



## **MOWBRAY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Issue No. 7 18th March 2020**

#### **This Coming Week:**

**Wed 25th Mar**  
Kindergarten Photo day  
and Catch Ups

#### **Key Dates for 2020**

##### **Term 1**

Wed 5th Feb -  
Wed 8th Apr

##### **Term 2**

Mon 27th Apr -  
Fri 3rd July

##### **Term 3**

Tue 21st July -  
Fri 25th Sept

##### **Term 4**

Mon 12th Oct -  
Thur 17th Dec

##### **Easter**

Fri 10th Apr -  
Tues 14th Apr

##### **Professional Learning Days**

9th April  
20th July  
30th November

Dear Families

Thank you very much for your patience, understanding and support for all members of the school community in what is an extremely challenging time. At MHPS we have consistently followed the current advice of the Government and Public Health Officials, and will continue to do so. As you are no doubt aware, schools will continue to remain open for as long as it is safe, and we are taking a number of precautionary measures.

To reflect advice that *limiting occasions on which a number of people, larger than a class group, come together and are in close proximity to one another, lowers the chances of spreading the virus*, we have cancelled:

- Assemblies (Early Childhood, Primary and Buddy Assemblies, and after break Assemblies)
- Excursions
- Athletic Carnival (LSSSA)
- Obstacle-a-thon
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Growing Up Program Parent Meetings
- Year 3-6 Science Show
- Launching into Learning
- NSCC Outreach Program

We have also implemented good hygiene practices including:

- Regular hand washing and access to hand sanitiser
- Refraining from touching our mouths and faces
- Limiting personal contact
- Encouraging use of elbow to cover the nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing
- Eating in separate class groups
- Regular cleaning of hard surfaces, such as door handles, keyboards and desks

As we have already seen across the world, this situation is likely to continue for some time and is constantly evolving. Please be assured that we are well supported by the Department of Education and Public Health Authorities, and that we will continue to take all necessary actions to support hygiene and wellbeing in our school. I encourage families to keep up to date by accessing credible and factual information, and to use the resources sent home this week to support your children.

*Take care*  
*Sharon*

## Diary

Wed 25th Mar	Kindergarten Photo Day and Catch Ups
Thurs 26th Mar	School Association AGM 7:00 pm in the Boardroom
Mon 30th Mar	Growing Up Program commences
Wed 8th April	Last day of Term 1 for students

## Merit Certificates and Values Champions - Early Childhood

Class	Merit	Merit (Respect)	Values Champion
Prep-FB	Ayla	Jason	Tarlia
Prep-GE	Jessica	Aisha	Margaret
Prep C	Savannah	Hamish	Bronte
1/2 A	Eleanor	Salon	Maetell
1/2 H	Scarlett	Aziah	Tyson
1/2 B	Ashton	Charlie	Ella
1/2 W	Kee Sheng	Lachlan	Brooke
1/2 SF	Chloe	Charlie	Charlie

## School Banking Program

This week's Dollarmite Award was won by Jada from 1/2 Wood.



## Our School Competition will still go ahead

A reminder to all MHPS Lego engineers that your creations are due at school by next Tuesday, 24th March. Please bring them in on Monday or Tuesday next week.

We will vote on Thursday. I can't wait to see how clever everyone has been!

Please Note: The Northern Brixhibition competition has been cancelled.

*Julie McKenzie*

## Obstac-a-thon - CANCELLED

We are still hopeful about holding our Obstac-a-thon sometime this year. If families have collected money they are most welcome to either bring it into school for safe keeping or to keep it safe at home.

## Choir Performance at UTAS

Last Thursday the Choir travelled to UTAS Inveresk precinct to perform at the Harmony Week Launch Event. Our students entertained the gathering with great enthusiasm and melodious tones. Many thanks to the adults who assisted on the day. Well done everyone, we received some fantastic feedback! *Jenny Johnston*

*Dear Sharon and Jenny*

*I wanted to thank you so much for bringing the choir to the Harmony Week launch today. I had so many positive comments about the kids and their singing. They were a credit to you both and the school as always. Kellie*



Keeping your children safe online!



**eSmart Digital Licence**

**Alannah & Madeline Foundation**  
Keeping children safe from violence

Dear Parents and Carers,  
The rapid advances in technology have meant rapid changes to the way our children live their lives, and

subsequently to the way we parent and educate.

According to research, one in five young Australians are the target of cyberbullying each year, and 49 per cent of teenagers reported they had added people to their social networking 'friends' list that they had never met face-to-face.

With that in mind, and with support from Google, the Alannah and Madeline Foundation has developed a 'Digital Licence' – an online education tool designed to help protect children from online risks. This engaging resource was designed with cyber safety experts, teachers, and industry leaders in education and technology.

The Digital Licence is the most comprehensive educational resource for online safety and responsibility.

At MHPS we endeavour to embrace the benefits of technology, and at the same time educate and protect our children from cyberbullying and other online risks. Therefore, we are implementing the Digital Licence in Years 5 and 6, and invite you to visit the website [digitallicence.com.au](http://digitallicence.com.au) to learn more about the program.

*Steve Smyth - Assistant Principal*

## Student Wellbeing Survey



The wellbeing of our students is important to us. To get an understanding of how students at MHPS feel about their own wellbeing, Years 4, 5 and 6 students are invited to take part in a wellbeing survey.

The **Student Wellbeing Survey** is part of the DoE's Child and Student Wellbeing Strategy. The details for the survey at MHPS are:

**When:** Week beginning 16th March during ICT lessons

**Who:** Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students

**What do I need to do:** You and your child don't need to do anything. The survey will be completed in class time and will not require your child to prepare in any way.

A letter with more information was sent home with all Year 4, 5 and 6 students last week, including Frequently Asked Questions and a form to sign and return to the school if you do not want your child to participate in the survey.

Thank you for supporting us to ensure that all our learners are safe, feel supported and are able to flourish.

## Year 6 Leavers Tops - \$35

Our Year 6 students have the option of wearing a leavers Polo Top. This is a long standing and special tradition at Mowbray Heights Primary School.

Order forms were given to Year 6 students last Thursday. Please return orders with payment to the Office by Friday 3rd April.

## School Association Committee

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 26th March at 7:00 pm. School Association Meetings are held in the boardroom.

## Student Absence

Parents and Carers are asked to continue making contact with the school when your child is absent.

We will send text messages when an absence is unexplained.

If your child will be absent for an extended period, please include the dates of absence and an explanation for absence.

## School Photos

We are pleased to offer all students the opportunity to be involved in School Photos. **Photo envelopes need to be returned whether you are purchasing photos or not**, as each student must hand their individual envelope to the photographer on the day. All students will be part of the class photo. Spare envelopes and Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request. Please be aware that the family portrait pack is for school age students attending MHPS only. **There is a discount available on all orders placed online that total over \$100.** Please enclose correct money as change is unable to be issued. Cash, cheque and money orders are accepted. Credit Cards can only be used for payment when ordering online.

Online ordering is now available for individual student and sibling photos at [www.msp.com.au/tasmania](http://www.msp.com.au/tasmania)

Make sure you read the information carefully and follow the instructions to ensure you receive exactly what you are expecting.

**School Photo Day:** Wednesday 25th March - Kindergarten and Catch Ups



## The Growing Up Program

Family Planning Tasmania will be visiting our classes from **Monday 30th March to Wednesday 8th April** to provide *The Growing Up Program – a relationships, sexuality and protective behaviours program*.

The program will be available for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Kindergarten students will participate in two sessions, Prep to Year 4 students will have two sessions, and Year 5 and 6 students will have two sessions plus an all girl and an all boy session. *Growing Up* aims to provide your child with knowledge, skills and attitudes to help them make choices for positive emotional, physical and social health.

The program is age-appropriate and topics covered may include:

- Our bodies and how they work, including private body parts
- Feelings and emotions
- How my body has grown and changed – birth to present
- Puberty changes
- Conception, pregnancy and birth
- Rules about touch
- Healthy and safe relationships – face to face and online
- Valuing diversity
- Decision making and communication skills



The Parent/Carer Information Sessions have been cancelled. If you would like to find out more about the Growing Up Program please contact the office and we will put you in touch with the educators.



## Year 5-6 Greens Beach Excursion

Last Friday our Year 5 and 6 students participated in an excursion to Greens Beach, making stops on the way at Brady's Lookout and Supply River Mill. Fine weather, careful planning and great experiences ensured this was a day filled with a variety of educational and fun opportunities.



## Student Validation Forms

It is imperative that the school maintains accurate and up to date information on each student. At the beginning of each year we ask parents and carers to look at information from our files and amend/update any details. Families who have not returned the Validation Form are asked to do this urgently. If you have misplaced your form, the Office Staff will reprint it for you. Also sent home were the following documents requiring your attention:

1) **Special Data Collection Form - For Parents**

2) **ICT Acceptable Use Agreement.** We require you to read the information, discuss it with your child and commit to the agreement.

### CONTACT DETAILS

**Postal Address:** PO Box 131, Mowbray Heights 7248  
**Email:** [mowbray.heights.primary@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:mowbray.heights.primary@education.tas.gov.au)

**Street Address:** 20-30 Cadorna Street, Mowbray Heights **Phone:** 6326 1892  
**Web:** [mowbrayheightsprimary.education.tas.edu.au](http://mowbrayheightsprimary.education.tas.edu.au)