SOME IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 27 August**
SPSSA Winter Sports Carnival Day (Gr 5/6)

**Wednesday 28 August**
9:30am  Book Week Parade

**Thursday 29 August**
Father’s Day Stall

**Wednesday 4 September**
Gr 5/6 Winter Sport v Howrah @ Howrah Primary

**Monday 16 September**
7pm School Association Meeting in staffroom

**Wednesday 18 September**
Gr 5/6 Winter Sport v Lindisfarne @ Lindisfarne Primary

**Wednesday 25 September**
Music concert for parents

**Friday 27 September**
Last day of Term 3

**Monday 14 October**
First day of Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"Gonski" Funding
Over the past few months, the media have been referring to a review of school funding as The Gonski Review, or Gonski. This report has now been completed and signed off on by all states. The Education Act has been amended, and schools will start seeing changes as of 2014. The reforms are no longer called Gonski, but are called "Better Schools".

Over the past five years, the Tasmanian Department of Education has also been looking into how it funds schools, and will be implementing changes called "Fairer Funding".

The two reforms together mean that schools will be funded on:
- How many students are enrolled
- Category of school (primary, high, etc)
- Location of the school
- Type of school (ie Special school)
- The socio economic status of the school
- The number of special needs students at the school

Schools will be required to develop a plan that focuses on school improvement through five main areas:
- quality teaching
- quality learning
- empowered school leadership
- meeting student needs
- transparency and accountability
While the media firstly spoke about these reforms as being a way for schools to receive large amounts of money, this will not initially be true. The money associated with "Better Schools" will be gradually phased in over six years. Our school will receive a small amount of money in 2014, and further changes and increases in funding will occur over the six year period.

By late October this year, we will have a better idea as to exactly how much money we will be receiving as a school, and then how we can use that money to improve school outcomes.

If you require further information about school funding changes, either contact the school or go to www.betterschools.gov.au or www.education.tas.gov.au.

Shane Oldfield
Principal

SPSSA WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL

The SPSSA (Southern Primary Schools Sports Association) Winter Sports Carnival will be held on Tuesday 27 August. Letters have gone home to students regarding other sports available on the carnival day. We still need at least one parent volunteer for each of the following:

- volleyball
- tennis
- table tennis
- teeball

If you can help by being at the school ready to go with the teams at 8:45am on 27 August and supervise during the day, please indicate that on the return slip or contact the school office.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Ashton Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 6 will close on Thursday 12 September.

CANTEEN NEWS

This week’s winner of a free lunch (up to $5) for recycling is Charli of 2/3M. Congratulations Charli.

The fried rice on our menu can no longer be obtained. We now have homemade fried rice which is available at the same cost, $3.20.

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If you are available at any time to help out at the canteen please contact Di Everson or leave your name at the school office.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Father’s Day Stall
Our Father’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 29 August. Please keep the donations coming in. Thank you to those families who have already sent along items.

Expressions Tea Towels
We are once again doing the Expressions Tea Towels. At the moment every child in our school along with all of the staff are drawing a picture of themselves to be printed on the Tea Towel. The cost of each tea towel is $12.50.

An order form is coming home today with the newsletter. To order, please place cash in an envelope with your child’s name and class and leave it at the office. Orders close on Friday 6 September. Delivery is around 4 weeks later.
**Parent Direct/Chalk - Toy Catalogues**
This has been a great fundraiser for our school in the past so we will be doing it again this year. All the proceeds that we receive go towards our Little Learners program.

Books will be sent home to our Little Learners group and ECE Classes (up to 2/3M) today with your newsletter. If your child is in an older class there are books available at the office. This is a great way to start your Christmas shopping from home and is a way of helping us at the same time. You will see many toys that cannot be purchased locally so have a look today.

We will require your completed order forms and payment by **Friday 13 September**. Payment can be by made by Credit Card, Cheque (made payable to Chalk or Parent Direct) or Cash. Forms can be left at the office. Happy shopping!

**Tupperware Fundraiser - Party for a Cause!**
Want to help with raising funds for LNPS? Tupperware is giving us a great easy way to raise money for our school. For every party booked during the next 6 – 8 weeks with Anne Shelverton we get $20. So if 5 people book a party – we get $100, 10 people and we get $200. How easy is that to help out the school? Interested? Write your name and contact number on the sheet at the office and Anne will get in touch with you. If you can’t make it in to the office phone Anne (0424564873), let her know you are from Lindisfarne North and she will get things rolling for you. If you need more information contact Amanda Robertson, amandaleerobertson@gmail.com

**Recycling Mobile Phones**
If you have any unwanted mobile phones hand them in at the school office. We will receive $3 for each one returned to Australian Mobile Recycling.

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**FUN AT THE DISCO**

Last week’s disco was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Special thanks to DJ Daz and to everyone who helped on the night.
OTHER NOTICES

Fundraiser for Harry!

Harry was recently diagnosed with a brain tumour and to support him and his family, we are organising a fundraising event. The event connects all the networks of people that want to contribute in some way to assist the family at this time, raising much needed funds.

- Bar with wine, beer and pre mix available for purchase
- Live Music
- Monster raffle
- Fabulous Auction with some great items

When: Friday November 7
Where: MacKillop College Hall, Goondi St, Mornington TAS 7018
Phone: (03) 6245 0099
Time: 7pm - 11pm

Cost: $20 per head which includes supper and lucky door prize.

Why not invite your friends / come along and have some fun!

Contact our Event Coordinator Kimberly on ksteele5@bigpond.com or email Barrel on baznwenna@bigpond.com.au for more information.

Visit the site to register!

‘FUNDRAISER FOR HAZZA’

C’mon, jump on board!

UTAS Radio Telescope & Grote Reber Museum,
Denholms Road, Cambridge
OPEN DAY
Sunday 25 August,
10am – 3pm
Enjoy a family day of feasting, science fun, tours and 3D movies.

Take a closer look... at UTAS Open Day!

Whether you’re curious about study opportunities, excited by innovation, or looking for a fun day out - UTAS invites you to join us for Open Day on Sunday 25 August. Visit our campuses, tour unique learning facilities, chat with staff and students and enjoy a range of activities and demonstrations.

There’s a free BBQ, face painting and other fun activities for people of all ages. For details, visit www.utas.edu.au/openday and download the Open Day program or contact the Uni Info Centre on 13UTAS.