



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 20 June

Whole school Hot Lunch Day

Tuesday 24 June

LiL bus trip to *The Nest*, Sorell
(RSVP for bus is required)

Monday 30 June

Golden Ticket Rewards

- *Bushwalk to Crescent Bay*
- *Minecraft Education*

Wednesday 2 July

Sea Country Assembly hosted by Grade 1/2 - 1:40pm

Friday 4 July

- Whole school Hot Lunch Day
- Last day of Term 2

Monday 7 - Friday 18 July

Term 2 holiday break

Monday 21 July

First day of Term 3

Tuesday 29 July

LiL *Water Awareness* session

Friday 1 August

Golden Ticket Reward - *String Art*
(session 1)

Monday 4 August

School Association Meeting 1:00pm

Tuesday 5 August

LiL *Water Awareness* session

Tuesday 12 August

LiL *Water Awareness* session

Thursday 14 August

Terrapin incursion - *Goldfish*

TERM DATES—2025

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 —2025

Dear Families,

I am delighted to take this opportunity to commend our incredible students who participated in the recent School Cross Country events, culminating in the outstanding achievement of being selected to represent Dunalley Primary School at the Tasmanian Primary All Schools Cross Country Championships at Symmons Plains yesterday.

The Journey and its Benefits

Participating in the School Cross Country is more than just a race; it is a journey that fosters resilience, determination, and a spirit of healthy competition. Our students trained diligently throughout the season, demonstrating exceptional commitment and balancing their academic responsibilities with their athletic goals. Making it to the All Schools Championships is a testament to their hard work, discipline and perseverance.

Being selected as part of the team of 18 runners - 9 boys and 9 girls - to represent our school is a tremendous honour. It highlights not only their physical endurance and speed but also their teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership qualities. These experiences build confidence and a sense of pride that will serve them well beyond the sporting arena.

Resilience and Sportsmanship

Competing at the All Schools Championships event exposed our students to a higher level of competition and the opportunity to engage with



peers from other schools across Tasmania. Throughout the event, our runners displayed remarkable resilience, pushing through physical and mental challenges with courage and determination on a very cold and wet day.

Equally impressive was their sportsmanship - cheering on teammates, encouraging fellow competitors, and representing Dunalley Primary School with integrity and respect. These are the values we cherish and strive to instil in all our students.

Thank You to our Supporters

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all parents, carers and community members who attended the events and supported our students. Your encouragement and presence made a significant difference, inspiring our young athletes to perform at their best.

Looking Ahead

We are proud of every student who participated and those who made it to the interschool events and beyond. Their achievements remind us of the importance of sport in developing accomplished individuals who are resilient, confident and community minded.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. Together, we celebrate the spirit of Dunalley Primary School and look forward to many more successes in the future.

Kind regards,



SEAN RYAN
Principal



SCHOOL INTAKE AREAS FOR DUNALLEY & DODGES FERRY PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Reminder: Primrose Sands to be part of Dunalley Primary School's intake area from 2026

What's happening?

- In 2025 families living in Primrose Sands can choose to send their children to either Dunalley or Dodges Ferry Primary School.
- From 2026, Dunalley Primary School will be the local school for children living in Primrose Sands.

What does this mean for families?

- If your child is already attending Dodges Ferry Primary School they can continue to attend until Year 6. If they have siblings, those siblings can also attend Dodges Ferry Primary School (if they will be enrolled there at the same time).
- Primrose Sands families can still request to enrol at Dodges Ferry Primary School, but only if:
 - ◇ the school has space; and
 - ◇ the family meets the out-of-area enrolment rules.

For more details, visit the DECYP Intake Area Reviews page

<https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/learning/find-your-local-school/intake-area-reviews/>

or scan the QR Code below.



WINTER APPEAL SRC FUNDRAISER FRIDAY 4 JULY 2025



to raise funds to purchase sleeping bags
to donate to Copping Community Care Centre
for people in our community.



DONATIONS OF GOLD COIN OR ABOVE



OUR NEXT ASSEMBLY
WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY

at 1:40pm

Grade 1/2 hosting

The focus for this assembly will be
our whole school *Sea Country*
excursion to Marion Bay Beach.

ALL WELCOME!

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS - 2026

If you live in the Dunalley Primary catchment area or have children already attending our school and have a child who will be four years old by 1 January 2026, they are eligible for Kindergarten enrolment at our school.

When enrolling in a government school for the first time, parents must complete the enrolment form and provide evidence of the student's identity, parent/carer identity, place of residence and immunisation details.

Please phone the school on ☎6253 5151 for more information.

Why is promoting attendance and reducing absences important?

Consistent attendance at school is critical to achieving positive educational outcomes and keeping students engaged in their learning.

In Australia, state and national reporting describes 'regular attendance' as equal to or greater than 90 per cent. Research shows that in general, missing more than 10% of the school year can negatively affect a student's academic performance (this is approximately 20 days per year).

Every day a student is absent from school may reduce a child or young persons' chance to reach their social and education potential.

Why turning up matters:

1 DAY EACH FORTNIGHT

That equals **20 days per year**

Which is **4 weeks per year**... and therefore, from Kinder to Year 12, that is nearly **1½ years of school**.

1 DAY A WEEK

That equals **40 days per year**

Which is **8 weeks per year**... and therefore, from Kinder to Year 12, that is nearly **2½ years of school**.

2 DAYS A WEEK

That equals **80 days per year**

Which is **16 weeks per year**... and therefore, from Kinder to Year 12, that is nearly **5 years of learning missed**.

3 DAYS A WEEK

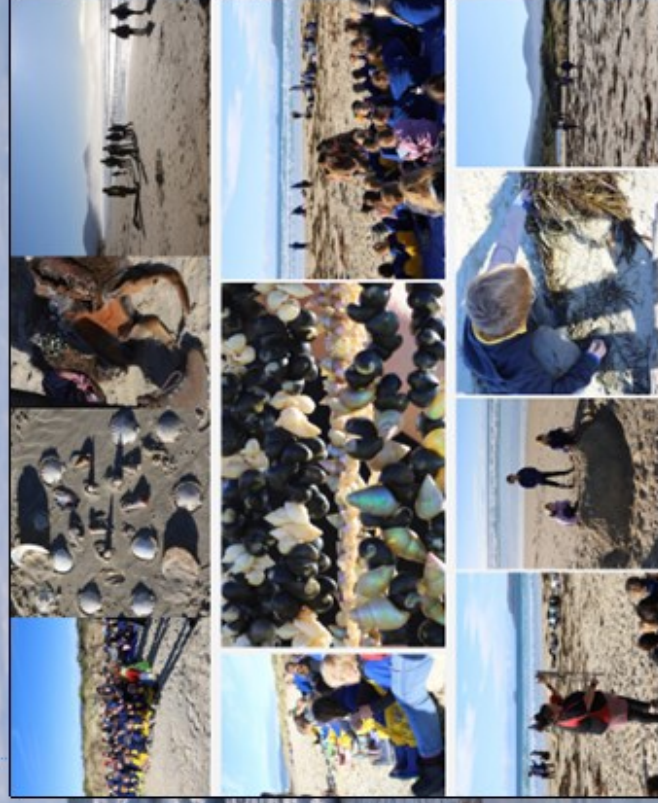
That equals **120 days per year**

Which is **24 weeks per year**... and therefore, from Kinder to Year 12, that is nearly **8 years of learning missed**.

INTER-SCHOOL
CROSS COUNTRY
DUNALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
2025



WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE 2025



Sea Country Excursion Marion Bay Beach

On Thursday 12 June our whole school headed to Marion Bay Beach for a special Sea Country excursion.

The purpose of the day was to deepen our understanding of our coastal environment through the perspective of Aboriginal people, who recognise these places as Sea Country – living, breathing landscapes with deep cultural and spiritual significance.

Throughout the day students learned about living off the land and sea, the seasonal knowledge passed through generations and the importance of caring for Country. It was a hands-on experience that invited reflection, connection and curiosity.

We are grateful for the opportunity to learn more about the rich cultural heritage of the land we live and learn on.



Woodcraft Afternoon



Tasmania Woodturners Guild

Selected students had a fantastic afternoon exploring the joys of woodworking! Thanks to the generous donation of boat and plane kits from the Wood Turners Guild of Tasmania, children were able to get hands-on with building their own wooden creations.

The Guild, known for their dedication and craftsmanship, spends many weekends creating these kits for children to enjoy at events like the Wooden Boat Festival and the Hobart Show. We're so grateful for their support in helping us bring creativity and practical skills into the school for our golden ticket afternoons.





Netball Tasmania

Through a Sporting Schools Grant we have engaged Netball Tasmania to run 4 netball sessions with each class during their PE lessons. Our coach, Marsha Batchelor has created some fun drills and games to teach students the skills needed to play netball.

The game of Netball offers a blend of physical and mental benefits, including improving fitness, hand-eye coordination and teamwork. It's also a fun and inclusive sport that encourages social interaction and can boost confidence.

GEORGIE COTTIER
HPE Teacher



Why is sleep so important?
Sleep is vital for children and adolescents' wellbeing. Sleep supports healthy development of the body and mind. Evidence shows that children and adolescents who do not get enough sleep have more trouble learning.

10 Tips for better sleep

1. **Set a bedtime routine** – Have a regular bedtime to help good sleep.
2. **Relax before bed** – Help your child unwind by reading or listening to soft music.
3. **Keep regular sleep times** – Make bedtimes and wake times similar each day.
4. **Limit naps for older children** – Keep naps short and early to avoid trouble sleeping at night.
5. **Make your child feel safe** – Praise your child for being brave if they're scared at night. Avoid scary TV shows or games.
6. **Check the room's light and noise** – Keep the room dark and quiet. Avoid blue light from screens.
7. **Avoid the clock** – Move the clock so your child can't see it from bed.
8. **Eat at the right time** – Don't let your child go to bed too hungry or too full. A healthy breakfast helps.
9. **Get natural light** – Encourage your child to get outside in the sunlight, especially in the morning.
10. **Avoid caffeine** – Keep caffeine away in the afternoon and evening. Caffeine is found in energy drinks, coffee, tea, chocolate and soft drinks.

How much sleep do kids need?
Sleep needs vary by age and person. Here's a general guide:

- Kids (6–13 years) need 9–11 hours of sleep, but 7–12 hours can be okay for some.
- Teens (14–17 years) need 8–10 hours of sleep, but 7–11 hours can be fine for some.

For more information look at www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au & How to sleep better: 10 tips for children | Raising Children Network

If you would like any more information, please feel free to get in touch with your school health nurse, Emma 🍌

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES

WHOLE SCHOOL HOT LUNCH DAY

FRIDAY 20 JUNE

CHICKEN FRIED RICE

(vegetarian option available)



*Our thanks to Ingham's Sorell
for their generous donation
of chicken*


DUNALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY - CLOSED SATURDAY - CLOSED
CHOIR 9.30	GARDEN VOLUNTEER WORKING BEE 10-12	PLAYGROUP 9-12	FOOD CO-OP 10-2	
NILS LOAN APPOINTMENTS (AFTERNOON)	MAHJONG 10.30	FOOD CO-OP 10-2	COFFEE&CHAT (LAST THURS OF MONTH) 10.30	
FOOD CO-OP 9.30-11.30	EATING WITH FRIENDS (1ST TUES OF MONTH EXCEPT DECEMBER) 11.30	NILS LOAN APPOINTMENTS (AFTERNOON)	HOBBIES, CRAFTS & ART 9-2	SUNDAY D.A.G.S DUNALLEY AREA GAMES SOCIETY (2ND SUNDAY OF MONTH) 1PM
SPINNING 11-2		NDIS DROP IN SESSION (BI-MONTHLY)		POKEMON SESSION (3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH) 1PM
		SERVICES AUSTRALIA VISIT (LAST WED OF MONTH)		OP SHOP OPEN MON-FRI 10-2 (VOLUNTEER RUN)

SERVICES AVAILABLE DURING OPENING HOURS MONDAY TO THURSDAY 9-3PM
COMPUTER USE ~ PRINTING/PHOTOCOPYING ~ COMMUNITY GARDEN ~ BOOK LIBRARY ~
DROP IN & CHAT ~ SHOWER/LAUNDRY FACILITIES

*172 Arthur Highway Dunalley
call 6253 9000 for more information*




CHILD and FAMILY LEARNING CENTRE

The Nest


LIL excursion
TUESDAY 24 JUNE
10:00am - 1:00pm

RSVP required to book your seats on the bus for this trip please

Ph: 6253 5151



Contact us:
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 Facebook: The Nest Child and Family Learning Centre



Community Engagement Officers



Services Australia delivers government payments and services.

In the community

We provide support to customers through collaboration in the community. We make our services more accessible by working with community and third-party organisations.

Community engagement officers

Our Community Engagement Officers:

- collaborate with community and third-party organisations to support people experiencing vulnerability and complex issues, increasing awareness of agency services
- support customer self-sufficiency by promoting and demonstrating the agency's digital services.

Working with the community

We organise and participate in community events, sometimes virtually, including:

- local network meetings with community and third-party organisations
- local forums to support mutual customers
- deliver information to customers at community forums and special events
- provide education sessions about accessing our payments and services online.

Community news

For the latest community updates and news, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/community. Here you can find resources, information for community groups and subscribe to community news.

Your local Community Engagement Officer is:

Angela

They provide a service at:
 Dunalley Neighbourhood House

When:
 Wednesday 18th June 11am
 Tuesday 22nd July 11am
 Tuesday 19th August 11am
 Tuesday 16th September
 Tuesday 14th October 11am



servicesaustralia.gov.au

Eaglehawk Neck Coastcare

BE A VOLUNTEER!

Join our Coastcare team , or the Officers Quarters Garden Volunteer group in 2025



Contact Kerrie for information and to sign up as a volunteer.
 email:eaglehawkneck@landcaretas.org.au




Learning Assistance for CREATIVE and MENTAL growth!



Art Learn

Contact: Cheri Allanby
 0437818570
all.designs@bigpond.com




EDUCATION RESOURCE HUB

For all your resources for successful online education visit:
<https://regionalttechhub.org.au/regionalttech-hub-resources/education-resource-hub/>

- Get to know your home connectivity options
- Free education resources
- Having the right equipment
- Setting up for video conferencing



Uniting

OSHC WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS: Creativity, Nature & Fun!

Gardening Adventures



The children had a fantastic time digging in the dirt as part of our gardening activities! Armed with small spades and plenty of enthusiasm, they explored the soil, searched for worms, and prepared garden beds for planting. It was a wonderful sensory experience that encouraged curiosity about nature and where our food comes from. From turning over soil to discovering hidden bugs, the kids were fully immersed in hands-on learning. There's something magical about getting dirty while learning - and we loved every minute of it! Stay tuned to see what begins to sprout in our OSHC garden in the coming weeks.

Painting with Passion



Paintbrushes in hand, the children explored colours and textures through open-ended painting sessions. From abstract splashes to thoughtful landscapes, their artwork reflected both joy and creativity. Our art wall is now brimming with beautiful masterpieces created with heart and imagination!

Whiteboard Drawing Fun



The whiteboard became a canvas of endless possibilities this week! Children loved drawing their favourite animals, telling stories through doodles, and even practicing letters and numbers. The temporary nature of whiteboard art encouraged them to experiment, collaborate and express themselves freely.

Playdough Creations



Soft, squishy and full of potential - playdough was a big hit! The children sculpted everything from food and animals to imaginative creatures. This sensory-rich activity not only supported fine motor skills but also inspired storytelling and lots of laughter.

Each day at OSHC is full of discovery and delight. We love watching the children grow, create and learn through play.

Thank you for being part of our vibrant community!

HANNAH BRAUMANDLE

Lead Educator

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION UPDATE

We say this every time, but we are always so blown away by how generous our community is. We put the call out for donations for our winter raffle and we now have incredible prizes for both that and the upcoming quiz night.

First up are our donors for the raffle - please give these businesses and wonderful people a high five and big thanks next time you see or shop with them.

Bandicoot Carpet Cleaning
Beauty by the Sea
Bike & Scooter
Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary
Bream Creek Dairy
Bream Creek Vineyard
Cate Lowry
Clearys Corner
Coastal Hair Lounge
Degree C Air Conditioning Services
Dodges Ferry Hotel
Doggy Barber
Goods Landscaping
Hill Street
Jet Automotive
Kate Duffin PT
Leap Farm

Lufra Hotel
Macey Primrose Sands
Mason's Cottage
Minirons
Murraville Golf Club
Organic Tools
Paint n Sip
Pelican Place
Pennicott Wilderness Journeys
Port Arthur Historic Site
Port Arthur Lavender
Premaydena Hill
Raine & Horne
Slow Going Marion Bay
Southern Air Water
Tas Wood Fired Pizza
Woolworths

Tickets will be sent home with students and be on counters in the area from late next week. They are \$2 each / 3 for \$5 and because you love those deals, books will be in bundles of 12. We know you'll be keen to get your hands on the prizes, so if you need more books, please contact Natasha Harvey.

Tickets due back by Tuesday 29 July and the lucky winners drawn on Thursday 31 July.

More thanks to those who bought spring bulbs during the recent fundraiser – you made sure yours will be the best looking yards this September and raised \$461.40!

These funds have meant students have had surfing days, swimming lessons, literacy support and even a new rotary hoe for the ever-hardworking Kev to keep the softfall around the equipment soft.

Save the Date: Our popular Quiz Night is back! More info to come soon, but make sure to keep **Friday 5 September** free and brush up on your general knowledge and stash of \$1 coins for the bottle toss in the meantime.



Adventures of 5/6 Daly: Parliament House Excursion



THURSDAY 5 JUNE 2025

ICAS ASSESSMENTS (ONLINE)

We will once again provide our students with the option of participating in the International Competitions and Assessments for schools (ICAS). Fees for each test are payable by the student's family. Please visit the online Parent Payment System – <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps> – using our school's unique access code **XXZ958** to make a direct payment to UNSW Global by **Monday 28 July 2025**.

Tests in the following subjects are available on the dates below:

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Monday 4 - Friday 8 August

Grade 2 to Grade 6

ENGLISH

Monday 11 - Friday 15 August

Grade 2 to Grade 6

SPELLING BEE

Monday 18 - Friday 22 August

Grade 2 to Grade 6

WRITING

Monday 4 - Friday 8 August

Grade 3 to Grade 6

SCIENCE

Monday 18 - Friday 22 August

Grade 2 to Grade 6

MATHEMATICS

Monday 25 - Friday 29 August

Grade 2 to Grade 6



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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