From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter Holidays are upon us

It seems to come around quicker each year. I hope you have a great break with family and friends and may this lovely weather (with some much needed rain thrown in) continue.

Northern Midlands Representative Athletics Team

Congratulations to all of our selected team members and all the best for the Wednesday (our first day back) after Easter.

School Association

The School Association, with some new members, will meet on Tuesday the 5th of April. The School Association members this year include Mrs Donna Emery, Mrs Olivia Johnston, Mrs Jayne Clark and Mrs Kara Nankervis. Our Community representative is Mr Patrick Fleming and the staff representative is Wendy Daalder. The proposed Education Act will form part of the agenda. Please see the next page for further information.

Future Direction Group-( Environment Centre and Farm)

This group will meet on Thursday the 31st of March. There will be an update on progress and strategies around our farm enterprise, aimed at making stronger connections to the educational provision, and discussion around other future actions. I will provide a report in the next newsletter and notes from the meeting will be posted on our school website.

Regards,

Mick

Mick Davy
Principal

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM

This program will be running in our school next week with each class attending sessions. Prior to the program commencing, we will be holding two Parent Information Sessions. These sessions will be held on Wednesday the 30th of March, at 9am and 2:40pm and will be held in the spare classroom next to 5/6 Oswin. All parents/carers are invited to attend.

Richard Ankin

Acting AST
RELEASE OF THE DRAFT EDUCATION BILL 2016

On 14 March 2016 the Tasmanian Government released the draft Education Bill 2016.

The draft Education Bill is the Government’s proposal for how education legislation should change to best support the education system and all learners. The draft Bill is informed by national and international research, a review of legislation in other states and territories and stakeholder and community consultation.

Major reforms under the draft Education Bill include:

- lowering the school starting age from 5 years to 4 years and 6 months, with a flow-on to a minimum Kindergarten eligibility age of 3 years and 6 months (this will apply to children born in 2016)
- lifting the education and training leaving requirements to completion of year 12 or equivalent (certificate III, apprenticeship) or until 18, whichever occurs first (this will apply to students who are in Year 7 in 2016).

Extending the compulsory years of education and training would ensure that more young Tasmanians would have access to high quality early learning sooner and more would complete year 12 or equivalent before they turn 18.

The proposed change to the minimum starting age will bring Tasmania into line with other states and territories, as shown below:

![Graph showing current minimum school starting age (Prep) across States and Territories]

The Government is seeking feedback from the Tasmanian community on the draft Education Bill. Consultation on the draft bill commenced on 14 March 2016 and will close on 13 May 2016.

Further information on the draft Education Bill and how to give feedback is at the Education Act Review website [http://tased-education-act.blogspot.com.au].

LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

Just a reminder that there will be no Launching into Learning sessions this week due to the holiday for Good Friday. We look forward to seeing you the following Friday, 1st April. We will be doing some activities about Autumn and weather permitting, we will go outside to do some collecting and exploring.

Carolyn Flower
Launching into Learning Coordinator.

ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NEWS

Eggciting news!! Our lovely hens are producing well and our famous, delicious free range eggs are now available from the Olde Tudor Green Grocer. Call in and pick up a delicious dozen or two for Easter! Also still available at Westbury Festival Supermarket.
NAPLAN 2016
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2016

Early in Term 2, our Grade 3 and 5 students will undertake the NAPLAN tests. The following is some key information about the purpose of the testing and how you can best support your child.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in common national tests which assess:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2016 are Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May.

The benefits of participating in NAPLAN testing:

NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

NAPLAN results provide valuable information on how your child is progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level.

The NAPLAN tests provide you as parents with an individual report that shows your child’s results and a comparison of your child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level.

Teachers use the NAPLAN results to determine your child’s areas of strength and where future focus is required and how best to provide support or extension activities.

School teachers use the online NAPLAN Toolkit to analyse your child’s results. The Toolkit provides detailed information right down to the individual question with links to teaching strategies.

Principals, senior staff and others use NAPLAN results to inform school planning and to allocate resources and support including informing decisions around targeted programs and initiatives for individuals and groups.

The best way you can assist your child is by helping them to feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: www.nap.edu.au

LEGO CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who has supported Hagley’s Lego Challenge for 2016. We have had a huge response with over 100 entries and we would like to recognise the efforts of all the students who have created a Lego design. Our voting is occurring this week, ending on Thursday. The student’s designs are able to be picked up on Thursday after school or after Easter from the 5/6 room where they were dropped off. Please let the Lego monitors know you have picked up your design, so we don’t have concerns about missing Lego.

Many thanks,

Richard Ankin and Jessica Marston
**HAGLEY FARM SCHOOL ATHLETICS TEAM**
Good Luck to our athletics school representative team competing in the NMPSSSA athletics carnival at St Leonards on Wednesday the 30th of March. A reminder that these children need to return their permission forms and money by Thursday this week. A complete list of the Hagley team is below; Hunter, Ava, Claire, Lachlan, Joshua, Olivia, Brayden, Connor, Brooke, Maddison, Tom, Tyler, Kate, Xavier, Amber, Katie, Seth, Kate, Isabelle, Job, Benjamin, Mischa, Bridie, Josie, Beau, Archie, Ethan, Bella, Georgia, Alec, Kyisha, Mikayla, Solomon, Lilly, Briella, Jordon, Shelby, Jake, Boden.

**NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING**
Here are some pictures of Hagley Students actively supporting the National Day of Action Against Bullying.

**STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT**
Last year a group of Hagley school children expressed a desire to play futsal. Their bewildered parents did some investigating, led by Mrs Plumbridge, and a team was entered in the summer Futsal roster at the Silverdome on Friday evenings.

Westbury Warriors had to not only learn how to play and also the rules, but only lost one game all season and therefore made the grand final. This was played on Friday 18th March at 5 pm. We headed into it a little nervous given we knew the opposition had beaten us before. We need not have been, as our wonderful children played their hearts out and worked so well together as a team. The final score 15 - 3 in our favour. Westbury Warriors are pictured here with their champion medallions. They consist of Maddi, Tamahlia, Boden, Jake, Brooke, Brayden and Jamie (absent).

**LIBRARY PHOTO DISPLAY**
After Easter we will be changing our photo display outside the library to a “Move Well” theme. If you have a photo of your child/children being active after school please feel free to send along or email a copy to us. Activities can be with an organised club such as cricket, gymnastics, taekwondo, girl guides, scouts etc or just having fun outside at home such as cubby house building, bike riding, skating etc. Photos can be emailed to jessica.marston@education.tas.gov.au or a printed copy sent along – clearly named please.

Jessica Marston
PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS
ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Everyone would have received a form about the 2016 Entertainment Books, please take the time to read the information on this flyer. It is a great idea to pre-order your book (you get extra bonuses). To do this you need to indicate this on the form and return to the office. Also if you DO NOT want to receive a book this year please fill in this information on the flyer and return to the school office.

LIVING FUNDRAISER
We will be sending home a bag of mixed gorgeous seeds (herbs, flowers and cool climate veggies) in tins/pots from "living fundraisers" to raise funds for class wish lists. Please try and sell as many as possible - a great Easter gift idea for those who don't eat chocolate!!

There will be a prize for the class that sells the most seedling kits. We have plenty so once you've sold your 10 come and grab more from Liv Johnston in the canteen Tuesday/Thursday. Unsold kits/bags and money need to be returned to school by Monday 4th April. Looking forward to seeing what we can raise together and presenting something fantastic to the winning class!! Check out: https://www.facebook.com/livingfundraisers/ or livingfundraisers.com.au

P&F MEETING
Our next P&F meeting 2pm, 4th May (no April meeting due to holidays) in Kinder Harris, will be about the school/parents/student's wish lists so please come along and have your say about what you'd like to see our funds raised spent on.

Liv Johnston
0438 558 782

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Merit Certificates

Early Childhood: Ashlee, Mitchell, Jackson, Amy, Harley, Elias, Lily, Amy, 2 Moore
GT4GC
Early Childhood: Jasmine, Locky, Isaac.

HOUSE POINTS

This Week & Last

1st Lyttleton 23 points
Equal 2nd Dry 22 points
Bennett
Total
Equal 1st Bennett 95 points
Lyttleton 95 points
2nd Dry 87 points

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 2 orders have been placed and will hopefully be back before the holidays, but with Easter falling in between, they may not be. Be assured that as soon as they arrive we will get them out to students. Remember to let me know if you do not want your order given to your child and I will leave it at the office for you to collect.

Jessica Marston – Book Club Co-ordinator
CANTEEN
Thursday 24th March
Easter Treat -
Hot Cross Buns for sale at recess $1

Lunch
Fish Fingers with salad $3.50
(lettuce, carrot & tomato)
Dixie Cup $1.00

Recess Sales
Vege Chips/Corn Chips $1
Popcorn/Sultanas/Choc Truffles/Jelly $1
Biscuits/Slice/Muffins $1
Liquorice .10 (max. of 5 pieces per student)
Fresh fruit salad $2.00
All cold drinks $1.50
Milo $1

WRAPS ON WEDNESDAYS
These can be ordered at the office.
Prices:
Ham and Salad Wrap $4.50
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap $4.50
You can choose to add a chocolate milk or an apple juice to your order for $.50c. Making it a $5 meal deal!!

DATES TO REMEMBER
MARCH
25th-29th  Easter Holiday
Wed 30th  Nthn Midlands Athletics Carnival
Parent Information Sessions - Family Life Education
9.00am & 2.40pm

APRIL
Fri 8th  Student Free Day
11-25th  School Holidays
Fri 29th  State Athletics Carnival

MAY
5-7th  Agfest

UNIFORM SHOP
Open tomorrow morning 8.30 – 10.00am. (Wednesday March 23rd)

SEPARATE NOTICES (sent yesterday)
After School Care Survey
Entertainment Book Flyers

NEWSTEAD ATHLETICS SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY SERIES
It is cross country time of the year again! Newstead Athletics is running the School Series again this year and it would be great to see a big field of Hagley shirts out there. The School Series consists of 6 races at various locations around the Launceston area on a Saturday with races starting at 1.00pm. All races are of a distance of 1.5km. Boys and girls run separately and the results are then broken down into the following age groups: U7 & U9 combined, U11 and U13 (age as at 31 December 2016). Once registered students are placed into mixed teams of 5 runners. They are competing for points for both their school and their teams, so runners are encouraged to attend all six races. Medals are awarded at the completion of the series. The cost is just $10 which covers you for all of the six races. If you are interested come to the office to get a registration form. Any questions please contact our school coordinator Mrs Bronwyn Hefford on 0408 541 212.

Bronwyn Hefford

RACE DETAILS
April 9th  Heritage Forest, Conway Street
April 30th  Clarendon House, Evandale
May 21st  Inveresk (behind Aurora Stadium)
June 18th  Tailrace Park, Riverside
July 2nd  Trevalyn Reserve (TBC)
July 30th  Grindelwald Lake (near chapel)
Yes it’s that time again, with holidays coming up it’s time to start planning for Agfest

This year Agfest will be held during the school term, starting **Thursday 5th May through to Saturday 7th May.**

As most of you know this is one of our major school fundraisers for the year and we need lots of help to cover 3 big days. This year we’re up the front in First Avenue site 114 so are expecting a busy couple of days!

You don’t have to have any experience, we have jobs for all – bbq cooks, prepping, serving, tea/coffee etc. It can get busy but it’s not hard work and we have a bit of fun and quite a few laughs while we’re there. A great way to meet other parents and staff, while helping to raise funds for your child’s school.

**All we ask is 3 hours of your time, and we give you free entry to Agfest for the rest of the day.**

If you can help us out, could you please complete and return the following volunteer slip to the school office as soon as possible so that we can start rostering.

**Please circle the time/times you can assist and make it clear if you are available for either shifts circled or all shifts circled, of if there are multiple volunteers. You can note any extra information on the reverse of the slip, thank you.**

Please note that the times are an indication only, we may ask you to vary them a little depending on the roster.

If you prefer, you can email volunteer times to the school office; hagley.farm.primary@education.tas.gov.au however please DO put your times in writing so that we can keep track of them.

Thank you – look forward to seeing you there.

Agfest Committee
(Racheal, Anah, Toni, Patsy)

**2016 AGFEST VOLUNTEER SLIP**

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DELORAINE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Training has started and our 2016 season will commence on Sunday 3rd April. We are still taking registrations and are looking for new players for our 2016 season. New players are always welcome, it doesn’t matter if you have never played football before! This year we have 5 teams from u9’s to u14’s. If you are aged between 8 and 15 and are interested in playing football come along to training on Thursday nights, 4pm–5pm for younger players, 5pm–6pm for u12 and up. For more information or for contact details, we are on Facebook, and have a webpage, or contact club President Michael Wood on 0428 753 765.

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For information, please contact Jason Fletcher 0437 338 518 or Deloraine Tennis Club, Debbie Kearns, 0417 145 184.

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