those who helped in organising the Parade.

**Delightful Dogs** – Thank you to all students who have made and entered a dog in our creative display. The range of entries has been outstanding. Judging will take place this week and winners will be announced in next week’s newsletter.

*Happy Reading from the Library Team – Mrs Jessica Marston (Teacher-Librarian) and Mrs Martha McQueen (Library Technician).*

**SPRING HAIKU POEMS BY 5/6 JOHNSON**

To celebrate the beginning of spring, Grade 5/6 Johnson have written some fantastic poems

**Spring**

Colourful green leaves,
Birds chirping in the warm sun.
Spring is here again.
*Emily Willis*

Colourful Flowers,
Fragrant smelling daffodils,
The ewes having lambs
*Casey Waterworth*

Flowers are blooming
Lambs frolic through the green grass
Spring sun on my skin
*Lucy Graham*

**HOUSE POINTS**

**This week**

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**SINGFEST**

The Grade 5/6 Vocal Group will be performing at Singfest at the Albert Hall on Wednesday 23rd Sept. from 6.30pm.

Tickets are on sale now at Theatre North at the Princess Theatre for $8.50.

*Cherie Partridge*
Mathematical Association of Tasmania Annual Maths Relays

On Sunday the 23rd of August, our school hosted the northern heats of the annual Maths Relays competition. This is a state wide event with heats being held in the North West and Hobart on the same day, with 956 students competing from grades 5 right up to year 12.

Hagley had two teams entered in the primary (grade 5/6) division. The two teams consisted of Tyson, Joseph, Neil, Thomas, Lachlan, Kate, Kael and Ethan. Each team is only allowed four members and they get 45 minutes to complete 20 problems of increasing complexity.

Our teams did very well on the day, with the team consisting of Joseph, Thomas, Neil and Tyson finishing fourth in the Northern Heat and the team consisting of Kate, Kael, Lachlan and Ethan finishing 16th out of 33 teams.

Once the state results were compiled, it was fantastic to see where our teams finished. 117 primary teams competed state wide and Joseph, Tom, Tyson and Neil finished 12th and Kael, Kate, Ethan and Lachlan finished equal 29th. What a fantastic achievement!

Here is a question from the primary section - The average of 7 numbers is 5. One number is removed, and the average is now 4. What is the value of the number that was removed?

WOOLWORTHS - EARN AND LEARN STICKERS

This promotion is coming to an end next Tuesday, please continue to send your sticker sheets into school, so we can redeem some fabulous resources for our school. We have spare sticker sheets at the school office should you require any.
**PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**
Thank you to the families who supported our annual Bush Dance, it was a great night-special thanks to the staff and our Parents and Friends volunteers who helped out on the night!

FATHERS DAY STALL this FRIDAY LUNCHTIME for anyone who’d like to purchase a gift. Gifts will be priced from $1 through to $5.

Cheers for now
Liv Johnston
0438 558 782 hagleypandf@outlook.com.au

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**CANTEEN**
**Recess**
Milo $1.00 per cup
Assorted home baking $1.00 each
Pop corn .50c
Vege Chips/Rice Wheels/Corn Chips $1.00
Two fruits in berry juice $1.00
Liquorice 0.10c (5 piece limit)
All drinks now $1.50 - Flavoured milk & water.

**Wednesday**
Wraps - order at the office $4.50 or $5.00 with a drink.

**Thursday 3rd September**
Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise $3.50
Rainbow Paddle Pop $1.50

**Tuesday 8th September**
Hot Dog $2.50
Rainbow Paddle Pop $1.50

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**Tasmanian Pony and Riding Club Inc**

**Northern Schools**
**Dressage & Showjumping Competition**

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**Westbury Showground**

**Dressage—Saturday 19th September 2015**
**Showjumping—Sunday 20th September 2015**

**Cost:** $25 per rider – Dressage Competition
Cost: $25 per rider – Showjumping Competition
Rider must hold a current membership to Pony Club or EA
For riders not holding either of these memberships, day insurance is available at $10

If your child/children are interested in entering this competition please contact Leah-leah@healthrevival.com.au or on 0439 419 979

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**Hagley Farm School Open Day**

**Saturday September 19th**
10.00am - 2.00pm

Come and help us celebrate the 160th Anniversary of the Hagley Farm School - 150 years on the present site.

Look through the Olde Classroom(150 years old) and Agricultural/Activity Museum.
Peruse the gallery of historic photos.
Pick up your pre-ordered copy of the book “Hagley - The First 100 years”, or order yourself a copy.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.
For further information please contact the school on 6392 2272
Liffey Valley Market

September 12th
2015
9am-1pm

- Local Honey
- Collectables
- Plants
- Bric a Brac
- Books
- Art and Craft
- Fresh Produce
- DVD’s
- “Lots More”

Raffle Drawn on the day

Communications Tree Replanting Ceremony
Today at 1.15pm

Our delicious morning tea is also available and all funds raised have assisted with the restoration of our Commemorative Tree Avenue celebrated today with an official ceremony, final planting and plaque unveiling commencing at 1.15 following the Market.

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