Dear Parents & Carers

I have just returned from a very successful Grade 5 Leadership Camp. The experience for the children was a very positive one and by the end it was obvious that the children had learnt many skills around leadership and were beginning to put their learning into practice. We were very proud of them!

I would like to thank the school association for subsidising the cost of the camp and Chris Dand and Chris Lewinski who gave up their valuable time to attend. Also to the teachers who attended the camp and made sure everything was well organised. The camp allowed teachers to build positive relationships with students to ensure that our Grade 6 students become the leaders in our school for 2016.

Organisation for 2016 is well under way. We will have an extra class in the Red Pod discovery room and, at the moment, we have 2 new staff members confirmed, to provide for our increased numbers.

We are also hoping that parent volunteers and parent engagement in learning will increase for 2016.

Our school will be part of the LIFT program which is a government initiative. This program will focus on parent engagement in learning from Kinder to Grade 2. This is a very exciting opportunity for our school.

Teachers are working on our end of year reports at present. Please remember that teachers and senior staff are available to discuss your child's progress at any time during the year not just at reporting time.

Anne Douglas
Principal
School Association News

NOTE FROM SCHOOL BANKING

Due to safety issues the following rewards have been withdrawn:
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch
- Lunar Light Band
- Planet Handball

Rewards no longer available:
- Glow-in-the-dark Solar System
- REWARDS AVAILABLE:
  - ET DVD
  - Invisible Ink Martian Pen
  - Outer Space Savers Money Box
  - Intergalactic Rocket

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next meeting of the School Association will be on Wednesday 2nd December in the Conference Room, School Admin block, commencing at 6.30pm.

NOTE FROM SCHOOL BANKING (continued)

FUNDRAISING GROUP

We are in urgent need of a new FUNDRAISING SUB-COMMITTEE

Members are wanted for a fresh new look group. There will be a head of fundraising with others as members. The head will just communicate with the chair person of the school association to have their ideas passed by the school association at their meeting.

The group will be involved in:
- Coming up with ideas for fundraising
- Running the activity they come up with eg: Bunnings bbq’s, Raffles

If you are able to contribute some time to any fundraising events, could you please contact the office.

THE REJECT SHOP

Rewards cut off date for banking rewards is next Thursday 26th November.

This is to allow delivery time for the rewards to arrive.

FUNDRAISING GROUP

Thank you to the Reject Shop who are donating a $20 voucher towards the purchase of lollies for the Claremont Fries Christmas run.

On Thursday 26th November there is a Family Friends Day where you are able to obtain 25% off your purchases.

Why not call in there and make some purchases and include some lollies for the Fries as well.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

We are accepting donations for our Christmas Raffle. Any donations will be gratefully accepted.

Raffle tickets have been handed out to students. Extra tickets are available from the office.

Winners will be announced at the Christmas Assembly on 10th December.

A huge thank you to Bunnings Warehouse for their donation of four children’s wheelbarrows.

These will be a great asset to the students.
COMMUNITY AWARDS CEREMONY

On Thursday 29th October Leah McKenzie (School Association) and Chris Lewinski (Teacher Assistant) were both awarded for their contribution to children’s well being and education in an award ceremony at Moonah Arts Centre.

We are all very proud of their achievements and congratulate them both for their wonderful efforts.

RECREATION AFTERNOON

On Wednesday 2nd December from 1.30 to 2.30pm we will hold a recreation afternoon for the whole school.

Children will participate in a variety of activities for example, making cupcakes, playing dodgeball or learning to French knit.

If you are able to volunteer to assist teachers with an activity, could you please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you. Chris Raspin

Metro is undertaking a review of the greater Hobart bus network to simplify routes and make better use of existing resources. Given the significant commitment Metro has to transporting students, school services have been included in this wholesale review.

The proposed changes to services utilised by students include:

- renumbering of routes;
- route simplification; and
- continuing to transition students from school services to general access services travelling the same route where capacity is available.

Metro anticipates that the impact of proposed changes to services utilised by your school community will be limited, however we will keep you informed as the project progresses, and will continue to provide updates on www.metrotas.com.au. We would also appreciate your assistance in ensuring any relevant information is passed on to your school community ahead of the 2016 school year commencing.

If you have further enquiries, please contact the Hobart Network Review Support Officer, Gregg Lennox on 6233 4215 or email gregg.lennox@metrotas.com.au.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday the 6th of November, 36 representatives from Austins Ferry Primary School competed in the Division D Interschool Swimming Carnival held at the Hobart Aquatic Centre.

It was the first time that we had competed in this division after being promoted last year and the competition was fierce.

We had some fantastic results throughout the day and ended up finishing the carnival in 5th position.

All the students should be extremely proud of their efforts in the pool as well as the great sportsmanship and competitive spirit they displayed throughout the whole event.

Information for the Skoolbag is available from the office. This for users of iPhone and Android.

We constantly use this app to send out notifications to parents about activities etc.

It is also a great tool for advising change of address and absentee information.
**Japanese Sports Day**

National Sports day in Japan is held on or around October the 10th. On this day, students in Japan are involved in many games and activities to mark the occasion.

Students in Grade 5/6 Cook and Slater enjoyed much of the activities which involved a traditional egg and spoon race, ball in bucket, big ball relay and even a bread eating contest.

The bread eating contest saw participants run to the bread bite of a slice using only their mouth and race to the end!

There was a buzz of energy among team members and loads of cheering and team support.

Miss Krause was very impressed with everyone’s willingness to participate.

A special thank you to all that took part in the event and the students who offered to help with set up and pack up.

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**LOST AND FOUND**

We have a selection of articles left over from swimming that have been handed into the office. We also have a selection of towels that were left at the pool.

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There have been several instances of speeding on Hilton Road that have been reported.

Drivers are advised to take care on that section of the road as there are young children walking there before and after school.

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**Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?**

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- School uniforms and textbooks
- Computers, laptops and tablets
- Excursions and camps
- Sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- Music tuition and instrument hire

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Nicole Hacker, your local Saver Plus Worker (03) 6223 7264/0448 428 043 or Nicole.hacker@thesmithfamily.com.au.
**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.

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**Boom Gate Reminder**

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

For the Health and Safety of our Staff and Students, please do not park in front of the boom gate as clear access is required for Emergency vehicles.

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**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS**

Leavers Dinner—Claremont RSL—Wednesday 16th December from 6.00—9.00pm

Leavers Assembly—Thursday 17th December at 1.15pm

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**LOLLY RUN BY CLAREMONT FIRIES**

Just before Christmas the Claremont Firies do a lolly run around the streets of Chigwell, Claremont and Austins Ferry etc.

To help with this event we are having a collection box at the office for lollies to help with the cost.

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**Important news for parents about the Asthma & Anaphylaxis Schools Program**

**Students with asthma — no matter how mild**

If your child has asthma — even if it is quite mild — please let us know if you haven’t already.

We require an up to date written Asthma Action Plan completed by the students Doctor.

We just completed training with the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania. They told us that there is no way of predicting if a student may suddenly have a major flare up, even if it has not happened before.

So please let us know so we can fulfil our duty of care and keep an eye on them.

**Students with anaphylaxis**

Please make sure that we have your child’s most recent Anaphylaxis Action Plan.

The plan that we are referring to is the one that has the patient’s photo attached and signed off by a doctor.

According to ASCIA, Australia’s authority on anaphylaxis, the plans should be renewed by your doctor at least once a year.

**Any questions on asthma or anaphylaxis**

If you have any queries, talk to the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania, the organisers of the Schools Program, by visiting [www.asthmatas.org.au](http://www.asthmatas.org.au) or calling 1800 278 462.
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.

Late Arrivals

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ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

Enrolment forms for Kinder students need to be handed into the school now. This allows staff time to allocate students to classes.

If you know of anyone who has either a kinder age child or are moving into the area and are thinking of enrolling their child/ren at Austins Ferry for next year, could you please advise them to contact the school now.

On the 31st of October Emily Self competed in the Tasmanian All Schools Track and Field Championships in both the 100m and 200m events.

She finished 4th in both events and has ended up earning selection into the Tasmanian Primary State Track and Field team to compete in the 2015 Australian All Schools Athletics Championships in Canberra from the 4th to the 8th of December.

Well done Emily and good luck competing for Tasmania.

SOUTHERN CITY BMX CLUB

We are having a National sign on day/come and try day on the 5 Dec 2015 between 1 and 3 pm at the southern city Bmx club which is at 5 Alcorso drive Berridale (next to Mona).

If anyone would like some more information they can ring Michael Beames on 0406364192 or Jason Jackson on 0439842259.

Have an awesome day.
On Monday and Tuesday, Grade 5 students took part in our first ever leadership camp at Orana in Roches Beach. The camp was an opportunity for students to take part in a number of team building and extension activities with their peers whilst also having to spend some extended time away from their families.

During the two days we went swimming at Roches Beach, built our team skills with the Edmund Rice leaders, tackled the adventure obstacle course, planned and performed in the talent show and helped with the day to day running of life at camp.

It was a great experience for everyone involved and students should all be congratulated on their exceptional behaviour and how well they all worked together and supported each other as teams.

Thank you to all the staff for organising the camp and helping to make it such a success.

Can’t wait to head back next year with a new group of grade 5’s
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