21st August 2015

We have more wonderful reasons to celebrate within our school community this fortnight! Science Week has taken place this week, thanks to the amazing creativity and organisational skills of Miss Nunn. At the time of writing this, students are looking forward to the challenges of the Science Week workstations. Our 5-week trial program of Mandarin (Chinese) lessons has also started this week. Some of the secondaries and all of the 4/5/6 class are trialling this and will be giving feedback about whether this is a good option for 2016.

Next week, we will be celebrating the books that ‘light up our world’ with Book Week. Mrs Loudon and Ms Deane have put together a great package of Book Week activities for the classes and the shortlisted books for the Children's Book of the Year Awards are displayed proudly and prominently at the library entrance, ready to be enjoyed by all.

Next week will also see the celebration of Daffodil Day. The Student Leader group are organising this day to raise funds for the Cancer Council. Hopefully our school will be a sea of yellow that day!
This week is my final week in the principal’s office and I am looking forward to getting back into the classroom. I have missed my students! Thank you to Rhianna Barnewall and Gary Sykes for taking such wonderful care of my classes and ensuring that learning and progress has continued. I would also like to thank staff, parent and community members for their support throughout this time. Stuart Dwyer starts on Monday and I wish him the best of luck in this role.

Holly Barnewall
Acting Principal

Uniforms

Once again we have students who are not in full school uniform as per our uniform policy. Wearing a school t-shirt under a non-school jumper or jacket is not full school uniform. Please be reminded that all students are expected to be in full school uniform. This includes school jackets and jumpers, as well as correct enclosed footwear. The school has a well-stocked uniform supply should you need to purchase an extra jumper.
School Satisfaction Survey

This year, school satisfaction surveys for students, parents and staff will be conducted during August/September. These surveys contain questions on a range of matters about our school. This survey provides an opportunity for students, parents and staff to provide important feedback. This feedback is valued by our school as a means of identifying what the school does well and opportunities for the school to make improvements.

Students (from Year 5 and above), parents and staff will be invited to participate. Those students who are selected to undertake the survey will do so during school time.

You will receive a letter in coming days if you have been selected to participate in the parent survey.

Your responses will be secure and anonymous.

We encourage you to participate and complete the survey so that the school has a clear direction when planning for future programs and services for students. Please contact the office if you wish to use a school computer to complete the survey.

Department of Education
Presentation to Harry Pitchford

Today Harry was presented with his prize from the Roberts competition and a cheque for the school. Congratulations Harry.
Book Week

Lights, Camera, Action! It's all happening at FIDHS over the next few weeks with Science Week this week, firing up for Children's Book Week next week, as well as Daffodil Day sponsored by the Student Council. Thanks, Mel, for lighting up the library with this great display of books from the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards shortlist for 2015.
Secondary Off-Island Trip

Organisation for the secondary off-island trip is well underway! The trip will be to Melbourne from 23rd-27th November and includes many exciting activities that will complement all areas of their curriculum. The secondary students have been raising money all year to reduce the cost to their parents and this has totalled $3200! School Association was impressed by their dedication and have agreed to match it dollar for dollar. Sharp Airlines has also supported us by giving us the lowest possible price for student flights.

We would like to thank Sharp Airlines and the School Association for their generosity, and congratulate the secondary students for being so pro-active. All of this combined has meant that the cost to parents has been reduced from around $1000 per student to around $600.

Parents are able to start a payment plan with the office now.
Please call the office for more details.

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Athletics Carnival

We will be holding our athletics carnival on **Tuesday the 22nd of September**. The event begins at 9:20 and conclude at 2:45 for tidy up. A timetable of events will be sent out in the following weeks as a reminder. The event will be for all students from Kinder to year 10. Year groups will move around events for the day, while the 100m sprints and relays will be held as a spectator event at 1:30 for everyone to watch. We invite everyone to come and join in the cheer squad to create a real racing atmosphere for our competitors.

We hope you are able to make it.

Jordan King
HPE Teacher

Country Gold Sport Selections

Recently four of our grade 6 students travelled to Launceston with Mr. King to try out for the Country Gold sport selection Trials. Kate Sherriff attended the netball competition while Lachlan Judges, Davey Graham and Jordan Willis attended the football. All students put on an excellent performance against some of the toughest competition with plenty of possessions, disposals, assists and even goals between them. Lachlan Judges was selected to represent in the North East schools division. He will now travel to Launceston to attend training matches and finally the Country Gold carnival on the 24th and 25th September.

Be sure to congratulate our students on their outstanding effort!
School Photos
School photos will be happening this year on the 5th of November. More details will be available closer to the time.

The Lions Club are holding a White Elephant stall at the market on the 29th August. Funds raised will assist the provision of a Defibrillator for the school.

Donations to the stall would be greatly appreciated. If anyone needs to have items collected please contact Alison Johnson on 63593505

We would like to thank the Lions Club for this initiative.
Sign in/out book

As per departmental policy students, parents & volunteers are reminded that upon entering or leaving the school that the sign in/out book needs to be filled in.

Students need to sign out/in when they are going to see the doctor, dentist, leaving early, arrive late, going home sick, etc. Parents are asked to sign in/out if you are on the school grounds for any length of time during school hours (apart from delivering/collecting children). All volunteers in classrooms & kitchen/garden need to sign in.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

The book is located at the front office.

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Flinders Island Junior Football & Junior Netball Grand Finals

On Saturday, 29th August

Junior Football Starting 10:00am
Followed by
Trophy Presentations & BBQ
Then followed by
Junior Netball Grand Final at 11:30am

Come and cheer on our Footballers and Netballers on their big day!
School Lunch Survey

Thank you to all who took the time to fill in the school lunch survey. Overall I received 53 student replies and 26 parent/staff replies. Great return and generally positive response. School Association have given the go ahead for a pie and sausage roll day once a term. I know this should be a hit with students as their surveys did reflect how much they love these. Stay tuned for a date. I’m pretty positive we will get one happening this term. We will let you know via Facebook and in the newsletter once all details are confirmed. We are also going to discuss other aspects of the surveys and let you know the outcomes as we progress.

I would like to also thank Toni Wood and the bakery. This has also needed their support and time and will continue to need more of their time as we action some of your suggestions.

Stay tuned!
Megan.

Newsletter is online

The fortnightly school newsletter is on the school website. Should your child not bring a newsletter home or you miss getting one you can find it on the website:

https://education.tas.edu.au/flindersislanddistricthigh

Department of Education
Student Absences
School attendance is compulsory for all students in Tasmania. It is the responsibility of both schools and parents to ensure that students enrolled in schools attend regularly. It is the parent’s responsibility to contact the school office to advise when your child is/will be absent. This can be done by phoning 63592021 or via email Flinders.Island.District.High@education.tas.gov.au.

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but

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Tasmanian Government
FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION FOR Flinders Island District High School STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2015

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants.

We would like to invite your students and families to our next FREE Live Online Session on Thursday, 3rd September 2015 - 5.30pm. AEST

The LIVE Online session gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available.

Students can find out more about our exchange programs to over 25 countries, listen to former exchange students share their experience and learn about our scholarships and discounts on offer in 2015.

We offer scholarships and discounts worth over $100,000 to students each year. These include 3 x Language, 2 x International Affairs, 2 x Indigenous and 3 x Digital Video Scholarships and 2 brand new Volunteer and Community Involvement Scholarships.
"You come back a different person, with so much more confidence & you feel that you can conquer the world" Jessica, Semester Program to Italy

We would appreciate if you could please mention our upcoming information session in your newsletter. You can copy the below text or download our notice from here pdf. If you would prefer to receive the attachment in a different version, please respond to this email with your request.

FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION
Hear from our very experienced, National Director, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

Thursday, 3rd September
5.30pm (AEST)
Register now

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au
or call 1300 135 331 for more information
Science Week Activities
The light shone brightly in Kinder this week as we celebrated Science Week.

We read about light, talked about light, and created artwork using light.

Playing with shadows was fun. Have you ever tried chasing your shadow? Or can you make your shadow disappear? We wondered when our shadows would be longer so we conducted our own experiment. First we measured our shadows in the morning, then again at midday. You can see the results here.

We made telescopes, coloured glasses and silhouette portraits. Can you guess who this is?

Keep on shining, Kinder kids!
Join in the celebration of Daffodil Day!

On 27th, August, 2015 we ask everyone to wear bright yellow coloured clothes and bring a donation to raise money for cancer.

We are also selling yellow jelly ($1) & yellow fabric for students and staff ($1) to tie up as a headband or wrist band to boost extra spirit.

Hope to see lots of yellow there!

Student Leader Council
UNIVERSITY of TASMANIA

OPEN DAY

30 AUGUST 2015
10AM – 3PM

HOBART | LAUNCESTON | CRADLE COAST

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