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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back. Hope you all had a lovely break.

Digital Literacy Grant

We are very excited to announce that we have been awarded one of only 54 national projects (3 successful projects in total for Tasmania) through the Australian Digital Literacy School Grants. We will receive \$50 000 for a two year project to support teachers and students in embracing the digital age and in implementing the *Australian Curriculum: Digital Technologies*. Congratulations to Mrs Hilary Purdie and the Digital Technologies team for all their work in putting together our successful application.

Staffing

Mrs Purdie will reduce her classroom commitments to coordinate the Digital Literacy project across the school. Mrs Em Dorney will now be teaching the year 4-5 class on both Monday and Tuesday. We are delighted to welcome Mr John Murray to the school on a more regular basis to teach Mrs Gilmour's Year 6 class on Mondays. In other staffing news, Mrs Ngaire Green will continue working on the Prep class until Mrs Lynne Sattler returns from Long service leave on Monday. Ms Bresnehan will also be retuning next week from her week of Long Service Leave.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and Year 5 will be conducted on Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th of next week. Students will be completing tests on Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Catch up session will be held for students who are absent on any of these days. Over the last few weeks students have become more familiar with the format of the NAPLAN testing to ensure they are all well prepared and clear about the expectations of each test.

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: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html>

Coming up this term

- **May 9 -11** NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and 5
- **May 12** Whole School Assembly (Classes presenting: 1N, 1-2G and 6PT, Hosts: Sarah, Jezreel, Laura, Nick Harnwell)
- **May 15-19** Swimming Program for Year 1, 2 and 6
- **May 26** Cross Country for Prep to Year 6 students (9-11am)
- **May 29 -June 9** Swimming and Water Safety Program for Years 3, 4 and

Tony Poynter

Acting Principal

[KEY DATES 2017](#)- click to open the Calendar of events

[EXCURSIONS](#) - click to see information for **Kinder O & Kinder G, 1N & 1W**

[COMMUNITY NEWS](#) - click to open Community News

CLASSROOM NEWS

Prep PY

A Busy First Week in Prep PY!

We have had a wonderful first week back at school with a lot of exciting learning. From our class photographers' pictures you can see our science fun with magnets, our vegetable seedlings now growing in the vegie garden, our kitchen roleplays, hat making and our super progress during reading groups. All this and it is only Week 1!



4/5 GS - Science News

Year 4/5 had a great time completing the Science unit, 'Let's Experiment!' The unit began with scientific drawing. Drawing 3D objects in two dimensions was quite a challenge. Completing science experiments collaboratively, working through issues, following scientific procedure and drawing conclusions are all

skills that the Year 4/5 students developed during the term. Here are a few highlights from some of our Year 4/5 scientists:

"I enjoyed the hydrometer experiment." Ishaq

"I liked the candle experiment because it was mysterious how the water went in the jar." Nathanael

"I loved seeing the reaction of the science experiments and finding out why they happened." Isla

"My highlight was when you put water on the coin and trying to float the paper clips on water and working with people." Kaiki

"Working with a partner." Jasmine

"My science highlight was trying to drop the paperclips on top of the water even though it didn't work, I still had fun." Pat

"In , I liked the Red and Shaving Cream in the Jar experiment." Oscar

" My highlight of is that you have to work with a partner." Claire

"Let's Observe a Candle was my highlight." Madeleine

"My highlight was trying to balance paper clips on water." D'Arcy

"I really like how Science is hands-on." Natania

"My favourite experiment was the candle in a jar experiment because it was fun and cool to see the water being sucked into the jar." Dan

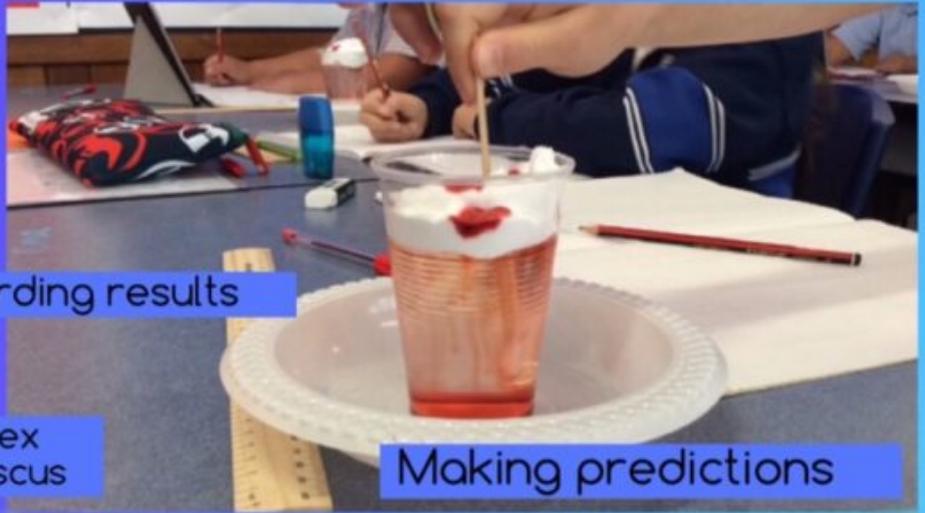
"I have loved every single experiment so far. I especially liked the shaving cream experiment because shaving cream is fun to play with and it really looked cool when we added red food colouring. I can't wait to do more experiments." Sophie

"I really loved how when we changed the liquids, the candle created this mass of air." Cameron

"The paper clip floating on water was my favourite experiment. Why? Because it was new and it was a challenging task." Ben



Recording results



Making predictions



Convex meniscus

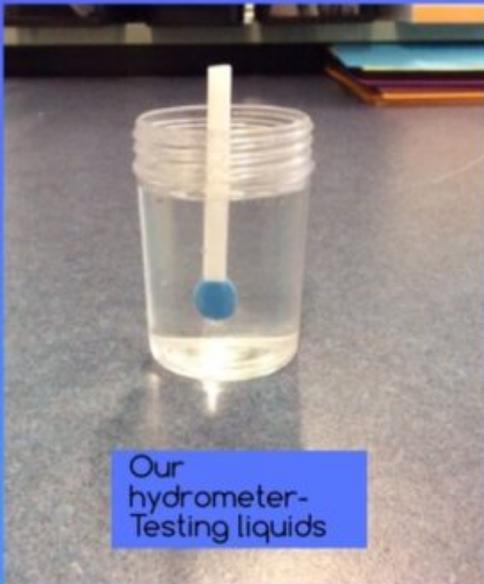


How long will the candle stay alight for?



Magical toothpicks, or are they?

Our Science Experiments



Our hydrometer-Testing liquids



Working collaboratively

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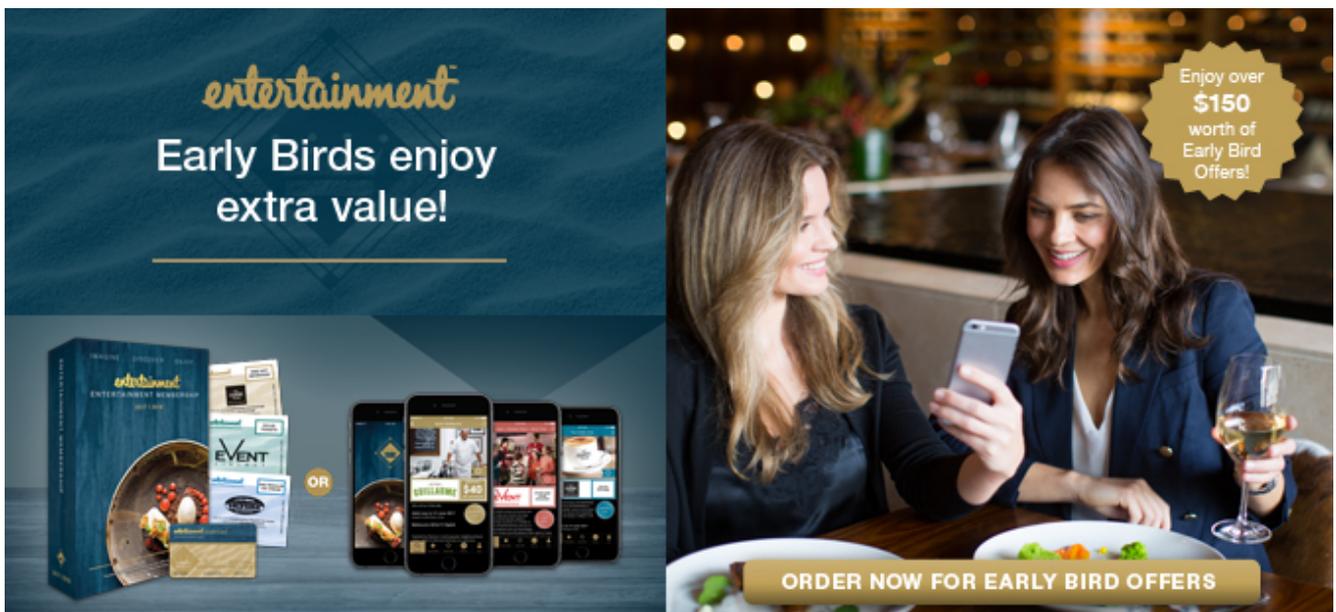
STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Easter Raffle raised total of \$530.05

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INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

VOLUNTEERING

A reminder to parents/grandparents and carers who volunteer in our school that you must have a current Working with Vulnerable People Card. When applying for the card please remember to “attach yourself” to Taroona Primary School by choosing Department of Education from the organisation drop-down box and then select Taroona Primary from the location drop-down box. For more information follow the link below. The cost is \$18.36 and the card is valid for 3 years. At Taroona Primary School we appreciate and value the support parents/carers continually give us.

http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children

SCHOOL INFORMATION



To ensure the safety of our school property, please ring Crime Stoppers if you see anyone acting suspiciously in our school grounds.

BOOK CLUB



Book club is due Wednesday 17th May. Please place your order in an envelope with your child's name and class. If paying by cash please ensure you have the correct money.

Donations of clean and sturdy paper or plastic shopping bags are needed to sort orders into. If you are able to help with this, could you please drop them into the School Office.

SUSHI



Click [here](#) for new sushi menu

In Term 2 we will be offering the option to order Sushi for a full term in advance. We trialled this option with a few families in Term 1 and it was successful. Term 2 has 10 weeks so an order of 1 roll per week will cost \$35 (\$70 for 2 rolls etc) for the term. It is preferable that your child has a consistent order but it can be easily changed by sending us an email. Refunds can not be offered, but if your child is sick on sushi Friday their sushi can be collected by a family member, donated to the school or sent to a siblings class.

Please email me at: allycgunton@gmail.com

If you would like to order in advance or alternatively send your child's order into the Sushi box with full payment and sushi choice.

Just a reminder when you place an order please write your child's name, class (using their year and the first letter of the their teacher's last name - ie. 2PY, or 1N), and the amount enclosed clearly the envelope. For Example, Jo Moore, Prep S, 1 x Avocado, \$3.50. Please ensure correct money is enclosed. Also please don't use foreign coins for payment as they can not be banked.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

SOCCER BOOTS



THE SECOND HAND SOCCER BOOT SWAP / SALE IS BACK! Bring in your too-small pair of soccer boots and swap for a bigger size! If you don't have a pair to swap, make a \$5 donation to the TPSA and get yourself a pair. Come and see us at the Uniform Shop.

We are open on **Tuesdays** between **2:45** and **3:15** under the staffroom. Or, if you can't make this time, place an order at the office for collection the following **Wednesday morning**

Cargo shorts: We are phasing out of the old cargo shorts. They are exceedingly sturdy and are going out at the bargain basement price of **\$10**. We have limited stock in sizes 4 and 6. And plenty of sizes 10, 12 and 14's. Size 8's have sold out. Grab yours before they disappear forever!

We are open Tuesdays 2:45 - 3:15, or you can place an order at the office anytime.

DUTY OF CARE

Please note that students are **not to arrive before 8.30am**. This is for the students' protection and safety as there are no teachers on duty prior to 8.30am and classrooms remain locked until this time. Supervision is provided before and after school:

- Playground (EXCLUDING CREEK PLAYGROUND & OVAL) 8.30am to 8.55am
- Car park & bus area 2.50pm to 3.05pm

MOVE WELL EAT WELL

Move Well Eat Well

**Drink water
to keep your body
feeling fresh**

**Your body is about
60% water**



**Our body water levels
need topping up throughout the day.
This helps our body to:**

- digest food
- use nutrients
- take away waste
- have a healthy body temperature.

Primary children need about 5 to 7 cups of fluid a day to keep their body running well and feeling fresh.



**TAP INTO
WATER
EVERYDAY**

For more information and for family ideas on healthy eating and physical activity visit www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au

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