



Striving together for excellence

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

KEY DATES FOR 2019

Monday 11 March
EIGHT HOURS DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday 12 March
SCHOOL BANKING

School Association Meeting at 6.30 pm

Wednesday 13 March
Parent Information session at 9.00 am (Common Instructional Model)

ECE ASSEMBLY
Organising Unit:
Mrs Grey's Grade 1/2

Sharing Unit:
Mrs Paine's Grade 1/2

Thursday 14 March

Friday 15 March

TERM DATES FOR 2019

TERM 1

Commences

Wednesday 6 February to
Thursday 11 April
(Friday 12 April is Moderation Day
(Student Free Day)

Easter Break

Friday 19 April to Tuesday 23 April

TERM 2

Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

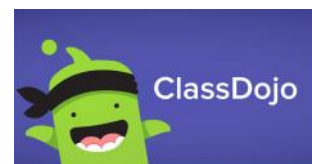
Dear Families,



SEESAW AND DOJO

As a new whole school initiative, every class teacher is using Seesaw and Class Dojo to share what is happening in the classroom. Both apps are a powerful way for families to see the learning experiences and achievements that your

child is experiencing throughout the week. Seesaw is being used in all Kindergarten to Grade 2 classes and Class Dojo Grades 3 – 6. If you have not signed up yet, please contact your child's class teacher.



ABSENCES

Our attendance data for this year has been fantastic. Our aim is to have every student at school every day to maximise learning, social and emotional growth and a sense of connectedness. However, we also recognise that students get sick. If your child is going to be absent, we ask that families contact the school, to inform us that your child will not be present for the day. This contact will prevent Department of Education unexplained letters being issued. You can contact the school on 6229 5728.

Kelly Dyer
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the School Association will be Tuesday 12 March.

Email: kingstonpsassociation@gmail.com

AGENDA

1. Budget
2. School Improvement Plan
3. Car Park
4. Empowering Communities Grant
5. Grade 6 Leavers Tops
6. Sports Tops and School Caps



CANTEEN NEWS

The first two weeks of Canteen this year have been busy while we adjust to the new menu. The option of two different serving sizes is proving popular as it is allowing for different appetites in different aged students.

Apologies for the inconvenience of not having the drink price on the menu. All juices are \$1.50.

We have had a good response from parents wanting to help this year. If you indicated that you would help in the Canteen please contact me again as a couple of phone numbers / emails have not worked. If you have not been contacted about assisting please email me mary.laing@education.tas.gov.au to confirm your details.

Feedback on the changes to menu and general Canteen operations are welcome at any time and can be left at the school office or via email.

Mary Laing
Canteen Supervisor



AFTER HOURS SCHOOL SPORT

Teams are being organised for Friday Futsal and Monday Netball.

These sports are available for all students in Grades 3 - 6.

If you have not received the information and your child is keen to play, please make contact at school.

Angela Kadziolka
HPE Specialist



COMMUNITY NEWS

KINGBOROUGH TIGERS - AFL in the STJFL competition begins on 7 April. Auskick (from age 5) begins 29 March. Enquiries to kingboroughtigersfc@gmail.com or Junior Co-ordinator (U8 to U12) Cory Oliver on 0401895042. Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au

2019 KIDFIT SERIES - Triathlon and Family Fun Run will be held at Blackmans Bay on Sunday 17 March. Register at kidfitseries.com.au

HIGH PERFORMANCE CRICKET TASMANIA - Junior Indoor Cricket Come and Try Days will be held on Monday 25 March @ 4.15 pm and Saturday 30 March from 9.15 am for boys and girls in Grade 2 to Grade 6. These sessions will be held at High Performance Cricket, Kingston View Drive. Register by contacting Damian on 6229 7863 or email damian@highperformancecricket.com.au

COASTRIDER SURF ACADEMY - Surfgrons Term 1 programs start soon. Clifton Beach, Friday after school starts 8 March, Sunday mornings starts 17 March. Seven Mile Beach, Tuesday after school started 5 March, Saturday afternoons starts 16 March. Park Beach, Wednesday after school started 6 March and Saturday mornings starts 16 March. Clifton Beach - March long weekend 2 day program. To book visit www.coastrider.com.au

NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER A UNIT D	We are almost ready to begin our communications with the Seesaw App. Please ensure you fill your email address in on the form in the classroom. Please ask if you have any questions with regard to this.
MS HUGHES/ MR RUSSELL'S (DOWSETT'S) KINDER /PREP UNIT C	Our panoramic birthday chart is nearly complete. The colour of the sign that your child is holding represents their House colour for sporting events. Please come into the room and check it out. You might also want to ask about registration pockets and the Kinder Art Bank.
MRS STEELE'S PREP UNIT BB	This week we have had fun with the letters 'p' and 'n'. We have written about penguins and pirates and made lovely penguin pictures, pirate boats and treasure chests. Please remember to check the "take home" bags on the hooks near the bag spaces for work to be taken home.
MRS GREY'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT N	The children have been developing their questioning skills as we continue our Science inquiry. During Maths, we have been focussing on skip counting and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Sight words have been sent home to practise. Thanks to families who have encouraged Home Reading.
MRS PAINE'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT O	Our class is sharing at the ECE Assembly on Wednesday. You are very welcome to come to watch. We have continued learning about shapes, Chinese New Year and mixtures. A highlight this week has been continuing 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. What will happen to Grandma?
MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT A	Our class Seesaw is up and running. Please download the Seesaw Class App and simply scan the barcode on the form in your child's bag to connect to our fabulous class. This is a great way to keep up to date with all the things we have been doing. A highlight this week in Maths were students repeating patterns using body percussion elements. They were so much fun to design and watch too!
MS WOOD'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT AA	This week in Science we have continued our exploration of mixtures, how they are made and how they change when water is added to them. In Maths we have looked at the properties of 3D shapes and constructed our own shapes from straws and blutac which was lots of fun!

CORRESPONDENCE FORWARDED HOME TO FAMILIES THIS WEEK:

Letter to all families re School Photos.
 Letter to Kinder parents re Kindergarten Health Assessments.
 Letter to interested students re Grade 3 - 6 Netball Roster.
 Information for Parent/Carers of Grade 3 and 5 students re NAPLAN.
 Letter to parents from Kinder - Grade 2 re Seesaw communication.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT F	In Maths we are looking at place value and in English we are working on narrative writing. This week the students have developed resilience in having several relief teachers. We wish Mrs Rumley a speedy recovery.
MISS BARKER'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT G	We have been looking at the difference between a fixed mindset and a growth mindset and what this may sound like in the classroom. In Mathematics we used the computers to draw 2D shapes in Power Point .
MISS KILPATRICK'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT H	Please see the letter about connecting to our 'Class Dojo'. If you have any issues connecting, please let me know and I will be happy to help.
MRS ABEY'S/ MR DURNO'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT I	In Science students have been drawing labelled diagrams to show what they already know about parts of a plant. In Maths we are looking at Symmetry. It is great to see so many Home Reading folders coming in each day. Please keep up the wonderful effort with your reading.
MR McVEIGH'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT L	We have commenced our Desert Animals research project with each student researching how their selected animal adapts to its desert environment.
MRS AITKEN'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT M	This week we began learning about angles in Geometry which is a strand of our Mathematics. We have been looking at the tiers of government in Humanities and Social Sciences and the different responsibilities each have. We have also been looking at spelling rules.
MR BEST'S/ MR ANAGNOSTIS' GRADE 5/6 UNIT R	We have been working on animal and plant adaptations in Science this week. We have also been working on our reading strategies to assess prior knowledge of particular Science related topics.
MR CLIFFORD'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT S	Our class has just finished focussing on our reading strategy of activating prior knowledge and we are now improving our ability to self-monitor when reading. In Science we have begun combining adaptations of different creatures to create an animal that is suited to a particular biome.

**SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES NEED TO
BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 22 MARCH.**

OUR CHILDREN AT WORK AND PLAY

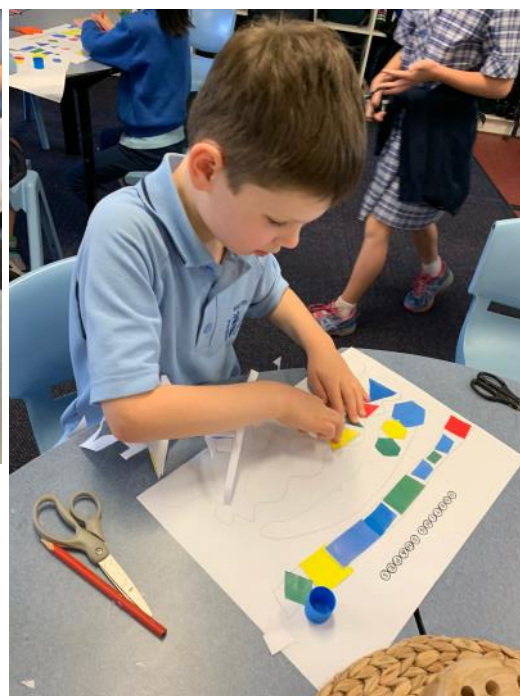
UNIT N - MRS GREY'S GRADE 1/2

The students have demonstrated their enthusiasm for learning!

In Mathematics, we have been investigating the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

We have also been learning about skip counting. Our English focus for the first half of this term has been the reading comprehension strategy, activating prior knowledge.

We have used this strategy across all learning areas. We have also been exploring the features of recount writing. What a great start to the year!



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