

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello everyone,

### Grade 5/6 Camp

What a tremendous week our Grade 5/6 students spent together last week on their camp to the south of the state. We went in two groups, but experienced similar activities – based on the Australian Curriculum and social/emotional learning. I am so very proud of each of our students who joined us for the camp. Each and every one of them stretched their comfort zones, showed resilience, participated with respect and learning as fundamental to their focus, and were extremely kind to each other. Both groups, in all five days, excelled. Our first group received tremendous feedback everywhere we went – focussed on our manners, the way we interacted with others, our focus on history and learning. The feedback for the second group reiterated this – and was strengthened with comments about the whole grade 5/6 cohort of students as well as the culture of the school. Well done Grade 5/6s – they were amazing during our camp. Our staff are so proud of them.

I would also like to acknowledge the amazing team of staff who made this camp possible. For so many staff to leave their families for three full days / two nights is a huge commitment. They do not receive anything as an incentive to be involved – they do it because they want our students to have an amazing experience. So, thank you to Mrs Cini, Mrs Chatterton, Mr Preece, Mrs Richardson, Miss Thrush, Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Bussey, Mrs Beams, and Mr Ankin. Their commitment to our camp experience is something very special for our school community. Thanks also to the team who stayed at school and made sure that the week went well for the rest of the students and staff.

### Health and Wellbeing

In recent weeks we have seen an increase in the number of students who are unwell and at school. It is increasingly important that we continue to practice strict hygiene and health practices so that we do not spread illness between ourselves. The worst situation is that Covid is transmitted within our state – but it is critical that we all support each other to reduce any illness - cold, influenza, gastroenteritis, and most recently chickenpox. Please focus on any symptoms of being unwell – high temperature, cough, runny nose, rashes etc. We would appreciate students staying at home when they are unwell, rather than us having to manage their symptoms and separate them from their classmates at school.

7th September 2021

### September

Fri 10th	Country Gold Trial Matches
16-17th	Country Gold Carnival
20th-21st	School Photos
22nd-23rd	Singfest
Fri 24th	Last Day of Term

### Assembly Hosting Roster

#### Early Childhood

Thurs 9th Prep Morgan/Ankin

#### Primary

Fri 10th 3/4 Donald (host)  
5/6 Chatterton (sharing)

### GRADE 5/6 SPORT

There is no Grade 5/6 Sport for the rest of this term due to Country Gold trial matches and carnival.

### **Pick Up at the end of the day**

I have noticed recently that there is an increasing number of parents using the 'Pick Up' space as a 'Waiting' space. Please understand that this space is for cars to drive through to pick up students on the way through. If you are parking in this space to wait for your child, we respectfully ask that you park in the car park, and your child can come to you or you can greet them at the tree. By waiting in your car in this area you are contributing to a traffic jam in our car park – which I am sure that all parents driving through this area do not want. Please help us to ensure that our carpark is a safe and respectful space for everyone.

### **Tas Check in App**

Please ensure that if you enter any of our school buildings that you use the Tas Check In App to register your presence in our school, even if only for a brief time. Our Covid safe procedures are very important to us, and to the Department of Education. We appreciate your support and adherence to these regulations. Thank you.

*Jeanagh Viney*

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**Principal**

### **GRADE 1/2 & 2/3/4 CONCERTS**

As explained in last week's newsletter due to COVID restrictions these concerts will once again be live-streamed events as we are unable to have a large adult audience in our gym. Parents of children in the classes involved will be sent an email later this week with all the information you need to be able to access these performances. If you don't receive an email before Friday please contact us so we can arrange for it to be done before the concert time.

Times and dates of the concerts are as follows:

- **Tuesday 14th September at 11.30am - 1/2 Hendriksen/Partridge, 1/2 Garwood and 1/2 Legro**
- **Thursday 16th September at 9.15am - 2/3 Johnson, 3/4 Donald, 3/4 Korpershoek**

### **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY - PART I**

#### **Reading at Home**

Over the remaining week's of term I would like to encourage all of our families to focus on making time to sit down to read together. Adult modelling is really important, and reading can be a relaxed, fun and connected time for your family. Here are a few tips from famed Australian author Mem Fox to make reading time enjoyable for parents and children...

*Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.*

*Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.*

*Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.*

*Please read aloud every day because you just adore being with your child, not because it's the right thing to do.*

Love that last one! Keep an eye out for some more of Mem's wisdom in next week's newsletter.

#### **Book Parade Photos**

Click here to view our Book Parade Sway with lots of photos of the event – more photos will be added over the next few days.

<https://sway.office.com/IA4QUJPK6ViQWOPg?ref=Link>

**Book Club** – The next issue of Book Club is available. As it is so close to our Book Fair I will not send out to classes but the brochure will be available from the library if you would like your child to collect one.

Orders will be due this Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, 9pm on the LOOP app or via Scholastics' website.

**Happy reading from the Library Team – Mrs Jessica Marston (Teacher-Librarian) and Mrs Bronwyn Walker (Library Technician).**

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY - PART 2

### Author-Illustrator Visit

Last week we welcomed award winning Tasmanian Author-Illustrator, Daniel Gray-Barnett, to our school.

Daniel's book *Grandma Z* won Book of the Year, New Illustrators, in 2019.

He worked with a group of grade 2/3/4 children to explore tips for writing and illustrating. The participants were excited to hear about the new books Daniel has in progress and showed great creativity in the work they completed with Daniel over the afternoon.

*Lucas – I enjoyed doing the illustrating.*

*Archie – It was fun to do the writing.*

*Matilda – It was really nice of Daniel to spend some of his time with us.*

*Delta, Evie, Hamish – I enjoyed the tips on illustrating – I liked picking a number to get random ideas to start us off.*

*Ellie – I loved the stories that people made.*

*Harriet, Mackenzie, Zahlia – We liked the sneak peaks of his new books.*

*Toby – I liked drawing the fish.*

*Brax – I enjoyed doing the story telling.*

*Kobe - I enjoyed making my own story.*



### AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### Merit Certificates

**Early Childhood:** Iris, Franklin, Lily, Joseph, Tarkyn, Georgie, Louis, Isaac, Jett



## CITY MISSION FOOD DRIVE

Student Parliament are running a Food Drive to support City Mission for the remainder of this term. In today's newsletter, there is a list of items that we will be accepting on their behalf over the course of the next three weeks. Donations can be brought to classrooms. We thank you in advance for your support of this important cause.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Students have been issued with their school photo order forms. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE**, if this is an issue for any parents/carers please contact MSP Photography we cannot help you at the school office. Sibling photo order forms can be collected from the school office. If your child has lost this form please contact the office and we can let you know what your shoot key is. We have additional forms at the office for newly enrolled students or for separated families should they



**Spring Food Drive**

<input type="checkbox"/> baby food	<input type="checkbox"/> rice
<input type="checkbox"/> cereals	<input type="checkbox"/> shampoo
<input type="checkbox"/> conditioner	<input type="checkbox"/> soap
<input type="checkbox"/> deodorants	<input type="checkbox"/> tinned fruit
<input type="checkbox"/> hygiene products	<input type="checkbox"/> tinned soup
<input type="checkbox"/> long life milk	<input type="checkbox"/> tins of spaghetti
<input type="checkbox"/> lunch box items	<input type="checkbox"/> tins of tuna/salmon
<input type="checkbox"/> museli bars	<input type="checkbox"/> tins of vegetables
<input type="checkbox"/> pasta	<input type="checkbox"/> toothpaste
<input type="checkbox"/> pasta sauce	

 For financial donations  
Visit [citymission.org.au](http://citymission.org.au)  
Call 6335 3000

 Scan to donate

Your money helps us buy items we don't receive often

## say cheese

School Photo Day is  
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st  
September 2021

*Have your child's school memories captured forever*

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment order forms and remember these helpful points:



- **How to Order Online:**
  - Visit [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) and click on **ORDER ONLINE**
  - Enter your shoot key (located on the online order form)
- **Sibling Photographs:** You must visit your school office to receive a unique sibling shoot key and form before being able to process online.
- We ask that the sibling photo forms are not returned to the school office. Siblings **MUST** hand the form to the photographers at the time of the sibling photo being taken.

### Our Discount...

All orders placed online totalling \$100 or more will attract a generous discount.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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p: +61 3 6231 5880

[www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

## EARLY CHILDHOOD FUN DAY

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, our Prep, Grade One and Grade Two classes will be participating in the Northern Midlands West Early Years Fun Sports Day, which is to be held at Hagley Farm School this year. Students from Westbury PS, Deloraine PS, Our Lady of Mercy (OLOM) and Mole Creek PS will also participate in this day.

Students will need to wear their PE uniform and school hat. They will need to bring a packed lunch and a large drink.

Students will also be able to order a sausage for lunch if they wish, at a cost of \$2.50 per sausage (order form was attached to letter sent home). Please return the order form and correct money to your class teacher by **Wednesday the 8th of September**.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions parents **will not be able** to attend this event.

Please contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions.

**Mr Richard Ankin & Mr David Preece**

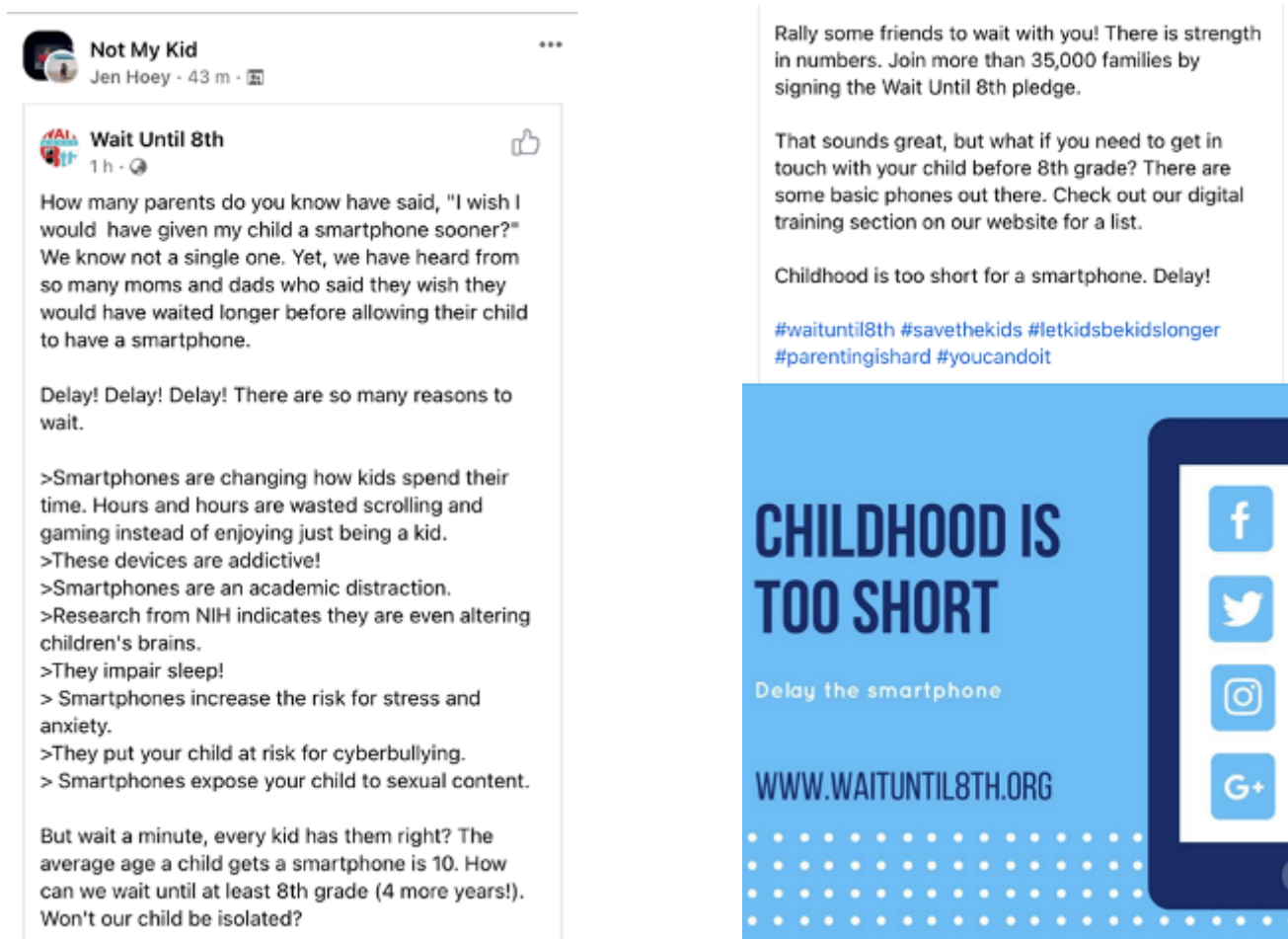
## eSmart News - National Child Protection Week

You may be interested in this webinar which is on tomorrow evening. (More information in last week's newsletter). [What you need to know about cyber safety to protect your children with Susan McLean - Webinar, Hosted online, 8th of September | Humanitix](#)

I also thought I would share the following screenshots to spark some conversation around child safety and the fact that younger and younger children are being given smart phones.

There are many things to consider before we put one in their hands. Often its out of a feeling that they will be safer with one because we can contact them, or they can contact us if something goes wrong, but do we give enough consideration to the risks we are actually placing in their hands.

There is a growing push for waiting until children are at least in Grade 8 before giving them a smart phone. That ship has sailed for many of our grade 5/6 families, but I implore our grade 3/4 parents to inform themselves fully and consider jumping on the Wait til 8th train. Don't ever feel that your child is the only one missing out – they are not! There are lots of families who are resisting, and lots of online groups to gain support and advice from, such as **Not My Kid** (Australian) and **Wait Until 8th** (American) from the Facebook screenshots below.



The image displays two screenshots from Facebook. The left screenshot is a post from the 'Not My Kid' group, dated 43 minutes ago by Jen Hoey. It features a post from the 'Wait Until 8th' group, which includes a poll asking how many parents have said they wish they had given their child a smartphone sooner. The post also lists several reasons to delay giving a smartphone, such as addiction, distraction, and increased risk of stress and anxiety. The right screenshot is a promotional poster for 'Wait Until 8th' with the headline 'CHILDHOOD IS TOO SHORT' and the tagline 'Delay the smartphone'. It includes the website 'WWW.WAITUNTIL8TH.ORG' and a list of social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Google+.

**Not My Kid**  
Jen Hoey · 43 m · 🌐

**Wait Until 8th**  
1 h · 🌐

How many parents do you know have said, "I wish I would have given my child a smartphone sooner?" We know not a single one. Yet, we have heard from so many moms and dads who said they wish they would have waited longer before allowing their child to have a smartphone.

Delay! Delay! Delay! There are so many reasons to wait.

- >Smartphones are changing how kids spend their time. Hours and hours are wasted scrolling and gaming instead of enjoying just being a kid.
- >These devices are addictive!
- >Smartphones are an academic distraction.
- >Research from NIH indicates they are even altering children's brains.
- >They impair sleep!
- >Smartphones increase the risk for stress and anxiety.
- >They put your child at risk for cyberbullying.
- >Smartphones expose your child to sexual content.

But wait a minute, every kid has them right? The average age a child gets a smartphone is 10. How can we wait until at least 8th grade (4 more years!). Won't our child be isolated?

Rally some friends to wait with you! There is strength in numbers. Join more than 35,000 families by signing the Wait Until 8th pledge.

That sounds great, but what if you need to get in touch with your child before 8th grade? There are some basic phones out there. Check out our digital training section on our website for a list.

Childhood is too short for a smartphone. Delay!

#waituntil8th #savethekids #letkidsbekidslonger #parentingishard #youcandoit

**CHILDHOOD IS TOO SHORT**

Delay the smartphone

WWW.WAITUNTIL8TH.ORG

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**Mrs Jessica Marston – Teacher-Librarian/eSmart Co-ordinator**

## STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Jack M from 5/6 Chatterton capped off a successful football season by winning the NTJFA Under 12 Boys Division 1 Best & Fairest Award. Congratulations Jack on your great footy season

Will C, Will Mc and Tommy C played for the Under 9 Southern Raider team on the weekend in the Hobart Cup (soccer tournament). Congratulations to the boys on winning their division.



## SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The School Association's Quiz Night is just over a week away Friday, 17 September! It promises to be a fun night out and a chance to catch up before term end. Currently, we are busy finalising Quiz questions and sponsors for the event. Due to the generosity of sponsors, we will also have a silent auction running on the night.

Please remember, it is BYO food only (bring your own food platters) with drinks available for purchase from the bar.

Also, a big thank you also to Patrick, Maree, Anna, Shiona and Jane who helped at the Father's Day stall last week.

**Anna Clark**

### Quiz Night Sponsors



### Quiz Round Sponsors



Westbury Hotel





# Ready Go Swim!

## Term 4 Enrolments close this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September!

**Term 4 2021 Learn to Swim After School Program at Hagley Farm Primary School**

**Ready Go Swim!** will be delivering the Royal Life Saving Society's national Swim and Survive endorsed program after school during Term 4 2021 at the Hagley Farm Primary School Swimming Pool.

Lessons are available to suit all levels of swimming for children aged 4 years to 14 years with each course developing individual swimming skills and strokes, swimming endurance, water safety and survival techniques.

- Children will attend 1 swimming lesson per week for the duration of Term 4 2021
- Program commences in the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> October and continues until the last week of Term 4
- 30 minute lessons
- Free Family Swims available from 3.05pm to 3.30pm

**Hurry! Places are Limited! Please don't miss out!**

To secure enrolment, please email [readygoswim@bigpond.com](mailto:readygoswim@bigpond.com)

or call 0407 851 913



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Under 14s and Under 17s Girls.



Any enquiries, please contact Kieren Hume (Junior Co-ordinator) on 0459 523 989  
Female Cricket enquiries, please contact Ian Bernes (Female Development Officer) on 0447 181 050

Head to play.cricnet.com.au and search "Westbury Shamrocks Cricket Club" to register  
More enquiries, contact Junior Co-ordinator Kieren Hume on 0459 523 989 or email [kieren.hume@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:kieren.hume@education.tas.gov.au)

**Westburys  
Junior Blasters**  
5-7 Year Olds  
Saturday Mornings @  
Westbury  
Tuesday Nights @ St  
Patrick's College



**Registrations  
Now Open**



**Westbury and St  
Patrick's Woolworths  
Blasters**



Longford Cricket Club

Junior Rego Day **SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 11:00AM**

FOR ALL ABILITIES – BOYS & GIRLS AGES 10-16 YEARS

Contact Craig Jarman 0407 879 207 or Phil Dodd 0439 498 965





**FREE, all-abilities school holiday fun**  
try a new sport



become a gymnast

**Monday 27 September, 10am-1pm**  
**Kings Meadows YMCA**  
**basketball + gymnastics + futsal**



Siblings of children with disability are welcome.  
To register or for details, contact Pam Collins  
at Li-Ve Tasmania by 17 September  
Email: [pcollins@livetasmania.org](mailto:pcollins@livetasmania.org)  
Phone: 6325 5900 or 0429 834 100



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### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
**5 Day Program**

**This is a great way for children to learn,  
consolidate and advance their swimming skills**

- 30 min lesson daily with the same teacher
- For ages 4 to 12
- Small classes
- Book now as spaces are limited

**Book Now 6344 2244**

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**Come and Try  
Days 2021**



**Domain Athletics Centre**  
Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

**Penguin Athletics Track**  
Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

**St. Leonards Athletics Centre**  
Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm

To register your interest email  
[do@taslittleathletics.com.au](mailto:do@taslittleathletics.com.au)



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**Season Starts October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
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