

Dear Parents, carers and community members and partners,

It has been a calm transition into our new year with all students and teachers settling in quickly, as evidenced by the calm classrooms and respectful behaviours witnessed in all the outdoor spaces.

It has been a delight to see virtually every student in school uniform, hats to shade themselves from the intense sun (when it shows up) and happy smiley faces. We thank parents for all their efforts in ensuring their children are in the uniform that connects them closely to our school. Can parents please continue to remind their children to pack their hats and water bottles to ensure protection and hydration at school? Sometimes, in the rush of the morning things are forgotten, so do not stress as we have back up plans at school and no student will go without a drink or food but we do have a limited range of spare hats.

Next week we will be putting out a invitation for parents and community members who may be interested in joining a Playground Committee. Within this group we hope to come up with some ideas that will engage all students in their outdoor experiences at HPS. We acknowledge that we have enormous grounds that need to be reconfigured in some format that is durable and attractive to our students, as well as to the local community, who access our site after school and on the weekends.

I would like to formally welcome Anna Jones our new Assistant Principal who has returned to schools after working in policy. Anna has had extensive experience in education and worked for many years in the Huon, including Geeveston Primary school and the Geeveston CFC. Anna is a wonderful addition to our school staff and has already endeared herself to the students, teachers and community members.

This year will see the return of our Outdoor Education Program which will be run by Basil van Riet. Basil kindly gave up his passion to work in the classroom last year because of travel limitations in the 'Time of COVID'. The program will be available to all classes across the year and Deb Eaves our Aboriginal Education Worker will assist Basil in the program bringing a cultural focus to all adventures. Basil will also be running our 'Hands on Learning Program' – more about that next week.

These two programs are part of a suite of opportunities our students' access – we now offer:

- Music for all classes
- Music extension – instrumental
- Choir
- Art for all classes
- Art extension
- Physical education – for all classes
- Daily fitness – for all classes
- Outdoor Education for all classes
- Hands on Learning – for selected students

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Other than teaching and learning, COVID concerns will remain front and centre in our operation and I continue to remind everyone that this focus on protection will stand us in good stead in case the situation deteriorates. Recently there have been concerns raised by a parent due to the 'lock down' at the pool during our Learn to Swim Program. This was a department decision and was due to the contract the department had entered into with the Huonville swimming Centre. We acknowledge parents' frustrations but appeal to you to give us support. Our own HPS swimming carnival, which will be operating under the school's direction, will permit two family members to attend, with the possible requirement that you will be requested to complete a COVID tracing form before entry.

If you are delivering your child to school a quick drop off would be appreciated as we are still bound by a two square metre rule for adults. If you need to come into the school during school operating hours 9:00am–3:00pm, you will need to sign in and spend no longer than 15 minutes in school. If you are spending longer – as parent help or as a volunteer, you need to adhere to the requirements from the Department – see attachment.

Last week, the prospect of holding our camp at Port Arthur was looking quite grim, however, this week some of the restrictions on dormitory sleeping were eased so we can now celebrate that the camp will happen – 3-5 March.

Kind Regards

Ian Thomas

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES

Better health for better learning



A student's health and wellbeing is a significant determinant to the outcomes of his/her education. A child's overall health and wellbeing is influenced by all aspects of a child's life: the physical, social, emotional and psychological.

In 2021, I continue as the School Health Nurse at Huonville Primary School and I am at the school every Tuesday.

My role includes:

Kinder health checks - a consent form will be sent home the week beginning 22/02.

Hearing/vision assessments (all grades) - parents/carers/guardians can refer their children to me if there are concerns with their vision and/or hearing. A referral form needs to be completed by you. Please ask your child's teacher or at the main office for a referral form to complete.

I am available to assist you with advice, guidance and support if you have concerns with your child's overall development, diet and nutrition and/or weight, toileting issues, sleep problems, etc.

I welcome you to contact me by phoning the school (who will pass on the message to me) or through your child's teacher. I will then make phone contact with you at my earliest convenience.

Emma Middleton - Primary School Health Nurse



You can access newsletters by going to the following address:-

<https://huonvilleprimary.education.tas.edu.au/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>

The above link will be posted to our FB page each time a newsletter is issued.

Alternatively, if you would like to receive one via email or hard copy please let the office know.

Calendar of Events

23 Feb Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

3-5 March Year 6 Camp

17 March Huon and Channel Swimming Carnival

26 May Huon and Channel Cross Country

16-17 June School Photos

22 June State Cross Country

Reporting Absences



If your child/ren is absent from school, please phone the office between 8:00am and 8:45am to advise and the reason for the absence.

Levies

Please be advised that levy invoices have been actioned and should be posted out by Head Office this week.

If you receive one in error, ie you have already paid or you are a STAS (Student Assistance Scheme) recipient, please contact Cherie in the school office.

If you wish to know more about STAS, please contact the office.

HUONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL – Term One 2021

Gold Accredited Canteen Menu

Sandwiches/Roll

Vegemite	\$3.00
Cheese	\$3.50

Salad Roll	\$5.00
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Sandwiches – one slice hi-fibre white, one slice wholemeal.

All bread is additive free.

Hot Food (prepared on site)

Fish and Chips	\$5.50
Chicken and Chips	\$5.50
*Party Pies	\$2.00
*Sausage Rolls	\$3.00
*Pies \$3.50	
*Chicken Breast Nuggets	\$1.00

*Canteen accredited

Sweets/Desserts

Icy Pole	\$1.00
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Sausage Sizzle Info

We aim to hold an occasional sausage sizzle. Order forms will be sent home a few days beforehand.



Drinks:

Nippy's Milk	\$2.50
Chocolate	
Strawberry	
Honeycomb	

Juice (99% Fruit)	\$2.00
Apple	
Orange	
Apple & Blackcurrant	

PLEASE NOTE: OUR CANTEEN IS ONLY OPEN ON FRIDAYS ☺



Huon Valley Theatre Inc.

John Marsden's

so much to tell you

directed by Monica Robbie

Huonville Town Hall

2:00pm Tuesday 20 April	2:00pm Wednesday 21 April	7:00pm Thursday 22 April	7:00pm Friday 23 April	2:00pm Saturday 24 April
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John Marsden's novel *So Much To Tell You* is an Australian classic which has won many awards, including the Children's Book Council of the Year Award (1988), the Victorian Premier's Award, the 1989 Koala Award and the Christopher Medal (USA), as well as being selected by the American Library Association as a Best Book for Young Adults. It's studied under the Australian Curriculum in Year Nine.

Marsden scripted the play from his novel, and Huon Valley Theatre is excited to bring this show to life for a local audience. It tells the story of a girl named Marina who, due to major trauma, doesn't speak. When Marina begins attending a girls' boarding school, she slowly gains the courage to communicate and make friends.

Tickets: \$18 adults, \$12 students and concession
 Tickets available at the door, or book online at huonvalleytheatre.com
 PG: Parental guidance recommended for younger children.
 Contains adult themes and mild coarse language.



LONG-STEPS BALLROOM DANCING



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ABN: 69 140 147 382

Adventures in Dance!

2021 RANELAGH CLASS SCHEDULE



Casting Off- Wednesdays in Term 1 at the Ranelagh Soldiers Memorial Hall - 3:30 to 4:15 & 4:30 to 5:30 Give Your Kids A Ballroom Adventure

Adventures in Dance is an action-packed and fun-filled Ballroom Dance course, just for kids. Let your little steppers learn the basics of Modern Ballroom, Latin American, Sequence, Urban Latino, and Line Dance as they journey from jungles to polar ice caps. Each week, during the program, adventurers will receive a special pass as proof of their courageous deeds. When their adventure is complete, they'll get a special certificate.

Licensed by C-S Dance, accredited by Comdance, and presented by professional instructors, the **Adventures in Dance** program will give your little steppers all the tools they need to advance and enjoy ballroom dancing in a safe and fun environment.

\$150 per term | Uniforms not included | Bookings are essential

Check online for full details

Contact Long-Steps

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Wednesdays at the Ranelagh Soldiers Memorial Hall

Rookies - Grades 1 to 3 | 3:30pm to 4:15pm.

Elders - Grades 4 to 6 | 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
February	April	July	October
• 10 th	• 28 th	• 28 th	• 13 th
• 17 th			• 20 th
• 24 th	May	August	• 27 th
March	• 5 th	• 4 th	November
• 3 rd	• 12 th	• 11 th	• 3 rd
• 10 th	• 19 th	• 18 th	• 10 th
• 17 th	• 26 th	• 25 th	• 17 th
• 24 th	June	September	• 24 th
• 31 st	• 2 nd	• 1 st	December
April	• 9 th	• 8 th	• 1 st
• 7 th	• 16 th	• 15 th	• 8 th
	• 23 rd	• 22 nd	

Dance Displays

Term 2 - Saturday 26th of June

Term 4 - Sunday 12th of December

Contact Long-Steps

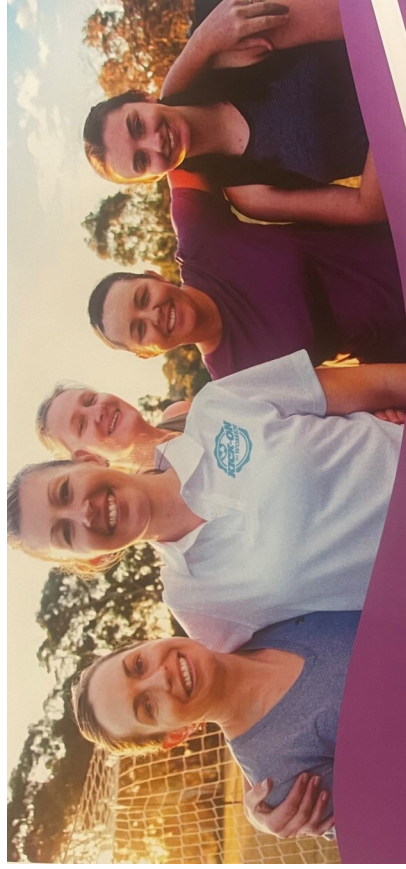
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Kick-ON for WOMEN

Kick-On for Women is about building your confidence to get active!

Join us to discover and learn the basics of football (soccer) in a relaxed, non-competitive, social setting.

Kick-On for Women offers low-impact, 45-minute sessions that focus on fun, football and friendship.

No football experience required!

FREE
(8 sessions)

Come and try our next program for **FREE**
Kingborough Sports Centre
Tuesday 9th February 2021
9.30 - 10.30am
Free Childcare

For more information and to join visit

<https://footballfedtas.com.au/kick-on/>

Or Contact Football Tasmania Women's Development Officer
Debra Banks 0466 651 196 wdo@footballfedtas.com.au



TERM 1 FUTSAL SCHOOL HUON VALLEY

Ages 5-8 | Thu, 4pm | Huonville PCYC | 11th Feb for 6 Weeks
Ages 8 - 13 | Fri, 4:30 | Port Huon S&A Centre | 12th Feb for 6 weeks
Book Now | raelene@australianfutsal.com | 0431 583 840



TRY HOCKEY IN 2021



Tasmanian Hockey Centre, Hobart

FREE Come and Try Session
Wednesday 17 Feb, 5pm-6pm

GET INTO HOCKEY

Get Into Hockey (skills sessions)
Wed 24 Feb-24 Mar, 5pm-6pm

+ FREE PLAYING KIT
FOR EVERY NEW
GET INTO HOCKEY
SIGN UP!



Includes Stick, Ball, Shin Guards, Bag & Singlet

STICK2 HOCKEY

Stick2Hockey (club games)
Sat 20 Feb-27 Mar, 5pm-6pm

Sign up in the Junior Zone on the Hockey Tasmania website
All enquires: Tania.Barry@hockeytasmania.com.au

GET INTO HOCKEY FREE PLAYING KITS FOR KIDS!

TERM 1
REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN
BURNIE - DEVONPORT
HOBART - LAUNCESTON

SIGN UP FOR
GET INTO HOCKEY
AND RECEIVE A
FREE PLAYING KIT!

- + STICK
- + BALL
- + SHINGUARDS
- + SINGLET
- + BACKPACK

Sign up or see all details on the **Junior Zone** on the Hockey Tasmania website
www.hockeytasmania.com.au

Smash your savings goals and we'll match it up to \$500



Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

To join Saver Plus you must be 18 years plus, have regular income from work (you or your partner)*, have a child at school / starting next year or be studying yourself, and have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and an eligible Centrelink payment*.

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact us for more information

 laptops & tablets

 camps & excursions

 uniforms & shoes

 lessons & activities

 sports fees & gear

 books & supplies



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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Berry Street and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

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Coronavirus:



COVID-SAFE RESOURCE

Visitor Check In on DoE Sites Infosheet

27 JANUARY 2021

As part of keeping everyone safe during COVID-19, accurate records of visitors to DoE sites are critical, as well as continually reinforcing expectations around COVID-Safe behaviours (like not attending DoE sites when you are unwell, and the need to practise good hand hygiene).

In 2021, DoE's Level 1/standard visitor check in approach will collect contact information for visitors only.

Should the risk context change – for example, if locally acquired cases of COVID-19 are identified in the community – the visitor check in approach may be escalated to Level 2 – reintroducing health screening questions.

Level	Visitor check in requirements <i>(for visitors on site 15 minutes or longer)</i>	Supporting resources
Level 1/standard	Contact tracing details only (must include phone number)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Your existing site visitor sign in sheets/book (ensure this captures the visitor's contact number)NOT YET AVAILABLE: <i>Check in Tas</i> app/QR code allocated for your site (expected February 2021)Guide to Check In Tas COVID-19 (health.tas.gov.au)
Level 2/escalation <i>To be activated by Executive Group direction</i>	Contact tracing details + Health screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Visitor Health Screening Form – School/CFC (paper based)Visitor Health Screening Form – School/CFC (instructions for using electronic form)Visitor Health Screening Form – Corporate (paper based)Visitor Health Screening Form – Corporate (instructions for using electronic form)

Level 1 (standard) Visitor-Check in: Contact Tracing only

This is the standard visitor check in procedure that applies at all DoE sites

All visitors to DoE sites who will be on site for fifteen minutes or longer must record their full name, a contact phone number, and the date and time they entered the premises. This can be captured by a pre-existing sign in sheet/book.

NOTE: We are currently working with Public Health to set up the *Check in Tas* app to coordinate visitor contact tracing records at DoE sites. This information sheet will be updated with further information once this service becomes available.



Coronavirus:

Level 2 Visitor Check in: Contact Tracing + Health Screening

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Use the following procedure if Executive Group advise that **escalated** Visitor Check In procedures apply

The following forms are to be completed by visitors to DoE sites who will spend 15 minutes or longer on site, and by participants in home visits before visits are conducted.

Staff can choose between paper based or electronic forms:

School/CFC Sites and Home Visits	Visitor Health Screening Form – School/CFC (paper based)
	Visitor Health Screening Form – School/CFC (instructions for using electronic form)
Corporate Sites	Visitor Health Screening Form – Corporate (paper based)
	Visitor Health Screening Form – Corporate (instructions for using electronic form)

Examples of when to use *Visitor Health Screening Forms*:

- When families/carers visit DoE sites (including for assemblies/volunteering)
- When contractors arrive to undertake maintenance on site
- When preparing for a home visit or arriving at the home

Examples of when not to use the COVID-19 screening questions:

- For families/carers who are on a school site only for the specific purpose of dropping off or collecting their children from school.

Important Information about Visitor Health Screening

1. Before requesting a person to fill out the Visitor Health Screening Form or asking the questions in person or over the phone, staff should explain why we are asking the screening questions.

For example: *"to make sure we are looking after the health and safety of the community, we are asking a standard set of questions about COVID-19 risk. This will allow us to trace the visitors who have been at our school/site should we need to, as well as protecting our staff who need to conduct home visits as part of their job. This will also allow us to comply with COVID-19 Safe Workplace requirements."*

2. Home visits:
 - If you are conducting a home visit (see [Guidance for Home Visits during COVID-19](#)), you and anyone else visiting the home should do a self-assessment for any symptoms of COVID-19, and only visit if you are well.
 - If you are conducting a home visit, you should ensure all members of the household have completed the Visitor Health Screening Form, this can be facilitated by staff over the phone where required.
3. Should a visitor answer 'Yes' to any of the Visitor Health Screening questions, any prearranged meeting or access to DoE site must not occur.
4. Schools, CFCs and Business Unit Managers must destroy the Visitor Health Screening record 21 days after collection.