Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to congratulate all our students who participated in the Inter-School Cross Country. The adults who attended were very proud of the team who all did their very best and they came 4th overall which was a fine effort!

As a school we are concerned about a few safety issues. There is a rule at our school that balls are not to be used in the courtyard. This includes the areas leading down to the oval. Any parents who are having to dodge any balls please let a teacher know so we can follow this up. Also bikes, scooters and skateboards are not to be used on school property. They are to be carried or wheeled until the student is outside school grounds. Again let us know if this is not happening.

The School Association and staff have started to plan for the Spring Festival. The festival’s main aim is to share the wonderful things the students and classes have done at our school with families. There will be an art exhibition, music, dance, garden events including plant sales and cake stalls. As well as this there will be barbecues, food to buy, games for all ages, face painting and other activities that families can enjoy. We are hoping that this will become an annual event so any feedback after the event would be appreciated as we hope to improve every year!

As a reminder to parents to fill in their parent/carer teacher forms so that they can have a discussion with teachers about their child’s progress. Reports will be available for parents to read prior to the interview so it is important to arrive 5 or 10 minutes before the interview time. This is an extremely valuable time as it is focused on assessment and the way forward for students. Parents/carers have an important role to play in supporting their child’s education. Working together can make a huge difference to the child’s improvement in all areas. Parents can also pass on vital information to teachers so that they have a deeper understanding of the child’s needs.

Anne Douglas
Principal
Give Me 5 for Kids
Event 26th June
Give me 5 coins for give me 5
Any coin eg 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, $1, $2 multiplied by 5

Give Me Five for Kids is a fundraising initiative supported by over 40 radio & TV stations across regional Australia. For almost 20 years, the month of June has been dedicated to raising much needed funds for local community hospitals as well as sick children and their families when they need it most. Over the years millions of dollars have been raised to pay for invaluable medical equipment and provide support for families with sick children in the community.

Free dress on that day is for every student (donation is not compulsory for free dress)

The School Association has donated $1000 towards home readers for the students in Green Pod

Banking Rewards
Parents and Carers are advised that there is approximately a three week wait between handing in the 10 tokens and receiving the reward.

Start collecting for your school now

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives Schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn new educational resources.

Make a difference for your local school
• Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent.*
• Stick the Woolworths Stickers onto the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet inside.
• Once it’s complete, pop it into a Collection Box at your school or local store. You can download more Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets from our website: woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Earn 1 sticker for every $10 you spend

Woolworths Earn & Learn starts on Wednesday 15th July. There will be a collection box in the school office for sticker cards to be placed in. Program closes on Tuesday 8th September.

If you have some spare time to help it would be greatly appreciated. Alternatively call in and purchase a sausage or two.
Boom Gate Reminder

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

Afternoon Messages

Frequently the office receives phone calls after 2.30pm. The office has a system for messages for students which involves the notes being attached to the blue bags that are collected from the office by student monitors at 2.30pm. It would be appreciated if all phone calls for students could be received before 2.30pm.

Messages that are received after that time are often quite difficult to relay to a student’s class. There is no guarantee that a message received after 2.45pm will reach a student.

Spring Carnival

Make a note in your diary.

Austins Ferry Primary is having a Spring Festival 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.

Uniform Shop Hours

The Uniform Shop is now open for business at the following times. If the shop is unable to open on a certain day a notice will be placed on the shop door.

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

Late Arrivals

There have been several instances of students who are arriving late not being signed in at the office. This generally means you will be receiving a call advising that your child has an unexplained absence. This can sometimes make a parent feel very anxious.

Children often forget to come to the office to tell us that they have arrived so it is preferable for parents to come and sign their child in.

School commences at 8.50am and class rolls are marked close to that time so that means that any students arriving after about 8.55am should sign in as this will eliminate the possibility of their being marked as an unexplained absence.

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.
Laptops for Sale

Laptops are available for $80. 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

Software:
- Windows 7 Home Premium (no recovery disc is provided)
- Microsoft Anti-virus software
- Microsoft Office 2010 is pre-loaded (but will need to be purchased 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

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**Bringing Up Great Kids**

There's no perfect recipe for bringing up children. But here's a place to start!

Australian Childhood Foundation understands the pressures on TODAY's parents. This program will support parents to:

- Learn more about the origins of their own parenting style and how it can be more effective
- Identify the important messages they want to convey to their children and how to achieve this
- Learn more about brain development in children and its influence on their thoughts, feelings, and behavior
- Understand the meaning of children's behavior
- Discover how to overcome some of the obstacles getting in the way of them being the kind of parent they would like to be
- Discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it.

Course Details: 4 sessions over 4 weeks

Start Date: Thursday 13th August 2015

Location: Mission Australia
Chigwell House 2b Myella Drive
Berriedale, TAS, 7011

Times: 10.30 am – 1.45 pm

Facilitated by: Mission Australia Staff

For more information or to register please contact Cath at Mission Australia on 6236 7900
Nut Aware School

A reminder that dogs are not permitted on school property.

Dogs

The school holidays are just around the corner! Enjoy an action-packed school holidays with the NEW Entertainment Membership. This is the perfect time to buy an Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership. All you need to do is choose which membership suits you.

There is a current Entertainment Book in the office for viewing. To order your book visit:


Books are available from the school and all money raised will go to the Brekky Club.

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.

INCOME TEST FOR THE SCHEME - TAXABLE INCOME TABLE 2013-14

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<td>$626</td>
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* For more than 8 children, add $132 per week or $6,856 per annum for each additional dependent.

# Gross Taxable Income

The Student Assistance Scheme provides assistance for low income families towards the cost of levies. STAS is provided through school and college resourcing rather than payment direct to families. To be eligible you and your partner’s gross taxable income must be no more than the figures shown in the income test table below.

Purple Epilepsy Day

Thank you to everyone who donated money to epilepsy. We raised $264.25

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.
Cross Country

On a cold and windy Wednesday 49 students from Austins Ferry Primary travelled to North Lindisfarne Primary School to compete in the 2015 Interschool Cross Country.

Through trying conditions students ran against children from 19 other schools comprising around 100 competitors in each race.

We had some fantastic individual and grade performances and all students should be extremely proud of how they competed on the day.

Through the determined performance of all of our students we were able to finish the carnival in 4th place overall.

Well done everyone.
Parents may have noticed some new signs being placed up in classrooms this term.

Through our school ‘Tap into water everyday’ policy we are promoting students drink water instead of other alternatives that may be high in sugar.

Water is essential for students to maintain a healthy lifestyle and helps our body to digest food, use nutrients, take away waste and keep our body at a healthy temperature.

We are asking that parents promote and continue this policy at home as drinking water has many benefits for growing children.

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1 teaspoon = 4 grams of sugar

For more information and for family ideas on healthy eating and physical activity visit www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au
NEW COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR PARENTS

The Skoolbag app is now available for a trial use by **owners of iPhones and iPads**. The school is looking at introducing this new mode of communication of events along with our current systems of newsletters, flyers and website. This new system is a mobile phone app called Skoolbag. After the trial period it will be available for android phones.

This app provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications.

Skoolbag offers:

- Alerts
- Events
- News
- Newsletters
- Free Skoolbag Website which syncs seamlessly with the app!
- Parent eForms for Sick Note/Absent and Change of details.
- Information pages

Skoolbag is published school by school, and is branded for the school. Parents and carers can find the school app in the App Store by searching for Austins Ferry Primary Skoolbag.

At present the May newsletter has been uploaded for viewing.

There has been a Bus Group set up so that parents can be notified if a bus is running late. To register for this notification open the Skoolbag app. At the bottom of the app is (Home—Alerts—Newsletters—Calendar and More). Click on More and a selection will come up. Call School, Email School, Visit Website, Setup Push Notifications. Select Setup Push Notifications. Turn Bus Group on. This will register you for bus alerts.

Once the Austins Ferry app has been loaded onto your iPhone you will receive any notification that is sent to parents/carers from the school.

There are also two eforms set up. One is for absences and the other is for change of address. Parents/Carers will need to place as much information as possible on the forms so that students can be easily identified. These forms will be kept by the school as documented evidence of student absence and also change of address/phone number.

The app will be available for all smart phones in a week’s time. More information will be forwarded home next week.
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**GIVE ME FIVE FOR KIDS**

**PIRATE DAY**

Hello! This is the SRC. Thank you for all of the donations for Give me Five for Kids. On Pirate Day we raised $340.75!

Matthew, Connor and Olivia