The Principal

Tuesday 16th August
School Pie Day

Tuesday 23rd August -
Friday 26th August
Kylie McKenna Visit

Friday 23rd September
Term 3 Ends

Monday 10th October
Term 4 Starts

Friday 14th October
Flinders Island Show Day

Friday 21st October
Professional Development Day
No students

Monday 7th November
Recreation Day
Public Holiday

Thank you to all the people who attended a MYTERN information session, it was great to see so many people take an active interest in this positive approach. MYTERN will be used as a valuable approach to assist our students to further develop their emotional intelligence and their personal resilience. Our classes have completed some very healthy MYTERN learning with students during this week and I look forward to seeing this grow.

Every second Friday we are holding a school assembly in the library starting at 2.40 pm. At these assemblies we will share school-wide messages to all our students as well as have an opportunity to celebrate the learning that is happening in classes. At the assembly each class will present a star student award for the fortnight. There will also be a special “Thumbs Up” award given by a mystery staff member to a student who has shown something particularly distinctive during those 2 weeks. All parents are welcome to attend these assemblies. We will also still be holding the larger end of term assembly in the gym on the 16th September this term.

I look forward to seeing you at school or in the community.

Kind Regards,

Stuart
Well done to Arthur Butler, Ellie Wooley, Mikayla Green, Charlie Willebrand, Aidan Cook and Jordan Wheatley of Kinder/Prep for their outstanding dedication to the Home Reading Program. These students have each read over 50 Home Readers so far this year. What a tremendous effort! A special congratulations to Morgan Butler who has read over 100 Home Readers, outstanding work!

Miss Brophy

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to all the families who donated books to our library. These are just a few of the beautiful books which were kindly donated. We are extremely lucky to have such generous families and community members who value developing a love for learning at an early age. Thank you again, we can’t wait to read them all!
Success for our students at the Netball and Footy try-outs on Friday

Sophia, Nina, Xzavier and Tristan spent Friday in Longford and Perth giving their best at the trials. The boys joined Mr. Prebble’s class in Perth and were warmly welcomed by all before and after the trials. Xzavier’s position did not allow him to show off all of his talent so he was not selected for the squad. Tristan had more luck, congratulations Tristan!

Netball try-outs were extremely nerve racking, not just for the players. The girls played in 6 short games covering a variety of different positions. Nina was able to show off some excellent passes and Sophia’s determination and fast feet won her a place in the squad, well done, Sophia!

We picked up the mud-covered and battle weary boys after the Netball games and had a feast at a bakery in Longford!

Thank you to Ms Deane for organising this valuable trip for our students.
It feels like it rains every Monday!... But this Monday we were dry and busy in the Gym.

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Book Week Competition
“Australia-Story Country”
Draw/paint/print/collage a picture of YOUR favourite Australian story
…..and enter it into our very own competition! All work due 20.8.2016
Anger is.....
As piercing as a sharpened blade.
As mean as a cursed soul.
As strong as a boulder’s core.
As tough as a dragon’s hide.
As rough as a steep, rocky cliff.
As cold as a betraying brother.
As deadly as a snake’s fang.
As destructive as a wrecking ball.
And it can consume the mind’s light.

Tristan Meier

The Shattered House
The eerie, dark sky looms around the shattered house.
Entangling vines wrap around the haunted house.
The sharp, spikey trees engage through the shattered, rotted windows.
Pipes weave through snapped weather boards.
Angles of broken bricks smash through the mossed up tin.
The long grass squeezes up through the blocked up pipes.
The ground cracks beneath the rotten house as the trees crash and bash up against the burnt boards.
The broken doorbell bangs up against the mouldy door.
The howling wind whistles through the shattered windows.
The floor creeks beneath the legless table as holes appear.
The chimney rattles with the whistling of the wind.

Thomas Pitchford

Happiness is...
As bright as a ray of sun shine after a storm.
As blue as the sky after a week of clouds.
As glorious as heaven after being in hell.
As soothing as the chirping baby birds.
As lovely as waking to a fine summer’s morning.
And it is like a calm ocean after a strong wind.

Finley Dwyer

The House
The house sits waiting to engulf, claim its next owner.
The vines twist, entangle and entwine into eerie shapes.
The house stands up, only by the forces that tear it apart.
The timber is rotten and ridden with termites, summoned by evil forces.
The fields surrounding the house have had dark times. If only they could speak they would make the bravest person scream.
The house concealed, hidden in shadows that devour the forest.
The path, faded and forgotten from the people below.
The wind howls like the wolves in the shimmering moon. Almost as loud as the villagers screams at night.
Shadows creeping closer and closer to the forests edge, where not even bears would go.

Felix Heron

Happiness is...
As colourful as a summer’s rainbow.
As bright as the Milky Way on a winter’s night.
As happy as a baby with candy.
As refreshing as an ice-cream on a scorching day.
As adventurous as a roller coaster.
And it is as soothing as a lullaby.

Sophia Smith
Volunteers Needed - Fundraising Meeting

When: Monday 8th August
Time: 4.30pm
Where: Media Room at the School

Purpose:
The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss organising a ‘Black tie’ gala event to help raise funds to assist the students with their off island trips and library resources.

Whether you can help a lot or just a bit, please come and support this important aspect of our children’s education.
We will be commencing Little Athletics in October. This will be run Fridays at 3.30 pm and every 3rd Saturday starting at 9.30 am. Little Athletics runs from October through to March with a break over the Christmas holidays. Resuming the week before school returns.

Little Athletics is run for children 5 years through to 15 years. With Tiny Tot available for 3 to 4 years which will be held on the Saturday mornings.

We have 2 coaches from Tasmanian Little Athletics coming in September to do clinics with parents and children, the date for this is yet to be confirmed.

It is not compulsory to go every week so if you can’t make it that’s ok just come when you can.

Every child gets a record book to put all their time and distances in so each week they can check their improvement.

If anyone has any questions please don’t hesitate to ask.

Thankyou.

Kellie Thomas

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Working With Vulnerable People Card

As with all new processes there are some glitches in the system or information which people are asking about. The following info has come from the Department’s Conduct and Investigations Branch which they feel is necessary to distribute.

**Relief staff (1st September deadline)**

**NO relief staff** will be subsidised or paid for by the Department. Hundreds of relief staff are waiting for payment to be made on the Department of Justice site.

Please advise any of your relief staff that they are responsible for their own costs (it is tax deductible). They will need to go back online or go into Service Tasmania to pay.

**Fixed term staff (1st September deadline)** with end dates before 1 September will not be paid for by the Department either. Once again, hundreds of these are waiting to be paid. They will need to go back online or go into Service Tasmania to pay.

**Parents and community members/volunteers (1st September deadline) – will I need one?**

Examples of activities that **would** require a WWVP are:
- an off school campus excursion with parent/s attending,
- parent/s reading with children in the classroom,
- parent/s gardening with children in small groups,
- parent/s cooking with a small group of children or helping out in the canteen.

Examples of activities that **would not** require a WWVP for all parents attending are:
- parent/s attending a whole school event,
- parent/s attending a whole school assembly,
- parent/s attending school to watch a school play,
- parent/s attending school to hear a guest speaker or the principal speak.