DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 22 November
* Triathlon – Bellerive Beach

Friday 23 November – Book Club closes

Tuesday 27 November
Champions’ Swimming Carnival

Monday 3 December
Excursion PG, P/1S, 1EW & 2M to Botanical Gardens & Cornelian Bay Park

Tuesday 4 December
11am Giving Tree Assembly

Wednesday 5 December
Christmas Concert 11 – 12:15pm Prep - 6

Thursday 6 December
Excursion – K2 to Playhouse Theatre

Friday 7 December
DEC Concert – band and choir students

Monday 10 December
6:30pm School Association Meeting – general 7:15pm Special Meeting of School Association

Tuesday 11 December
Excursion – K1 & 1EW to Playhouse Theatre Grade 6 Play

Monday 17 December
Excursion 4T, 2/3M, 3/4JW, 1EW, P/1S, PG & 2M – Glenorchy Pool and Tolosa Park

Tuesday 18 December
Grade 6 Leavers’ Dinner

Wednesday 19 December
Grade 6 Leavers’ Assembly 11am in the hall

Thursday 20 December
Grade 5/6 Activity Day. Last day for students.

ASSEMBLY DATES TERM 3

4 December Giving Tree Assembly 11am No afternoon assembly

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

School Transition
On Monday night our School Association met to further discuss possibilities for Lindisfarne North Primary School. One possible option was the co-location of our school on the Geilston Bay High School site. At this time, members expressed some concerns, but ultimately decided that it supports exploring a model of co-location. The main concern raised in discussions was that the Association was NOT interested in considering a single Kinder to Grade 10 school on the site. The Association agreed to keep the conversations going, by submitting a letter to the School Transition Selection Panel outlining these details. Our School Association would be seeking feedback from the Selection Panel as to the feasibility of such a proposal. Conversations with our school community could continue early into 2013 so as we may listen to concerns and investigate options.

Please be assured that a decision has not been made, and that we will not be forced into moving if we do not want to. It is our decision - no one else’s.
The school and School Association encourage you to come along and have a chat about the School Transition Fund and possibilities at a Special Meeting of the School Association on Monday 10 December in the school hall.

**Special Meeting of the School Association**

Going home with next week’s newsletter will be a notice of a Special Meeting for the School Association. The School Association is seeking to make four changes to the constitution:

- Reducing the number of members required to attend meetings to make constitutional changes
- Enabling payments to be made from the Association via Internet Banking as well as cheque
- Enabling any two of the authorized account signatories required to make payments, rather than having to include the Treasurer
- Deletion of an obsolete line of text

The details of these changes will be sent home next week for consideration before the special meeting.

This will be the final meeting of the year for the School Association, and will take the form of:

- 6:30pm - General Meeting
- 7:15pm - Special Meeting followed by Christmas Celebration and School Transition Fund conversation

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**SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to the Sayers family who recently competed at the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championships in Melbourne. Parents, Rachael and Paul, received bronze and silver medals respectively with Jacoba and Ezra obtaining silver and Kaea, bronze. A fantastic effort!

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

The following students received certificates at this week’s assembly:

3/4JW – **Com** for an excellent start to 3/4JW, **Khan** for making sensible decisions concerning his work habits, **Noah** for excellent work habits, **Rhyanna** for improvement in organisation; 4/5N (chosen by classmates) – **Patrick** for consistently cool classmate capabilities, **Kacey** for a seriously super sense of supportive sharing in sports, **Blair** for attaining ascending attitudinal aptitude, **Zeke** for having heaps of humorous hilarity; 5/6H – **Lily** for her willingness to participate in all school activities, **Travis** for an improved attitude and willingness to ‘have a go’; 2M – **Mitchell** for making an effort to get his work done, **Keisha** for her enthusiastic attitude towards our history unit, **Monique** for improved work effort; **Liam** for being an interested and had working student, **Paige** for being a reliable helper in class.

**ABC GIVING TREE ASSEMBLY**

On Tuesday 4 December we will be holding our ABC Giving Tree Assembly at 11:00am in the school hall. Peter Gee from the ABC will again be the special guest. All students are invited to bring along a small *unwrapped* gift to place in a box provided for Peter to take back to the ABC Giving Tree. Please help the less fortunate in our community.

**Riley for SRC**

**UNIFORM POOL**

We still have current style uniform items for sale for $10 each (while stocks last). This includes:

- Short sleeve polo tops
- Long sleeve polo tops
- Trackpants
- Tartan trousers

**SCHOOL BANKING**

The last day for school banking for this year will be Thursday 13 December.
GREAT AUSSIE CAROL SING-A-LONG CONCERT

Grades:  Prep to 6
Date:  Wednesday 5 December
Time:  11 – 12:15pm
Place:  Lower School Oval

Parents and friends are invited to share a carol sing-a-long. Please bring a rug or folding picnic chair to sit on. In case of wet weather a smaller production will be held in the school hall. We look forward to sharing our great Aussie Christmas Carols with you all.

We do need 6 large tarpaulins. If you can help out, please advise the office.

Lynne Mitchell, Music Teacher

MOVEMBER

Please don’t be alarmed - despite the mo’s aesthetic appeal I will only be sporting one for the rest of the month to support the Movember initiative. Movember raises awareness and funds for the two biggest health issues men face – prostate cancer and male mental health.

It would be fantastic to see the school community get behind this worthwhile cause. Donations can be made via the Movember website (just search for Damon Nichols) or in cash at the front office. Thank you.

Damon Nichols

BOOK FAIR

Last day tomorrow
Thursday 22 November
Parents and children are able to purchase books before school and at lunchtime.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Christmas Stall
Thanks to those parents who have already donated items for the Christmas stall. Please keep them coming in. The stall is on Wednesday 12 December.

Christmas Raffle
Raffle books are coming home today to each family. Lots of great prizes! Tickets are $1.00 each. Please return the ticket stubs and money to the office by Tuesday 11 December. The raffle is going to be drawn on Friday 14 December.

CANTEEN NEWS

This week’s winner of a free lunch (up to $5.00) for recycling is Charli of P/1S. Well done Charli!

Sushi can now be ordered at the canteen; however you do need to pre-order. Forms are available from the canteen and office. You need to place your order on Wednesday for Thursday, and Thursday for Friday delivery. The cost is $2.50 for each sushi ordered.

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Di Everson, Canteen Supervisor

Tickets for the Combined Primary Schools Bands, Choir and String Ensemble Annual concert on Friday 7 December at the Derwent Entertainment Centre are available from the office at a cost of $12. There is no concession price.
**GUITAR GROUP**

On Thursday 29 November our talented advanced guitar group, accompanied by some vocalists, will again be busking outside Bakers’ Delight in Lindisfarne (opposite Woolworths) between 11:30am and 1:10pm. The students will be accompanied by Mr Damon Nichols and Ms Louise Goich.

**APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT ASSISTANCE 2013**

The scheme provides assistance for low-income families towards the cost of levies for students enrolled from kindergarten through to senior secondary level. It is available to students attending a Government or registered Non-Government school or college and those students eligible to pay levies at the Tasmanian Academy or the Tasmanian Polytechnic.

The scheme provides assistance to:
- Full-time students from kindergarten to senior secondary level in Government and registered non-Government schools whose parents/guardians meet the income test and have care of the student for a minimum of 50% of the time (as assessed by Centrelink).
- Students who are in "Out of Home Care" through the Department of Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Section
- Grandparents raising grandchildren
- Some visa holders may be eligible. For further information contact International Services on (03) 6233 7016.

Income assessment is applied to parents/guardians of dependent students applying for assistance under the scheme. Independent students are required to meet the income test and also provide proof of their independent status. The income test used for the scheme is included on the application form each year.

The income test for the scheme (Taxable Income Table 2011-12) is shown below:

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*For more than 8 children, add $123 per week or $6204 per annum for each additional dependent.

Application forms are available at the school office. If you were in receipt of STAS for 2012 the Department contacts you directly.

*Brenda McLarin, SEO*

**OTHER NOTICES**

**GILBERT’S COACHES**

Gilbert’s Coaches is a fully accredited, family owned and operated school bus company servicing the following schools covering a route from Sorell through Richmond, Grass Tree Hill Road, East Risdon, Otago Bay and then back through Risdon Vale:
- Risdon Vale Primary
- Geilston Bay High
- Lindisfarne North Primary
- St Cuthbert’s Primary

We provide a safe, courteous and reliable service catering for students from Grade 1 to Grade 12. For the upcoming year, we have several seats available. We currently run a 36 seat bus on this service. This is a fare paying service but if you do have a Health Care Card, you should be entitled to a free travel card.

Please call or email Shane if you think this service may be able to assist you in any way, or if you require any further information

Ph 0438 045 828 or email gilbertscoaches@bigpond.com