

# New Town Primary School Newsletter

9th February 2017



## From the Principal.....

Dear Parent and Carers,

It was wonderful to see everybody back with smiles and proudly wearing their uniforms. Please remember hats are essential this term, in line with our sun smart policy. Welcome to new staff, Ms Alison Bailey who is teaching grade 3/4 and Mr William Phillips who is teaching one day in 3/4 Bailey, one day in 5/6 Prior and two days in 4/5 Steenbergen. It is also wonderful to welcome Ms Amanda Thomas back to the school as one of our kindergarten teachers after her maternity leave.

Blackmans Bay Childrens Services are our new outside school hours care providers. They accept online enrolments and are currently offering before school services from 7:15 am as well as after school services from after school until 6 pm. To find out more please visit their website, <http://bbchildcare.org/.../new-town-outside-school-hours-care/>

Thank you to our support staff and Gary Brown (relief EFA) for making it a smooth return to school and thank you to teaching staff for the effort they have put into transforming their classrooms into exciting learning environments.

We have many new students starting at the school including 50 new kindergarten students. Thank you to our School Association for providing 'Tissues for Tears' support for new parents. I look forward to our first School Association meeting next Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. New parents welcome!

Congratulations to Toni Tarbath who will be our Acting AST (senior teacher) for terms 1 and 2. Mrs Tarbath will continue to teach Prep on a Tuesday and Wednesday and another teacher (TBA) will teach that class the other days from next week.

Regards,  
Larissa Brenner  
Principal



## REMINDERS

**Drop off/Pick Up** - Entry to the school to drop off or pick up students is through the gate near the crossing or the gate near the 5/6 classrooms. Please do not come in the front entrance past the office, unless need to see Admin staff. Parents are also asked to take note of the parking signs at the front of the school - in particular, please do not park in the bus zone or disabled parks (unless displaying appropriate permit).

**Car Park** - Please be aware that the staff car-park is for staff members only. There are limited spaces in the car park, plus it is dangerous for students to be wandering in this area before and after school.

**Punctuality** - Music is played at 8:55 am for students to be in class and ready to start their day at 9:00 am. It is hard for teachers to explain the day's program to late students once their classmates have already started their work for the day. It is of the utmost importance for students to be in class ready when teachers explain the lessons to them. If your child is late to school, please remember that they need to be signed in at the school office.

**Please Note** - if parents wish to collect their child early from school, please send a note to your child's teacher advising them of same. If parents are collecting their child on a Friday Assembly day, please organise to collect your child prior to 2.00pm, so that the Assemblies can continue uninterrupted.

**Student Absences** - For security purposes, parents are asked to advise the school office each day by phone with your child/ren's absences prior to 9:00 am or by email to [new.town.primary@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:new.town.primary@education.tas.gov.au)

### IMPORTANT: WWVP Registration

**Working with vulnerable people card** - parents are advised that the card came into effect on the 1st of September 2016 - applications can be accessed on line through the Department of Justice website - [www.justice.tas.gov.au/working\\_with\\_children](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children). To volunteer at school you must have one - this includes anyone who wishes to attend school excursions. If you have received your card, please present it at the school office so that a copy can be kept on file. The card must be carried at all times while volunteering.

## School Diary

<b>Mon 13 Feb</b>	Regatta Day - NO SCHOOL
<b>Tue 14 Feb</b>	School Association Meeting - 7pm - Mrs Smith's Classroom
<b>Thu 16 Feb</b>	Melbourne Storm Community Visit - 12:30pm - Hall
<b>Fri 17 Feb</b>	Playful Parrots - 9:30 - 11am - Kinder Room Excursion - Molesworth - Grade2-3 and Grade2
<b>Thu 23 Feb</b>	Newsletter
<b>Fri 24 Feb</b>	Playful Parrots - 9:30 - 11am - Kinder Room
<b>Fri 3 Mar</b>	Playful Parrots - 9:30 - 11am - Kinder Room
<b>Mon 6 Mar - Fri 17 Mar</b>	Fire Safety Program
<b>Mon 13 Mar</b>	8 Hour Day - NO SCHOOL
<b>Thu 13 April</b>	Moderation Day - NO STUDENTS Last Day Term 1

## SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you have had a relaxing break and are ready for the new year. Please come along to our first meeting for the year next Tuesday. We are a friendly bunch, and we would really appreciate any new ideas or talents that you may have. We will be having a School Fair later in the year, and any interest in helping plan for that would be greatly appreciated.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 14th February, 7pm in Mrs Smith's room (go in the main doors to the office, down the Staff Only hallway to your right and you will see us at the end of the hall). Meetings finish by 8.30.

**CANTEEN:** Brett will be opening the Canteen towards the end of February, with some changes to the menu.

**GARDENING:** If you are interested in helping in the garden, please let me know. I generally am there on assembly Fridays, from 12 - 2, but also on other days working with classes. No experience necessary!

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[gudrun.wells@gmail.com](mailto:gudrun.wells@gmail.com).

### Melbourne Storm Visit

Melbourne Storm will be visiting New Town Primary School next Thursday 16 February at 12:30pm.

They will be holding an assembly for approx. 30 mins in the hall.



### Extra Curricular Activities

Please check the Community Noticeboard near the hall for opportunities to try a variety of activities - including Netball, Hockey, Drama, BMX, Rhythmic Dance and Triathlons.

### Guitar lessons in New Town with Sam McAuliffe.

Learn guitar from a passionate and professional teacher with a wealth of experience. Sam provides a holistic approach to music education from his studio on Pedder St. in New Town.

To enquire about lessons and for more information visit,

[www.guitartuitionhobart.com](http://www.guitartuitionhobart.com)

FIRST LESSON FREE!





# The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1931, CommBank's School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new-look Dollarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

## Encouraging savings habits with great rewards

School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we're introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) to download and print this year's Rewards Card. On our website you'll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

## Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland

The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AU\$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



Things you should know: Full terms and conditions found at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking). Australian residents aged 4–13 yrs only with parental/guardian permission. Must have CBA YouthSaver account and be participating in CBA's School Banking program. Starts 23/1/17. Ends 11.59pm AEST 23/9/17. Max 1 entry/person. Draw: L5/11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12 pm AEST 11/1/17. Winner in the Australia 17/10/17. Prize 1 x 5-night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids (aged 13 and under) to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AU\$22,855. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 125 125 124, of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW LTP516/07099, ACT TP16/01750, SA 116/1590.