



**Courage**—Accepting challenges and embracing opportunities  
**Growth**—Aspiring to learn, and improving even when it is tough  
**Respect**—Caring for ourselves, each other and our environment  
**Responsibility**—Stepping up and doing what is right  
**Connection**—Building positive relationships and a sense of belonging

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday 3 March

*First Aid in Schools P - 6*

### Wednesday 5 March

Whole school assembly 1:40pm

### Thursday 6 March

Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra  
incursion K - Gr 6

### Friday 7 March

School Athletics Carnival

### Monday 10 March

Public Holiday (8 Hour Day)

### Wednesday 12 March

*Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure K - Gr 2*

### Wednesday 12 - Monday 24 March

NAPLAN (Year 3 & 5 students)

### Thursday 13 March

*Bead Bonanza* (Golden Ticket reward)

### Saturday 15 March

*Bream Creek Show*

### Monday 24 March

*Bush Walk* (Golden Ticket reward)

### Thursday 27 March

SPSSA Division E Athletics Carnival

### Monday 31 March

School Association AGM + General  
Meeting 1:00pm

## TERM DATES—2025

### Term 1

Thursday 6 February - Friday 11 April

*Easter: Friday 18 April - Tuesday 22 April*

### Term 2

Monday 28 April - Friday 4 July

### Term 3

Monday 21 July—Friday 26 September

### Term 4

Monday 13 October - Thursday 18 December

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & MODERATION DAYS —2024

Monday 3 - Wednesday 5 February

Friday 6 June

Friday 24 October

## ISSUE NO 2 — 26 FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Families,

### Open Classroom and Breakfast Barbeque

On behalf of the entire Dunalley Primary School community, I would like to extend our gratitude for joining us at our Open Classroom Breakfast Barbeque. Your presence meant a great deal to us, and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see firsthand the wonderful work our students and staff are doing. A big thank you to Mr Coleman for cooking the barbeque.

Your support and interest in our school is truly appreciated, and we are grateful for the chance to share our learning environments with you. If you have any feedback or would like to be involved in future events, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you again for your time and enthusiasm. We look forward to welcoming you back to our school soon.

### Surfing Sessions

Thanks to the ongoing support of our School Association, we are once again able to offer all students in Prep to Grade 6 a chance to go surfing with their peers and school staff in both Terms 1 and 4.



Tasmanian  
Government

Taking primary students surfing offers a wide range of benefits that extend beyond physical activity. Here are some of the key advantages:

### 1. Builds Confidence

Surfing challenges students to push their boundaries and conquer fears, which can significantly boost their confidence. Mastering new skills like paddling, catching waves, and maintaining balance on a surfboard instils a sense of achievement and self-assurance.

### 2. Improves Physical Fitness

Surfing is a full-body workout that strengthens the arms, shoulders, back and core while enhancing cardiovascular health and endurance. It encourages kids to stay active and healthy without feeling like they're exercising.

### 3. Enhances Balance and Coordination

Surfing requires focus and concentration to balance on a board, which helps develop proprioception (awareness of the position and movement of the body) and refine motor skills. These improvements can benefit other sports and everyday activities.

### 4. Reduces Stress and Anxiety

Surfing allows students to disconnect from screens and spend time in nature, which promotes relaxation and reduces stress. The ocean environment helps release tension and improve mood.

### 5. Teaches Patience and Perseverance

Surfing requires patience to wait for the right wave and perseverance to keep trying. These skills translate to other areas of life, teaching children the value of persistence in achieving their goals.

### 6. Fosters Environmental Awareness

Surfing encourages a deep respect for nature and the ocean. Students learn about marine life, tides, and conservation, fostering a sense of responsibility towards protecting the environment.

### 7. Promotes Social Interaction

Surfing often involves interacting with peers who share similar interests, which can help build friendships and social skills.

### 8. Encourages a Healthy Lifestyle

Surfing releases endorphins, which can improve mood and reduce the desire for unhealthy foods. It promotes a lifestyle of outdoor activity and healthy eating.

Overall, surfing provides a unique combination of physical, emotional and environmental benefits that can positively impact the lives of primary students and we are very glad to be able to offer this experience to all of our students here at Dunalley Primary School.

Warm regards,



**SEAN RYAN**  
*Principal*



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**Tuesday 18/2/25**  
10- 11:30  
Rock & Rhyme  
Messy play  
KINDER ROOM

**Tuesday 25/2/25**  
10- 11:30  
Rock & Rhyme  
Messy play  
KINDER ROOM

**Tuesday 4/3/25**  
10- 11:30noon  
Rock & Rhyme  
Messy play  
KINDER ROOM

**Tuesday 11/3/25**  
10- 11:30  
POP UP LIL  
Primrose Sands  
Playground

**Tuesday 18/3/25**  
10- 11:30  
Kids in the kitchen  
& Mini Movers  
KINDER ROOM

**Tuesday 25/3/25**  
10- 11:30noon  
Rock & Rhyme  
Messy play  
KINDER ROOM

**Tuesday 1/4/25**  
10- 11:30  
On the BUS to  
ZOO DOO  
10-1pm

**Tuesday 8/4/25**  
10- 11:30  
Kids in the kitchen  
& Mini Movers  
KINDER ROOM

**15th & 22nd**  
**School Holidays**  
**NO LIL**

**Tuesday 29/4/25**  
10- 11:30noon  
Rock & Rhyme  
Messy play  
KINDER ROOM

**Tuesday 6th/5/25**  
Kids in the kitchen  
& Mini Movers  
KINDER ROOM

**Tuesday 13/5/25**  
10- 12noon  
Rock & Rhyme  
Messy play  
KINDER ROOM

**Tuesday**  
during term time  
**10AM - 11:30**



# STUDENT UNIFORM

During the hotter months we have had some discussion and clarification of our uniform policy and in particular, the length and tightness of shorts that align with our Dunalley Primary School Uniform Policy 'purposes' that are:

- to encourage a sense of personal pride and pride in the school
- to put the focus on students' true identities
- to provide a reasonable priced, warm and readily available form of clothing
- to identify members of our school in the school community and out of school visits and performances
- to eliminate competitive dressing among students – reducing peer pressure and discrimination
- to develop a sense of unity.

To ensure that this policy is upheld, we are requesting that our students attend school in an appropriate length of short when the weather is warmer ie shorts that cover to at least the middle of the thigh. Running shorts etc that are black, or navy and the equivalent are permitted as part of our uniform as we want to encourage our students to run and play and not be restricted by their clothing, but please consider the length and tightness of these garments to ensure they still adhere to our uniform policy and school expectations.

Family members are encouraged to seek clarification on their child's uniform or seek further information on our Uniform Policy if needed. Families are also encouraged to discuss different items of clothing and their suitability with class teachers. Please also expect class teachers to reach out to you proactively if they notice any attire that does not adhere to our uniform policy, as this is a requirement of their teaching role to ensure that our policies are upheld.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FRIDAY 7 MARCH 10:00am - 1:00pm (approx)



**Thank you to our amazing School Association who are very generously providing a free Sausage Sizzle for all students, staff and spectators at the Athletics Carnival on Friday 7 March.**

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING IN OUR SCHOOLS

We all have a role to play in keeping children and young people safe.

This year, there is important training that anyone who works with children or young people must complete. This includes all our volunteers and service providers.

The training is compulsory under new laws designed to better safeguard children and young people in Tasmania.

It will help you understand what to do if you believe a child or young person is or may be being harmed, and to make sure you are doing all you can to prevent this from happening. The training will also tell you what you must report under the new laws.

This simple, online training must be done as soon as possible, and you will need to complete it before you work with any children and young people this year.

Once completed, you will receive a certificate. Please ensure that we receive a copy of the certificate as confirmation that you have fulfilled the training requirement.

To complete your training, simply visit [Safeguarding Training](#).

## POSTING PHOTOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Please be respectful of others' privacy by not posting photos on social media without explicit consent. This is especially important if posting photos of other people's children.



# OUR FIRST ASSEMBLY FOR 2025 WILL BE HELD ON

**WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH**

**at 1:40pm**

**Grade 5/6 presenting**

**ALL WELCOME!**

## SUNSMART PROTECTION



A reminder that all students are required to wear their school hat for all outdoor activities between 9:00am and 3:00pm and when the UV is 3 and above.

We don't have a supply of school hats for borrowing, so it is essential that students bring their own hat to school

## IMPORTANT UPDATE RE SEESAW

We are pleased to inform families that seesaw is now ready to use again. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

The outage was due to an error with connecting some DECYP families to their child. As a precautionary measure a decision was made to disconnect all families from seesaw whilst work was undertaken to resolve the issue. Please be assured that this has now been resolved and did not impact students in our school.

You will either receive an email invitation from your child's teacher, or a new QR code will be sent home to help you reconnect with your child's seesaw account.

## SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ELECTIONS Parent Committee Members

The Dunalley Primary School Association Annual Elections will be held in coming weeks, prior to the Annual General Meeting on Monday 31 March 2025. Elections will be held for a minimum of 4 Parent Members of the Committee.

The School Association works actively to develop and promote the school within the wider community. The School Association also assists with and advises on policy development and decision making in a range of areas. The School Association is actively seeking new parent members who wish to:

- have a greater voice as a parent;
- be more involved in activities and projects within the school;
- be involved in fundraising activities and decisions about where money raised is spent;
- develop a greater sense of collegiality with a hardworking, committed group of parents; and
- work to further develop the profile of Dunalley Primary School.

If you would like to nominate for a position on the committee, or have someone to nominate, please complete the Nomination form included in this newsletter, and return to the school office by **Monday 24 March 2025**. We look forward to your continued support of our school.

## STUDENT INFORMATION VALIDATION FORMS

*Student Information Validation Forms* were distributed to families early in the term. To ensure that we have accurate up-to-date details on your child/ren, and also for them to participate in any local (minor) excursions, please return these forms to school as soon as possible.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already returned their child/ren's forms.

# **2025 SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

## **NOMINATION FORM**

**for position of Parent Committee Member**

**Nominee's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2025

**Nominator's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2025

**Seconder's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2025

***Please return this form to  
Melinda Blacklow prior to Monday 24 March 2025***

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2025 BREAM CREEK SHOW - P&F HUT



Please click on the following web link (or copy the link into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

[volunteersignup.org/LCAKK](https://volunteersignup.org/LCAKK)

To sign up, follow the instructions on the page.



Dunalley Primary School Association would like to thank Matt and Vanessa Dunbabin from Bangor Vineyard Shed. We are honoured to be given the opportunity to raise funds at The Bangor *Music in the Vines* event on Saturday 29 March 2025 from 3:00pm to 10:00pm. While there are lots of upsides to growing up in the country, many of the activities and experiences others take for granted in the city are only possible for regional schools like ours through fundraising efforts. *Music in the Vines* is a great event for the whole family to enjoy, so come and join with your friends to have a great family day out.

To book your tickets please head to:

<https://bangorshed.com.au/pages/music-in-the-vines-festival>

Use the code DUNALLEY to receive a discount on tickets. Discount is available for all Dunalley Primary School families. Be sure to keep an eye out for our student volunteers who will have buckets to collect any donation big or small for our school.

## Uniting

### INAUGURAL PANCAKE DAY AT DUNALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are excited to announce our **Inaugural Pancake Day** at Dunalley Primary School OSHC!

**Date:** Tuesday 4 March 2025

**Time:** Serving delicious pancakes from 7:45am to 8:50am

**Location:** Dunalley Primary School Gym

Parents, carers and children are most welcome to join us for a fun morning of tasty pancakes! The event is a wonderful opportunity for families to gather and enjoy a delicious start to the day together.

A **gold coin donation** is appreciated, and all funds will go towards supporting our Outside School Hours Care. We look forward to seeing you there!

**HANNAH BRAUMANDLE**  
Service Leader



## THE NEST SORELL

*'A strong, safe community learning  
and thriving together'*

The Nest is a place for families with young people from pregnancy to 5 years to come together to grow, play and learn. The Nest is open Monday—Friday and is free.

Ph: 6100 9000

[thenestcflc@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:thenestcflc@decyp.tas.gov.au)

# Uniting



## A Great Start to the Year!

We're so happy to see the children thriving during their time outside, and we love how the playground has become a space for creativity, imagination and new friendships. Whether it's group games, individual exploration, or just enjoying the sunshine, our outdoor time has become an essential part of each day. We look forward to more fun-filled afternoons as we continue to explore, play and make the most of the beautiful spaces at our school. Thanks to all the children for their enthusiasm and energy. Here's to even more exciting adventures to come in the weeks ahead.

Here at OSHC (Out of School Hours Care), we believe in the power of play to inspire imagination, foster learning and support children's overall development. Our program is designed to encourage creativity and physical activity, providing a range of engaging activities that allow children to express themselves, collaborate with peers and enjoy the great outdoors.

**HANNAH BRAUMANDLE**  
*Service Leader*





## Free workshop

### 1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Sorell, TAS



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Thursday  
27 February, 2025  
9:15am to 3:00pm



Iron Creek Bay  
394 Arthur Highway  
SORELL TAS 7172

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

#### During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

[www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC)

[jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au](mailto:jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au)



0477 574 746

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## Bream Creek's Got Talent

NON COMPETITIVE  
TALENT SHOW FOR  
6 - 16 YEAR OLDS

At The  
**BREAM CREEK SHOW**

15 March 2025

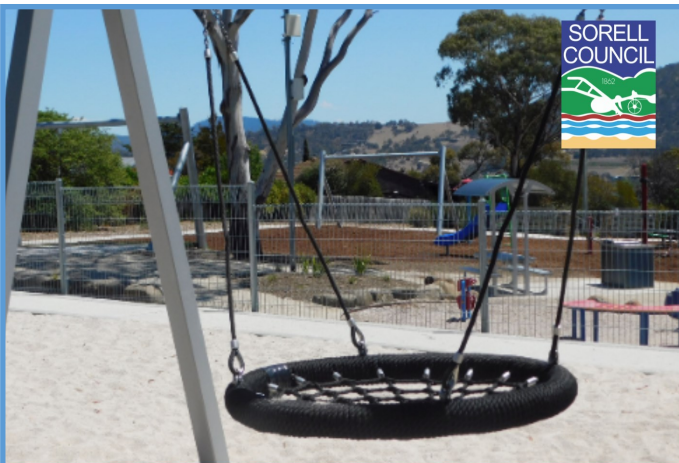


We're giving kids of the greater Bream Creek region their chance to take to the stage, and perform at The Bream Creek Show.

May it be singing, dancing, playing an instrument, performing a magic routine or even something that's a bit unique. Participants will have 5 minutes to perform whatever they like to a live audience.

Registrations are now open at our website and close on the updated date of the 8th of March. All participants will receive a special prize for taking part. Please note, entries will not be accepted on show day.

**WWW.BREAMCREEKSHOW.COM.AU**



## HAVE YOUR SAY Our Community Playspace Survey is now open and we want to hear from you

website <https://www.sorell.tas.gov.au/playspace-audit-plan/>

Or scan the QR code



## Lending library

*Perfect weather to become engrossed in a book.  
Come and have a peek at what we have!*

Dunalley Neighbourhood House  
172 Arthur Highway  
open Mon-Thur 9-3pm







No interest loans for the purchase of new items and services

You can borrow up to \$2,000

For essentials such as:

- No Interest
- No fees
- No charges
- No credit checks
- Car registration & repairs
- Fridges & freezers
- Computers & tablets
- Home furniture
- Medical & dental services
- Bond & rent in advance

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED:

- A current healthcare card, pension card, DVA card, or low-income healthcare card. Or have a gross income of \$55,000 or less.
- To live in stable accommodation (exceptions can be made in some cases). Capacity to repay the loan.

The Dunalley Tasman Neighbourhood House can assist with your Nils loan application call 6253 9000

1300 301 650

## Life members monthly special: February - 10% off grains.

buckwheat grain –organic - Product of China  
 burghul—coarse—Product of Turkey  
 couscous - Product of France  
 pearl barley - Product of Australia  
 polenta - fine - Product of Australia  
 popcorn – Product of Australia  
 quinoa - organic - Kindred - Product of Tasmania/Australia  
 rice ARBORIO – Product of Spain  
 rice BASMATI/WHITE – organic – Product of India  
 rice BASMATI/BROWN – organic – Product of India/Pakistan  
 rice MED GRAIN/BROWN-organic - Product of Australia  
 wheat grain - organic - Kialla– Product of Australia



Open Mon 9.30am-11.30am.

Wed & Thurs 10am–2pm

(excluding public holidays)

foodcoop@dunalleytasman.org

172 Arthur Highway, Dunalley

62539 000



# DUNALLEY CHOIR

EACH MONDAY  
9.30-10.30AM



**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**

**DUNALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**  
172 ARTHUR HIGHWAY  
DUNALLEY

• *Are you a member of our community and make homemade jams, relishes or preserves that you would like to sell in our Dunalley Op shop?*



email [adminindun@dunalleytasman.org](mailto:adminindun@dunalleytasman.org) to register your interest or call 6253 9000

Op shop open Mon-Fri 10-2pm (volunteer run)

# COFFEE & CHAT

COZY GATHERING AT DUNALLEY  
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



THURSDAY 27TH OF FEBRUARY  
10.30AM

172 Arthur Highway,  
Dunalley 7177

Join us for a coffee,  
cozy vibes, and great  
company!



## Dunalley Area Games Society (D.A.G.S)

Do you like board games?  
Come along and share in the free fun at the  
Dunalley Neighbourhood House  
**Every 2nd Sunday of the Month**  
**from 1pm**



Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

COVID Safe Event - please do not come if you are unwell.

Call Jeddah on 0400 145 922 for more information

## Dunalley OP SHOP



Lots of bargains!  
You never know  
what you will find



open Mon-Fri 10-2pm  
(volunteer run)

172 Arthur Highway  
Dunalley

# Let's Go!

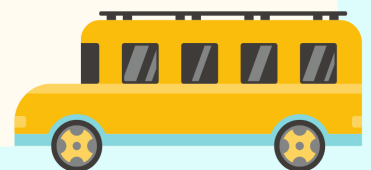
to Richmond



Bus leaves Dunalley at 10am  
returning at 2.30pm

We are taking the bus to Richmond  
Thursday 13th of March

please book on  
62539000





# STUDENT ASSISTANCE (STAS) 2025

The Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) provides assistance to low income families from Kindergarten to Year 12. Families who meet the eligibility of STAS are not required to pay levies.

Please note that if you are already receiving student assistance you do not need to complete a form. Families who are advised by letter that they are approved for STAS 2025, and who need to add another student can email their full name and the name, date of birth and grade of the student in 2025 to [stas@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:stas@decyp.tas.gov.au) and the newly enrolling student will be added to their file.

2025 approval letters also provide the facility to add a new student and return by email or post.

The online form can be completed here:

<https://stasonlinesubmission.education.tas.gov.au>

Once a validated form is completed the Department for Education, Children and Young People will confirm the outcome of your application in writing. This process takes approximately 14 days.

We understand this online option may not be possible for all families, so if you require a hard copy form please contact the school or [stas@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:stas@decyp.tas.gov.au) or phone 1800 827 055.



**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING  
& MODERATION DAYS**

## TERM 1:

Thursday 6 February - Friday 11 April

*(Easter: Friday 18 April—Tuesday 22 April)*

## TERM 2:

Monday 28 April - Friday 4 July

## TERM 3:

Monday 21 July - Friday 26 September

## TERM 4:

Monday 13 October - Thursday 18 December

Monday 3 February—Wednesday 5 February

Friday 6 June

Friday 24 October



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