



Term 4 - Week 4

4th November 2025

Upcoming events

NOVEMBER	
Fri 14 th	Swimming Carnival Grade 3-6
Tues 18 th	Colour Run
Wed 19 th	ECE Assembly @ 1.30pm Primary Assembly @ 2.10pm
Thurs 27 th	Prep Excursion – Theatre North
DECEMBER	
Tues 2 nd	Hagley Arts Showcase
Fri 12 th	Grade 3 to 5 Presentation Assembly
Mon 15 th	Grade 5/6 Church Service
Mon 15 th	Grade 6 Leavers Dinner
Tues 16 th	Grade 6 Presentation Assembly
Tues 16 th	Early Childhood Assembly
Thurs 18 th	Early Childhood Church Service
Thurs 18 th	Whole School Assembly
Thurs 18 th	Students Last Day of 2025

Date	Host	Sharing
Week 6 Wednesday 19 th November	Primary – 3/4 Mason	Open to all 5/6 classes
	EC – Mr Ankin	Prep W/G
Week 9 Friday 12 th December	Grade 3 to 5 Presentation Assembly	
Week 10 Tuesday 16 th December	EC Presentation Assembly	
	Grade 6 Presentation Assembly	
Week 10 Thursday 18 th December	Whole School – Leadership Team	

From the Principal

Hello everyone

I would like to acknowledge the support that our staff received from our school community last week while the school was closed and staff were undertaking industrial action. We understand that this was an inconvenience to families, while also believing strongly in the need for the action. The number of positive and supportive messages that we received during drop off time was overwhelming, so I thank you for your support of us.

External School Review

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, next week Hagley Farm School will be participating in an External School Review. The Department for Education, Children and Young People regularly review all Tasmanian Government Schools. The Reviews are an important part of how the department supports each school. The Reviews are about providing schools with quality and independent feedback to help them continue to improve the learning outcomes for students and achieve the department's 'Why' - Bright Lives, Positive Futures. Reviews are not used to compare schools or to rate the performance of school staff. They are about supporting schools in a differentiated way, with reviews tailored to each school's context and need. Each school is reviewed approximately every four years – providing valuable opportunities for self-reflection and improvement. The External Review Team conducts the Reviews.

The Review Process: Experienced educators undertake Reviews. Our Review Team will consist of three reviewers and take three full days to complete. The Review Team looks closely at each school's performance data and will speak with staff, students, families, and the community to get an accurate picture of the school. Reviews are structured around a small number of Focus Domains, which have been agreed upon by the External School Review Leader, the principal and relevant School Improvement staff. The Review Team will provide the school with a report summarising their findings and recommended improvement strategies to maximise student outcomes.

Feedback from families and the community is an important part of school Reviews, and families and community members are encouraged to participate in the Review.

I welcome parent participation, so if you are able to be a part of the interview process, please contact the school office on 63922272.

We are looking forward to our review and the outcomes for continuing to improve our school.

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Jeanagh Viney
Principal

Canteen News

We need more helpers to keep the Canteen Open!

To enable us to keep our successful Canteen operating we need volunteers. We are asking for just a few hours of your time, as little as once or twice a term will help make a difference to our small team.

If you are able to join our school community as a valuable volunteer, please feel free to leave your name and contact details at the office or call Tracy on 0409 544 576.



Swimming in PE Lessons

Reminder to families that students will be swimming during their normal PE class times on the following dates. Please remember to pack your child's bathers, towel and suitable footwear (crocs/thongs) on their PE lesson days –

- Friday, 7th November
- Tuesday, 11th November
- Thursday, 13th November
- Monday, 1st December
- Tuesday, 2nd December
- Thursday, 4th December
- Friday, 5th December
- Monday, 8th December
- Tuesday, 9th December
- Thursday, 11th December
- Friday, 12th December



Student Leadership 2026

Today, Grade 5 students met with Mrs McLean and Mrs Styles in regards to Grade 6 Student Leadership positions for 2026. Information regarding these positions and corresponding dates are included in the paper copy students received at the meeting today.

Garden Club

We are loving the beautiful spring weather for the garden, but it does mean we have a bit more work to do!

Garden Club is on Mondays and Tuesdays this term from 2pm to 3pm. Please contact Jane 0439 877 573 or Shelley 0427 907 032 with any queries or just turn up.

Tuesday 10th Nov

Monday 15th Nov

Tuesday 18th Nov

Monday 24th Nov

Tuesday 2nd Dec

Monday 15th Dec



TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE \$4 each. - Collect from Garden Club at above times or contact Jane 0439 877 573 to arrange alternative collection.

COLOUR FUN RUN

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday November 18th

- Timetable currently being finalised and available soon
- Old/light coloured clothes recommended
- Sponsorship forms sent home in paper form today
- Additional information re FAQs included in today's newsletter.

Colour Powder FAQ's

Q: Who is your supplier? Where is the powder made?

A: After many years of importing colour powder from India in 2022 we started manufacturing the colour powder ourselves on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland!

We believe that having colour fun shouldn't cost the planet or people, our colour powder is just the same as the imported powder but with a much lower carbon footprint, is ethically made and helps support businesses in Australia.

Q: What are the ingredients in the powder?

A: It is predominantly (~99%) Australian Wheaten starch (CAS #9005-25-8) known as Cornflour in Australia mixed with the food colourings listed below (~1%).

We also add small amounts of the following preservatives:

- Tricalcium phosphate E341 (CAS No: 7758-87-4) is for anti clumping and common in baby powder
- Calcium Propionate E282 (CAS No: 4075-81-4) is a mould inhibitor common in bread and dairy products

Q: What food colours are used in the colour powder?

A: The synthetic food colourings used to colour the powders are:

- Brilliant Blue E133
- Tartrazine E102
- Carmoisine E122
- Ponceau E124
- Amaranth E123
- Sunset Yellow E110

Quality Coloured Powder recommends that anyone with a known allergy to any of these food colourings do not contact the powder.

Q: Is the powder gluten free?

A: **No.** Despite being made from what is known as cornflour, the actual grain is Australian **Wheat**. It is technically called 'Wheaten Cornflour' and contains gluten.

Any gluten free colour powder available in Australia is imported from overseas. We don't grow a lot of corn in Australia and what is available should be for human and animal food. We have an abundance of wheat in Australia which is why we have decided use the Australian wheat based cornflour for our coloured powder.

Q: What happens if the powder gets in our eyes, mouths, hair or ears?

A: It may cause a bit of irritation but nothing serious, immediately flush any affected area with water. For eye protection we recommend that people BYO goggles or sunglasses.

Q: Will the powder affect asthmatics? How do we keep asthmatics safe whilst still being included?

A: The colour powder will create a cloud of colour powder in the air, for most people inhaling a small amount of the colour powder as they move through the cloud is not problematic.

However asthmatics and people with other respiratory issues should use caution, given that it would not be ideal for them to be present in any area of floating particulates as this may trigger an autoimmune response.

Q: What should people wear, will the colour stain clothes, skin or hair? How do we clean up?

A: The dry colour powder is guaranteed NOT to stain and will wash off easily.

However, if the powder comes in contact with water (or other liquid like sweat), the food colouring is released and is likely to temporarily stain skin, hair, clothes. Because it is food colouring it will wash or wear off.

The powders clean off all surfaces easily. The first rain will clean off the grass and hard surfaces that powders fell on, or a quick hose or sweep will do the job.

We advise people not to wear their best clothes or most expensive shoes to a colour run.

Q: How do we clean up?

A: The powder can be swept off hard surfaces or washed away with bucket of water or hose. It is biodegradable and will not damage grass or harm waterways.

The Colour Fun Run at Hagley Farm School

Additional Information

Q: What safety measures will be in place

- We will have a First Aid station and we have access to a qualified First Aid staff member if required.
- Powder will only be aimed between the shoulder and hip (although it is likely to spread to other areas)
- As students spread out throughout the Fun Run, they will run through the colour station in a staggered formation.
- Students who do not have a change of clothes or do not wish to participate in the colour element of the day can continue running around the outside of the oval, completing the obstacles. The sprinklers and colour will be in the middle of the oval.

Q: What happens if it's raining on the day

- The Fun Run will be postponed if the weather isn't suitable on the day. This will be posted on our Facebook page

Q: Who is welcome to come watch?

- All families are encouraged to come and watch. Please stay behind the bunting. Students are to stay with their classes and teachers at all times.

Q: How will the event run?

- Each class will have 25 minutes to run/walk and complete the obstacles. Teachers will record the number of laps students complete. Classes will run with their buddy class.
- The emphasis is on having fun. Students can run and/or walk.
- Those students who can and who wish to get wet and coloured, will be redirected to the middle of the oval, where they can run through the sprinklers and then be coloured.

Q: What happens afterwards, will we be allowed on public transport, do they need a change of clothes?

- Students will then meet back as a class with their teacher and get changed into their school uniform at completion of their timeslot.

Westbury Remembrance Day

The Westbury RSL Sub Branch
will hold our community
Remembrance Day Service
and wreath laying on
Tuesday 11th November 2025
at the Westbury Cenotaph
commencing at 10.45am.

*The Tartan Terrors Pipes and Drums will play prior to our service
on the Westbury Village Green from 10.20am.*

A light lunch will follow in the RSL



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Join the Western Storm Netball Club!

Are you ready to get involved, have fun, and be part of a great local community?

Western Storm Netball Club welcomes everyone aged 6 to 80 — no matter your skill level, experience, or background!

Players: Whether you are brand new or returning to the court, we have got a place for you.

Volunteers: Not playing? You can still join in as a coach, umpire, scorer, or committee member!

Support & Benefits:

- Indoor training in Launceston
- Payment plans available
- Ticket to Play vouchers accepted
- Umpires are paid for games
- Coaches are supported and paid for their online learning

We are a proud, inclusive club that values teamwork, fairness, community, and connection — on and off the court.

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Contact: Alison Filgate

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