



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 11 - Friday 15 August

National Science Week - *Decoding the Universe*

Thursday 14 August

Terrapin incursion - *Goldfish*

Friday 15 August

- National Day of Action against Bullying
- Purple 'Free Dress' Day
- Golden Ticket Reward - *String Art* (session 2)

Saturday 16 - Saturday 23 August

Book Week - *Book an Adventure*

Monday 18 August

Golden Ticket Reward - *Frisbee Golf*

Tuesday 19 August

SPSSA Winter Carnival

Wednesday 20 August

Whole school assembly / Book Week Parade - 9:00am (Prep hosting)

Thursday 21 August

Golden Ticket Reward - *Biscuit Decorating*

Friday 22 August

- Grade 1/2 & 2/3 Sorell Pioneer School excursion
- *Food with Friends* - Gr 4/5 and 5/6

Tuesday 26 August

- LiL Water Awareness session
- School Swimming Carnival Gr 3 - 6
- Pre-Kinder session 1:30pm

Monday 1 September

School Association meeting 1:00pm

Friday 5 September

- Father's Day Breakfast
- Quiz Night at Dunalley Community Hall 6:00 pm for a 7:00pm start

TERM DATES—2025

Term 3

Monday 21 July - Friday 26 September

Term 4

Monday 13 October - Thursday 18 December

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & MODERATION DAYS —2025

Friday 24 October

Dunalley Primary School
Department for Education, Children and Young People

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Dear Families,

At Dunalley Primary School we celebrate the power of stories and reading, bringing excitement into our classrooms while staying focused on our mission to lift literacy for all students.

Across Tasmania the Department for Education, Children and Young People (DECYP) is driving ambitious change through the Strategic Plan for Lifting Literacy. The statewide goal is to make sure every Tasmanian child receives the support they need to read well and with confidence. Actions in the 2024 – 2026 plan include evidence-based, explicit reading instruction for all students, early years phonological screening, building literacy partnerships, and harnessing libraries as central community hubs for reading development. There is a clear commitment to both *equity* and *excellence* - no child left behind, and every learner challenged and supported. This means not only helping students who are at risk to achieve grade level but also extending students who are already confident readers so they can continue to progress and thrive.

At Dunalley Primary, our School Improvement Plan (SIP) Literacy targets are designed to make a difference for students at every stage of their reading journey. We provide targeted



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reading intervention programs, grounded in current research and best practice. These programs identify students who may be struggling and offer differentiated support - including small group and even one-to-one tuition - while systematically monitoring student growth.

Our students are supported to maintain PAT (Progressive Achievement Test) reading growth. The focus is holistic:

- Students at risk receive interventions to help them reach grade-level benchmarks.
- Strong readers are challenged and extended to ensure they continue to make progress beyond the benchmark.
- All students are encouraged to strive for growth and excellence.
- Data-driven teaching and ongoing assessment ensure no gap goes unnoticed, and teachers adjust instruction to meet diverse needs.
- Partnerships with families and libraries promote a love of learning beyond the classroom.

Book Week is the perfect opportunity to reinforce these goals. By celebrating books and reading adventures, we empower students to discover new worlds and build the literacy skills that are the foundation for life-long learning.

We warmly invite all families and community members to join us for our **Book Week Assembly and Parade next Wednesday 20 August at 9:00am**, where you can see all our students dressed up as their favourite book characters. It's a great celebration of imagination, literacy and community spirit - we'd love to see you there!

Kind regards,



SEAN RYAN
Principal

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.

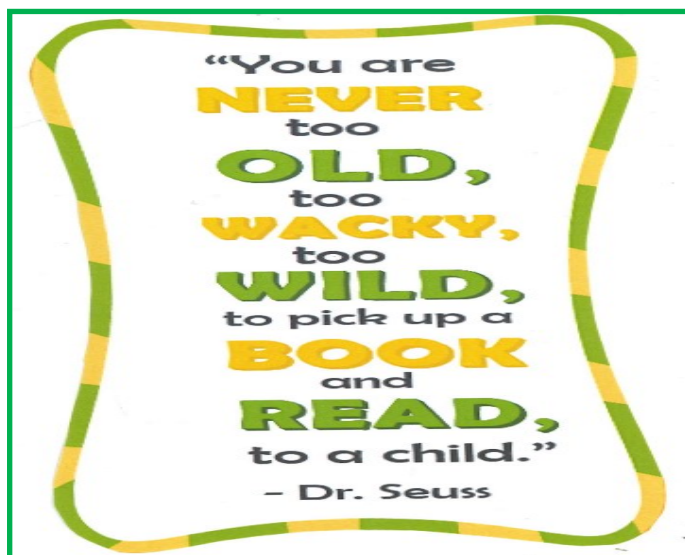
OUR NEXT ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST

at 9:00am

This is our Book Week assembly and parade, hosted by Prep.

**The theme for Book Week 2025 is
'*Book an Adventure*'
encouraging children to view
reading as a gateway to
exploration and discovery.**

ALL WELCOME!





HOT LUNCH

Food with Friends

A reminder of dates for our *Food with Friends* hot lunches:

22 August	4/5 and 5/6 classes
26 September	Kinder and Prep classes
7 November	1/2 and 2/3 classes

Our partnership with Copping Community Care will continue with them providing the main meal for lunch and Mrs Davis will work with students and volunteers to establish a **connection** focused *Food with Friends* lunch experience.

**BULLYING
NO WAY**

11TH - 15TH AUGUST 2025

**Be Bold. Be Kind.
Speak Up.**

National week of action

The 'hero' colour for the campaign is **Purple** which symbolises peace, strength and empowerment.

At Dunalley Primary School we are committed to supporting bullying prevention.

**To show our support
we invite students to
dress in Purple
on Friday 15 August 2025**

DUNALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

**Quiz
Night**

Join with friends and family to form a table of 8 to compete for victory and enjoy a fun night of trivia.

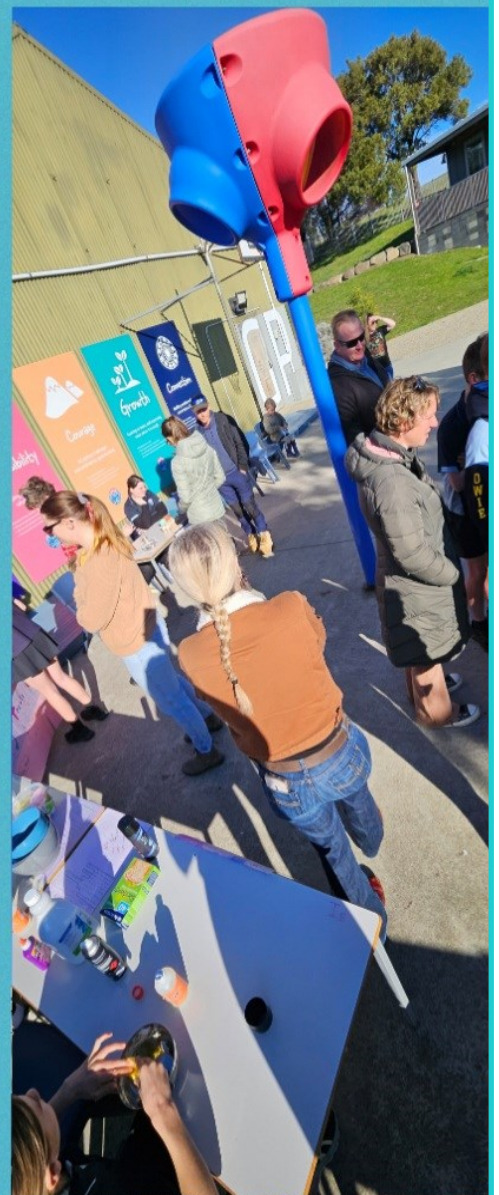
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DUNALLEY COMMUNITY HALL

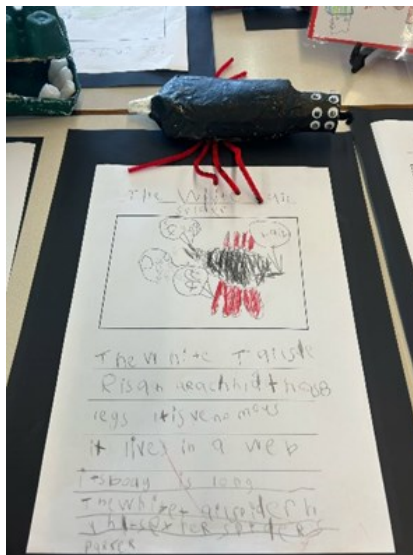
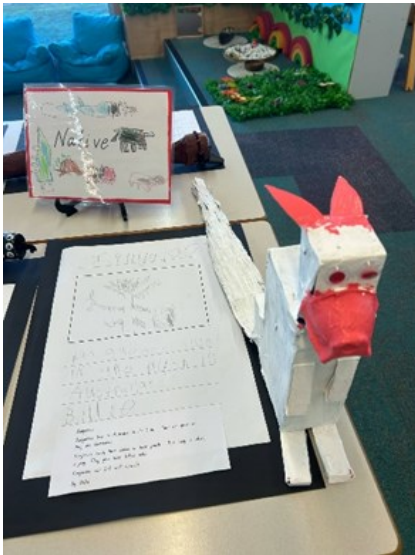
6PM FOR A 7PM START

Light dinner supplied, drinks available for purchase. Feel free to bring a platter for your table. Great prizes up for grabs with a lucky door prize. \$30 per person

RSVP to Natasha on 0417165868
by 1st of September 2025



To celebrate Science Week, 5/6 Daly hosted a Science Fair for parents and all the Dunalley Primary Students. It was a fantastic full day of Science engagement. Students conducted experiments such as: elephant toothpaste, slime, exploding bags, egg burning, fake snow and coke/mentos explosions. Thank you parents who made the effort to celebrate the wonderful world of Science with our 5/6s.



The Prep Museum

In Prep we have been learning about living things. We looked at animal features and learned about different ways animals can be grouped based on features like feathers, fur and scales. We then decided to make boxwork animals, paying attention to the animal features such as how many legs, body shape, eye and ear position. The animals have been grouped by the Prep students in our Museum which is open for the remainder of the week before school. The animal groups the Preps decided on are "Domestic," "Native," "Exotic" and "Extinct." Students wrote their own information texts to accompany their animal and are very proud of their work!

A big thank you to everyone who sent in boxes, and all those who came in to see the amazing exhibits!





2025 Young Archies Awards



**Congratulations
to our students
whose portraits
have been chosen
to enter the
Tasmanian Young
Archies
competition!**

**These portraits
are in with a
chance to win
great prizes
from a variety
of
categories.**





STUDENT WELLBEING AND ENGAGEMENT SURVEY



At Dunalley Primary School, the wellbeing of our students is a top priority. We want to hear directly from our students about how they're feeling and what's happening in their lives.

Students in Years 4 - 6 will soon be participating in the *Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey*. This important survey helps us build a clear picture of our students' current wellbeing and identify ways we can better support them to thrive and engage in learning. The more students who take part, the more meaningful the insights will be.

This survey is part of the Department's [Child and Student Wellbeing Strategy](#).

Survey Details:

When:

Tuesday 2 September

Who:

Grades 4/5 and 5/6

What do I need to do:

You and your child don't need to do anything. The survey will be done in class time and will not require your child to prepare in any way.

A letter with more information will be sent home next week with all eldest students in Years 4 - 6. This includes a list of Frequently Asked Questions and a form to return if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Ann Jackson - Assistant Principal/Safeguarding Lead.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure every student feels safe, supported and ready to learn.

Uniting

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES AT OSHC!

Here at OSHC we've been making the most of the sunshine by spending plenty of time outdoors! The swings and the oval have been full of energy and excitement as the children enjoy a wide range of leisure activities, from running games to quiet play.

Wynter and Indi have especially loved playing on the swings and daring each other to jump off — their laughter has been contagious! Scarlett and Indi have also taken on a new challenge, learning how to go down the chain section of the red play equipment backwards — a fun and tricky skill they're mastering together.

Meanwhile, Milah has been a wonderful teacher and leader, showing the other girls how to do different tricks on the playground equipment. It's been fantastic to see so much teamwork, confidence-building, and creativity at play!

We love seeing the children so engaged and active — here's to many more fun-filled afternoons outdoors!

HANNAH BRAUMANDLE

Lead Educator



Children's Book Week turns 80 in 2025

Children's Book Week 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of this beloved national celebration, running from Saturday 16 August to Saturday 23 August.

Hosted by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA), this year's theme - "Book an Adventure!" - explores the magic of storytelling through bold journeys, imaginative quests and meaningful connections.



We are hosting our annual Book Week Assembly Parade on:

Wednesday 20 August at 9:00am

Students and our school community are invited to come dressed as a book character of their choice with a copy of the book their character appears in. For inspiration, we encourage everyone to look in our school library for ideas.

Don't leave the fun up to just the students!

Parents, family members and friends and all invited to get into the community spirit and come dressed in character as well.

We look forward to embracing the theme of "Book an Adventure!" with you all!

See you all there!



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

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vinegar APPLE CIDER/organic - Product of New Zealand
vinegar WHITE - Product of Australia
baking powder - Made from local & imported ingredients
bicarb of soda - Product of Germany/Spain
cocoa powder / conv - 500g pre pack - Product of Germany
cacao powder raw/organic - 375 pre pack - Product of Peru/Equador
carob powder - 375g pre pack - Product of Italy
falafel mix - Made from local & imported ingredients
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stock pdr/Massel vegetable style - Product of Australia
stock pdr/Massel beef style - Product of Australia
yeast - nutritional flakes - savoury - Product of USA



Open Mon 9.30am-11.30am.
Wed & Thurs 10am-2pm
(excluding public holidays)
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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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