This Coming Week:

Thurs 20th Oct
Early Childhood Assembly 2.10 pm

Fri 21st Oct
Student Free Day PL for staff

Sat 22nd Oct
Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament

Sun 23rd Oct
Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament

End of Year Dates

Monday 12th Dec
Leaver’s Dinner 6.00 pm

Monday 19th Dec
Early Childhood End of Year Assembly 1.30 pm

Tuesday 20th Dec
Primary End of Year Assembly 9.00 am

Key Dates for 2016

Term 4
10th Oct - 21st Dec PL Day Fri 21st Oct

Mowbray Heights Primary School 2017

We are beginning to plan our classes and staffing for 2017. To do this well and with accuracy, we need to be confident about our enrolments. If you know that your child/children won’t be returning to Mowbray Heights next year, please complete the notice attached to this newsletter and return to the office as soon as possible. Under the Education Act it is the responsibility of parents to notify the school in writing when their child is leaving to attend another school. Thank you very much to the families who have already let us know their intentions.

If you have a child who will be enrolling in Kindergarten in 2017 and have not notified us yet please do so as soon as possible. We are about to begin our Early Start sessions where our Pre-Kindergarten children attend without their parents and carers. Early Start encourages independence, introduces students to the routines of Kindergarten and nurtures the development of friendships. It would be great to have all our 2017 Kindergarten children benefitting from this program.

Primary Schools Basketball Tournament

Congratulations to our 3/4 Junior Boys and 3/4 Junior Girls Basketball teams on their wonderful performances on the weekend. Our teams improved with every game, and displayed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. We are so proud of you all. Thank you very much to our fantastic coaches Adrian M’Henry and Priscilla Busch for your commitment to the teams and for the encouraging way you coached. Thank you also to our parents who supported the tournament by performing bench duty. And finally, thanks to all who came along and supported our teams.

There will be no school for students on Friday 21st October as it is a designated Professional Learning Day for staff

Sharon
Diary
Thurs 20th Oct
Early Childhood Assembly 2.10 pm
Fri 21st Oct
Student Free Day
Professional Learning day for staff
Sat 22nd Oct
Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament
Sun 23rd Oct
Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament
Mon 24th Oct
PIPS 2nd Assessment continues this week
Thurs 27th Oct
‘The Sound’ on Tour - Glen Dhu Primary School
Thurs 27th Oct
Whole School Assembly 2.05 pm
Wed 2nd Nov
Early Start begins for Pre-Kinder groups
Thurs 3rd Nov
Early Childhood Assembly 2.10 pm
Thurs 3rd Nov
P&C Meeting 7.30 pm
Mon 7th Nov
Public Holiday - Recreation Day
Tues 8th Nov
Kindergarten - Year 2 Athletic Carnival 9.05 am on the school oval
Tues 8th Nov
NSCC Outreach Program 3.00 pm
Thurs 10th Nov
‘The Sound’ on Tour - Ravenswood Heights Primary School
Thurs 10th Nov
P&C Monster Raffle Draw 2.05 pm

Fire Education
A Fire Fighter from the Tasmania Fire Service is visiting our school in Week 1 and Week 2 of Term 4, to present a Fire Safety Program to our students from Prep to Year 6.

The program is an initiative of the Tasmania Fire Service which aims to deliver appropriate fire safety education to every primary school child in Tasmania. The program is part of the Tasmania Fire Services ongoing commitment to educate the public for a fire safe Tasmania. Activity Books will be handed out to children from Years 1 to 4. After the conclusion of the program the activity book can be taken home and we encourage families to participate in the activities to ensure your home is fire safe.

IF A FIRE STARTS IN YOUR HOME REMEMBER TO:
- GET OUT – CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE
- SHOUT FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! TO WARN OTHERS
- GO TO YOUR SAFE MEETING PLACE (e.g. Letterbox)
- CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE ON TRIPLE ZERO “000”
- GET OUT STAY OUT - NEVER GO BACK INSIDE

Student Awards
Merit Certificates: Last week’s winners were - Liam Ferguson, Layla Richardson, Xavier Dennis, Logan Harrison, Shai-Lee Riley-Gardiner, Dylan Boon, William Heatley, Albert Rai, Zac Nibbs, Bella West, Ester Wani, Aiyana Torphey, Chelsea Stoward, Thomaz Szpyrka, Rylen Tuthill, Ethan Maney, Jake Marshall, Billy Anderson-Jones, Chelsea Pyke, Jack Edwards, Jakeb Kearnes, Ella Medcraft, Luke Milner, Caleb Cox, Haylea-Izaya Denman, Tyler Tringrove, Oscar Kinman, Makayla Flaherty, Jay Swinton, Pheonix-Sierra Hooker-Goss and Ty Wells,

KidsMatter: Latest winners were - Lacey Ford, Ashlee Cousins-Rogers, Joanne Hall, Kahla Thompson, Blake Freeman, Aiyana Torphey, Paige Cox, Gregory Pike, Erin Morgan, Nicholas Roden, Kelsie Dunn, Braeden Abbey, Sanjita Gurung, Palsuk Roluah, Alyssa Brown, Hayden Fakes and Zak Bower.

Dollarmite Award
Last week’s winner was Thomas Potter from Grade 1/2 Adams.

No 5/6 Sport this week

P & C Monster Raffle
Thank you very much to everyone who has returned their Raffle Book. Please return all books, whether they are fully or partially sold, with the money, to the Office by Tuesday 8/11. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 10/11 at 2.05 pm in Assembly. Good luck everyone!

Basketball Tasmania 2016 Primary School Regional Tournament
We wish our Senior Girls and Senior Boys basketball teams the very best of luck for the weekend tournament. The teams play at the following times and venues, and would love some support!

Senior Girls
Sat 22/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 8.00 am Court 4
Sat 22/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 10.30 am Court 3
Sat 22/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 4.20 pm Court 4
Sun 23/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 8.00 am Court 4

Senior Boys
Sat 22/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 2.40 pm Court 2
Sat 22/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 6.50 pm Court 2
Sun 23/10 @ St Patricks College 8.50 am Court 2
Sun 23/10 @ St Patricks College 11.20 am Court 1

Non Teaching Relief
From time to time we require relief cleaning and canteen staff. If you are interested in working at our school in a relief capacity, please contact Maree Phillips (School Business Manager) on 63261892.
Congratulations to our Porcelain Painters

In Term 3 a group of Year 2 - Year 6 students participated in seven art sessions with Kath Withrington and Arlene Spencer. These wonderful ladies volunteered their time to teach the students how to paint on porcelain. The students drew their designs on paper first, and then painted them onto tiles. The tiles were then entered in the Cottage Industries section at the 2016 Royal Launceston Show. We were so excited to find out that nine of our students won awards! Below are the three winning tiles.

**Grade 2**
1st Mahima Subedi
2nd Jaxon Owens
3rd Corin Williams

**Grade 3/4**
1st Decoda Bishop
2nd Amity Nicholas
3rd Ella Medcraft

**Grade 5/6**
1st Eng Subba
2nd Cody Kearnes-Lyons
3rd Jay Swinton

Basketball Tasmania 2016 Primary School Regional Tournament

Congratulations to our Junior Girls and Junior Boys teams

We are very proud of you!
**PIPS Testing for Prep Students**

PIPS (Performance Indicators in Primary Schools) is a national testing requirement involving the assessment of student’s literacy and numeracy skills. It is conducted by the Prep Teachers using a computer software package. All of our Prep students were assessed using PIPS in March and the results were shared with parents.

This week and next week we are conducting the required follow-up assessment. Results from this assessment will be shared with parents and used to inform future teaching and learning. If you have any questions about PIPS please feel free to talk to your child’s teacher.

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**SRC News**

**Congratulations to our SRC Members for Term 4**


We look forward to working with you!

*SRC Executive*

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**Kindergarten 2017**

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten for 2017.

A reminder to all parents to return to the school office as soon as possible, your completed enrolment or validation form. Supporting documentation required includes proof of birth and immunisation status. For our EAL families please include a copy of the relevant visas.

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**Operation Resilience**

Our Chaplain Silja, has offered to run the PEAC program (Positivity, Encouragement, Attitudinal Change) during the lunch break on Tuesdays for Year 5/6 students.

The sessions are designed to teach students skills that will help equip them in life and encourage them to keep on trying, even when the going gets tough.

Topics include building self-worth, co-operation, friendships and decision-making.

If you are interested in your child participating, please email Silja - silja.mcivor@education.tas.gov.au - or your child could let Silja know personally.

We hope to get this program underway on Tuesday 25th October.

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**LIFT**

LIFT packs are coming home with the newsletter today for all children from Kindergarten to Year 2.

Each pack contains a book and other resources to support learning in families together.

We hope you enjoy using the resources at home.

*LIFT Team*

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**Students not returning to Mowbray Heights Primary School in 2017**

Please complete this form and return to the school office as soon as possible if your child/children are NOT returning to MHPS in 2017.

The following children will not be returning to Mowbray Heights Primary School in 2017:

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Signed ..............................................................

Date .................................................................

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