Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas is creeping up! There is a lot happening between now and the end of the year so please make a note of important dates. Our School will once again have a ‘Carols in the Courtyard’ on the 5th of December from 5-8pm. The event was a great success last year due to the hard work of the organising committee. Our celebration assembly will be run in a similar way to last year so classes can present their items to as many parents as possible and people can be seated comfortably.

Thanks to Mr Guilliamse who organised an excellent early years swimming program. This program is valued by the school and parents. Our school believes that this is money well spent and has increased the confidence of many students. With the warm weather approaching, confidence in the water is essential for the safety of children participating in water activities, particularly over the summer period.

Our parent, staff and student survey results are now available. It is an excellent way to identify areas for improvement. Staff have already discussed some ideas that have come from the student surveys. Feedback is a way of ensuring that our school continues to improve. A school is a place where we are all learners. Positive feedback is also valuable so we can feel confident to continue things that are working well for our students and community.

Only four full weeks of school left, it is hard to believe. Our grade 6’s are getting ready for the end of year celebrations that will mark the end of their primary school years and the rest of us are looking forward to the special events, that help us to celebrate and showcase the achievements of our students.

Anne Douglas
Principal
KINDER ENROLMENTS 2015

We are now taking enrolments for Kinder in 2015. If you have a child born in 2010 he/she is eligible for Kinder in 2015. Enrolment forms are now available either at the office or from Launch into Learning. Early return of enrolment forms and uniform order forms would be appreciated as students are being allocated to classes.

Amount raised at CAR BOOT SALE was:

$370.00

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Extra tickets available at office

Tickets due back on 3rd December

Raffle drawn at Christmas Carols on 5th December

An amount of $211 was raised on Halloween day.

LAST BOOKCLUB FOR 2014

Issue 8 of Bookclub will go out next week and orders will need to be back at school by 26 November to allow for books to arrive back at school before the end of term.

UNIFORM ORDERS

No uniform orders (with the exception of Kinder) will be accepted after Friday 14th November.
When there are special events (Assemblies, Special Persons days etc) parents are reminded to park in the upper car park or on the road as the boom gate closes at 2.20pm and does not re-open for traffic until 3.15pm.

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**TERM DATES 2014**

Term 4
Last day for students — Thursday 18 December

**TERM DATES 2015**

Term 1
Wed 4 Feb to Wed 1 April
Easter break Fri 3 Apr—Tue 7 April

Term 2
Mon 20 Apr—Fri 3 July

Term 3
Tues 21 July—Fri 25 Sept

Term 4
Mon 12 Oct—Thurs 17 Dec

**Student Free Days**
Tuesday 3 February
Thursday 2 April
Monday 20 July
Friday 23 October

**Public Holidays**
Feb 9—Regatta Day
March 9—Eight Hours Day
April 3—7—Easter
Apr 25—Anzac Day
June 8—Queens Birthday
Oct 22—Hobart Show
Dec 25—Christmas Day
Dec 26—Boxing Day

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**KISS AND DROP**
There have been instances lately of cars being left unattended in the parking bays of the Kiss and Drop area of a morning. This is causing problems with parents wanting to drop their children off as they have to double park causing another safety issue.

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**METRO BUS**

Today Metro Tasmania released a brand new, free mobile App to make it easier for passengers to get around on our buses.

Everything you need to navigate the Metro Tasmania bus network is now in the palm of your hand.

With the Metro Tas App you can
- Plan your next trip
- Save your favourite destinations (including work, school and home) and your favourite trips
- Manage your Greencard account (including check your balance, view trip history, and top up your card
- View the latest news and updates about bus schedules

At this stage, the Metro App is only available on iPhone or iPad. We will look at releasing it on Android at some stage in the future. However, for those with Android or other types of mobile phones, our new website will scale to fit all devices and phones. That way, all users can still access the same great features.

Many students rely on Metro buses to get to school or social activities. We believe these new products will now make it easier to find information about Metro services. We have even incorporated school services into our Trip Planner, which should make it easier for your students to find the right school bus.


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**BOOM GATE NOTICE**

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Hobart City
Christmas Pageant
Saturday 15th November 2014

Austins Ferry Primary School is participating in the upcoming Christmas Pageant with a "walking float" based on the theme of Recycling and Environment. This theme fits with our Community Garden and learning undertaken this year.

Five classes have been directly involved in workshops at school working with community artist Naomi Marontelli designing and making costumes and props. We now wish to invite any interested community members to join us on Saturday the 15th of November to walk in the Pageant Parade. Whereas a number of teachers will be participating we hope many adult and student community members will join us.

On the 7th of November, the 2014 division E Interschool Swimming Carnival was held at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Seven schools competed in the carnival, the schools were Austins Ferry, Huonville, New Norfolk, Bowen Road, Orford, Glenorchy and Molesworth. Austins Ferry had a fantastic carnival and we ended up winning the Carnival overall. There were some great efforts throughout the day from both individuals and our relay teams, who ended up winning many of the relay events. Many of our competitors have now got the opportunity to compete in the 2014 Champions Carnival. On behalf of all our competitors we’d like to thank Leanne Cooper and Mrs Ormerod for coming along and supervising and I’d love to thank Mr G for organising everything.

Alex Flack
Jack and Jesse Willmott represented Austin’s Ferry Primary School at the All Schools Track and Field Championships at Penguin recently.

Jesse running in the 100, 200 & 800 & Jack running in the 800m.

At this meet Jack gained state selection bringing home a State Bronze Medal in his race (800m).

Information for the Leavers Dinner has now gone home to the year six students.

Date: Tuesday 16th December
Venue: RSL Club, Bilton Street, Claremont
Time: 6—9pm
Cost: $25.00 (to be paid to the office by Friday 5th December
Dress: Neat casual

Uniform Shop Notice
Uniform Shop will be closed from Friday 14 Nov onwards for stocktaking and processing of orders for 2015

ADVANCE NOTICE
CAROLS IN THE COURTYARD
December 5th
5—8pm
IMPORTANT DATES:

Assembly Wednesday 26th November @ 1.45pm
Blue Pod – GLA 1 EF/GM, GLA 4 HW, GLA 6 JO
Red Pod – GLA 1 EL, GLA2 DM, GLA 4 LM
Green Pod – GLA 1 AC/SF, GLA 4 AP, GLA 5 BF

Christmas Assembly Thursday 11th December
Commencing at 12.45pm

Leavers Assembly Thursday 18th December
Commencing at 12.45pm

LEVIES

Levies are an important source of revenue to Austins Ferry Primary, they fund your child’s annual stationery kit, library resources, classroom disposable items, excursions, printing costs and IT items.

With the exception of STAS approved students, parents and guardians are expected to meet their levy liability.

Many families have entered into an arrangement to make regular payments either through paying in person to the school office, B Pay or Service Tasmania and progressively reduce their debt to the school.

STAS forms for 2015 are now available from the office. If you are already approved for STAS you do not need to fill out another form. If you have an additional child commencing school next and are already approved for STAS you will need to add the additional child’s name to the STAS approval letter for 2015 and return it to the department.

Any information regarding events that are happening at the school is available for viewing in various ways—by Newsletters, Pod Newsletters, on the internet via the school web page (education.tas.edu.au/austinsferryprimary) and by individual flyers.

If you feel that you may have missed something there is always additional newsletters etc available at the office.

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