Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone is coping with the colder weather!!!!

This term is a busy one. We have started with Learn to Swim. Students have made lots of progress this week and I am sure by the end of the second week they will be feeling more confident in the water. This program is an important part of each child’s education as it is a life skill that ensures that they are safe in activities around water.

Teachers will be assessing and monitoring the progress of students this term for reporting. Assessment is an ongoing process throughout the year so don’t hesitate to check with teachers at any time about how your child is progressing with their learning.

Our assemblies that occur every fortnight have been well attended by parents. We are hoping the cooler weather will not change this. Beth Lincoln our school music teacher, works very hard with students to ensure there is always a performance from one of our musical groups, choir, band or class items. These performances are a credit to our students and their teacher.

We would like to welcome Leigh Nichols to our staff. Leigh is taking P.E. on Thursdays and Fridays so that

Aaron Guilliamse can increase his leadership role in the school. Jonathon Cook will also be doing some leadership work in Numeracy challenging some of our older students who are achieving at a high level in this subject.

Our School Association is an important part of the school’s management. Anyone is welcome to join meetings. Please keep your eye out for dates as it would be great to see as many parents as possible involved. We are in need of extra members and also some parents to become a part of our fundraising group. We have had a wonderful group of parents who have kept this important part of our school going. It is not easy for them to manage without assistance. It is very rewarding and gives me links with our school community that I would not have without this support.

As a school we are planning to have a Spring Festival. This will be an opportunity to showcase some of the learning that happens in the school. There will also be activities, stalls and other things that will make it an afternoon full of fun! Staff will combine with the School Association and fundraising group to make this event a success. It is planned for the 11th of September.

Anne Douglas
Nut Aware School

Just a reminder that Austins Ferry Primary is a Nut Aware School. A number of our students have a severe allergy to nuts and products containing nuts. Please do not send nuts or nut related products to school in your child’s lunchbox.

Levy Payments

We would like to thank those parents who have taken up the option of part payments of their school levies, using BPay or Service Tas. It is so much easier to pay small amounts rather than struggle to pay the full amount all at once. Once again thank you for your actions.

Kiss and Drop

Parents are reminded that the Kiss and Drop area is for dropping off children only. Cars are not to be left unattended or with the driver of the vehicle missing.

It is very difficult for parents to drop off students when that area is parked out. If you need to walk your child to class the best option is to park your vehicle in the top car park. Disabled parking is provided in the school car park.

Parents are also asked to follow the turn left sign when exiting school grounds.

School Association News

Sausage Sizzle

The canteen will be closed on Monday 4th May. The School Association will be holding a sausage sizzle at lunch time. Flyer has been sent home with costs. Students will need to bring their own food for recess.

Bar-be-que

The School Association raised $507.85 from the bar-b-que held on Friday, 27th March at Bunnings Warehouse, Derwent Park. Thank you to all who helped and supported the bar-b-que.

Mothers Day Raffle

Tickets for the Mothers Day Raffle have been handed out to students. Cost is $1.00 each or 3 for $2 and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 7 May. There are four boxes of goodies. More tickets are available from the office if required.

Help Wanted

Help is needed with the distribution of the Scholastic Bookclub catalogues. If you are able to help could you please leave your name at the office.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

The fundraising committee is asking parents and carers for ideas for any future fundraising events. Please place your thoughts in the Suggestion Box located in the office.

Easter Hat Competition

A total of $100.10 was raised from the Easter Hat Competition that was held on Thursday 26th March. There were so many gorgeous Easter hats that it was very hard to choose winners.
**Boom Gate Reminder**

Boom gate closes at 2.20pm and reopens at 3.15pm, even on Assembly days.

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**Netball**

As our first roster of netball is drawing to a close (four games left), I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful players for the spirit in which they play.

It has been a joy to be involved and see the improvement in all teams and the smiles on faces whether we win, lose or draw.

A big thank you to our coaches: Lucy, Alison, Tanya and Rhianna for all their hard work.

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**Spring Carnival**

*Make a note in your diary.*

Austins Ferry Primary is having a **SPRING CARNIVAL** on Friday 11 September.

There will be lots of activities happening.

A representative from the Claremont Fire Station will also be in attendance and accepting donations of lollies for the Santa Lolly Run.

This run is conducted through the suburbs of Chigwell, Claremont, Austins Ferry and Granton just before Christmas day.

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**Uniform Shop Hours**

Due to a change in circumstances Uniform Shop hours will be the following as from Monday 23rd March.

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The uniform shop will only be open outside of those times for an emergency uniform (eg torn pants etc)

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From the Glenorchy Community Fund

**BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW**

Books also available from Adriana Taylor MLC’s office, Glenorchy City Council and the Golden Years Club.

For enquiries please phone 6212 2306
Lap Tops for Sale

Laptops are available for $100. These laptops are perfect for Internet browsing, word processing.

The battery runs the laptop for around 2 hours without requiring charging.

The laptop is sold as is, where is with no returns to the school. All were in a working condition in classrooms.

If repairs are required, IRIS Computing are the Acer service agent for Tasmania.

- Acer Extensa 5742 laptop
- Intel i3 2.5GHz CPU
- 320 gigabyte hard drive
- 2 gigabytes of RAM
- 15 inch LCD screen
- DVD drive
- Wireless network card
- Ethernet network card
- 3x USB ports
- 1x HDMI display port (to connect to TV’s)
- 1x VGA display port (to connect to a projector or a computer monitor)
- 1x headphone and microphone port
- 1x SD card slot
- 1x power adapter
- Software:
  - Windows 7 Home Premium (no recovery disc is provided)
  - Microsoft Anti-virus software
  - Microsoft Office 2010 is pre-loaded (but you will need to be purchase via Microsoft to use it)
  - MalwareBytes Anti-Malware software

Here is the direct download link to VLC Media Player.

It is 24 megabytes to download.

http://download.videolan.org/pub/videolan/vlc/last/win64/vlc-2.1.5-win64.exe

Past Austins Ferry Primary School Student

Each year Dominic College appoints a team of student leaders to represent and provide guidance for our students.

Two College Captains and two College Vice-Captains are elected each year along with four House Captains for each of our four houses; Siena, Bosco, Savio and Guzman.

There is one House Captain per house for each of the following areas: academic, sports, mission and creative arts.

Dominic College also has a Student Representative Council (SRC) made up of one student representative in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 from each house who join our four College Captains to form this group.

Austins Ferry Primary is to be commended that this year one of our leaders is from your school; Brayden Jenni (Year 10 Creative Arts Captain for Bosco House). Brayden is an outstanding student at Dominic College who has excellent leadership skills.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club is changing to better reflect our values

As a school community we will be changing its name to Blue Lounge.

Kids come and enjoy some food and drinks and a chat

Mums and dads, teacher’s and aides come and have a nice coffee or tea with the wonderful students of our school.

There is going to be toast, hot cross buns, pancakes and cheese and bacon rolls.

With the toast there will be jam, vegemite, honey and plain butter.

Emma Berry
Yr 6
NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in common national tests which assess:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2015 are Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May.

The benefits of participating in NAPLAN testing:

- NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.
- NAPLAN results provide valuable information on how your child is progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level.
- The NAPLAN tests provide you as parents with an individual report that shows your child’s results and a comparison of your child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level.
- Teachers use the NAPLAN results to determine your child’s areas of strength and where future focus is required and how best to provide support or extension activities.
- School teachers use the online NAPLAN Toolkit to analyse your child’s results. The Toolkit provides detailed information right down to the individual question with links to teaching strategies.
- Principals, senior staff and others use NAPLAN results to inform school planning and to allocate resources and support including informing decisions around targeted programs and initiatives for individuals and groups.

The best way you can assist your child is by helping them to feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: [http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html)
From the Support Teacher
Corinne Dorsett-Dand

ADHD – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
Diagnosing ADHD in a child is not as simple as having an x-ray or a blood test. By their very nature, children are busy and active and can sometimes display inattentiveness, lack of concentration, restlessness and impulsivity. So how is a child with ADHD different?

ADHD is NOT a behaviour disorder, it is a disorder of the brain which affects thinking and an ability to focus.

Children with ADHD have three main areas of difficulty which are constant in most areas of their life:

- **Inattention** – having difficulty concentrating, forgetting instructions, moving from one task to another without completing anything
- **Impulsivity** – talking over the top of others, having a 'short fuse', being accident prone, doing things without thinking of the consequences
- **Overactivity** – constant restlessness and fidgeting.

Children with ADHD have very little control over these behaviours and find it difficult to stop the behaviour when asked.

Types of ADHD
The type of ADHD we see and hear about in the media (hyperactive/impulsive) is not the only form of ADHD. There are three main types:

- ADHD combined type – both inattention and hyperactivity-impulsivity
- ADHD predominantly inattentive type –inattention
- ADHD predominantly hyperactive-impulsive type hyperactivity-impulsivity

Using set criteria, health professionals diagnose ADHD only after making a complex assessment. They collect a range of information from parents and the school and the symptoms of ADHD must be obvious in most areas of the child’s life for at least the past 6 months.

Caring for a child with ADHD can be difficult on all members of the family. It is important for parents and carers to try a range of different ways to help the child. Consistency of approach and working with the school are vital.

If you would like further information on ADHD, please contact Corinne at the school.

Remember! ADHD is **not** a behaviour disorder, it is a disorder that affects how a person’s brain works and their ability to focus. Children with ADHD do not choose to behave in difficult ways, rather they do not have a choice.
TERM DATES 2015

Term 2  Mon 20 Apr—Fri 3 July
Term 3  Mon 20 July— Fri 25 Sept
Term 4  Mon 12 Oct—Thurs 17 Dec

Student Free Days  Friday 23 October

Public Holidays  June 8—Queens Birthday
Oct 22—Hobart Show
Dec 25—Christmas Day
Dec 26—Boxing Day

Assembly Roster  Assemblies commence at 1.45pm

Wed 6 May  Blue Pod - GLA 2 KB, GLA 3 RS, GLA 4 HW,
            Red Pod - GLA 1 JO, GLA 5 CR/JT, GLA 6 PK

Wed 3 June  Green Pod - GLA 2 RH, GLA 3 GCG, GLA 4 AP

Wed 20 May  Blue Pod - GLA 1 JC, GLA 5 RQ, GLA 6 EL
            Red Pod - GLA 2 DM, GLA 3 VNB, GLA 4 LM

Wed 17 June  Green Pod - GLA 1 SF/CM, GLA 5 AC, GLA 6 DW

Special Events  Friday 22 May—Austins Ferry Gr 2-6 Cross Country Carnival
               Wed 10 June—Division B Interschool Cross Country Carnival
               Tues 23 June—Symmons Plains Cross Country
               Tues 25 August—Winter Carnival
               11 September—Spring Carnival

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