I would like to remind you that this is the final week to make submissions regarding the planned amendments to the Tasmanian Education Act. The most significant of these amendments relates to the proposal to extend the compulsory years of education in Tasmania. This is to be done by lowering the minimum school starting age from 5 years to 4 years and 6 months. See below for interstate comparisons.

A new school starting age would have a flow on effect to the kindergarten age of entry, which would be a minimum of 3 years and 6 months for children born in 2016 onwards. Therefore children born on or before 30 June 2016 would be eligible for kindergarten in 2020 and would be required to enrol in Prep in 2021.

Further information about this proposal along with a full breakdown on all the planned amendments can be found at:


If you would like to access a school computer to do this please let us know.

Cheers Stuart

Tuesday 17th May -
Thursday 19th May
Year 10 Transition Trip

Friday 20th May
School Immunisations

Monday 13th June
Queen’s Birthday - No School

Friday 1st July
Term 2 Ends

Tuesday 19th July
Term 3 Commences

This term we have 3 new students.
Anastasia Meier Grade 8
Tristan Meier Grade 6
William Meier Grade 2
We would like to welcome them and their family to our school and our community.
In the final week of Term 1, grades 7/8/9/10 went on the secondary camp. The focus of this camp was on teamwork, leadership and problem solving. Throughout the camp, students participated in many different team challenges, such as orienteering, higher order thinking challenges, the talent show and more, in order to build these skills. Other activities included food science, archery, a farm tour, vegetation study, cooking, backdrop design and more. We would sincerely like to thank the following people: Kat Hopkins for leading the Timelines vegetation study; Chris Macqueen for giving us invaluable insight into his farm; Mick Sherriff for staying with us on the first night and helping the adults team to be Family Feud CHAMPIONS; Jon Hizzard for participating in dress-ups with us on the second night; and Flinders Council for allowing us use of the Emita Hall at no cost, which was an excellent venue for camp (particularly whilst it was raining!).
SECONDARY CAMP
FIDHS was represented at both the Dawn Service and the 11am service on ANZAC Day. Sophie Pickett laid the wreath at the Dawn Service, Tom and Lucy Walker laid the wreath at the 11am service and Sophia Smith and Nina Hizzard took the collection for Legacy. Tanner Clarkson (with the help of some 9/10s) created information boards about the Battle of Ypres and the Battle of the Somme for his integrated studies project. These were displayed in the FAEC foyer and were a point of discussion and reflection on the day.

Did you know that in 2011 there were approximately 776 people on Flinders Island?

We know this because of the 2011 Census. This year we’re having another Census on August 9th to find out how areas like Flinders Island have changed across Australia over the last five years.

To make this happen we need dedicated and enthusiastic people from across the state to work as Field Officers and help make sure every Tasmanian is counted. These Field Officers play an important part in the Census and we’re looking for community minded people to apply now for these positions.

Field Officers earn around $21 an hour and enjoy flexible, part-time work hours for up to 3 months.

The information that these Field Officers help to collect provides an important picture of Australia that supports planning, building and other decisions—from housing and transport to health and education.

There are up to 800 Field Officer jobs available across the state, so apply now before it’s too late.

To apply or find more information, visit www.abs.gov.au/careers

School Uniforms – Bonus offer.

Now available - 1 old style T-shirt at $10 for every new style T-shirt purchased in 2016. This offer applies retrospectively for those who have already purchased this year. Proceeds from uniform sales go to supporting school activities such as off island trips.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property, in particular swimming gear. If your child is missing something please check the lost property box at the school office.
At the end of last term, Mr Sykes allowed the students to shave his head! Student leaders raised over $500 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Thank you to parents and community members that donated to this cause. A special thank you goes to Mr Sykes for his bravery (he even let them use a razor on his scalp and face)!

Before
A bit apprehensive
every one wants a turn
Mr Sykes, what have you done!

Careful Tom, don’t slip
A final touch up
And were done

We hope Diana bought you a good beanie
Thankyou Mr Sykes
Employment opportunities at the school

How do I go about getting some work at the school as a teacher assistant, a clerk or a cleaning and/or grounds attendant?

DoE guidelines require all potential employees (relief or fixed term) to have a Good Character Check and then to register online showing your capabilities and experience. This application process involves uploading a current resume and for you to address the selection criteria in the Statement of Duties for the position you are applying for. The register is then used to source people when we require staff. If you would like to be considered for a contract or relief please contact the school office for a good character check form and instructions that guide you thru the online register process.

For relief staff already on the register

Please ensure your applications on the employment register are kept up to date and active.

If your good character check expires and you have been checked again, you need to update it on your application otherwise this will make you inactive. You will need to log back in and change the date in the application. If you are not active we cannot consider you for positions when we need to go to the DoE selection process for fixed term and contract work.

You may also want to update recent skills especially if you have done some relief work for us already. The better info you give us the better chance you have of being the successful applicant during the selection process. You never know where we may secure funding to employ so please make sure you keep yourself eligible. You’ve got to be in it to win it!

Visiting artist Julie Oh demonstrated watercolour painting to our secondary students enrolled in Landscape Painting this term.

Julie is showing examples of her abstract landscapes.

Lachlan thought this was a photograph!
On Tuesday 3rd May, the Police Commissioner Darren Hine and Commander Brett Smith visited 3/4. I hope most people enjoyed it. Here are some interviews from some girls in our class.

Lucy: What did you like about the visit?
May: I liked that they told us we have to wear a helmet riding our bikes no matter where we are.
Izzy: I like how they told us how many people worked there (2000)
Lucy: Did you think it was interesting?
May: Yes
Izzy: Yes, so much stuff happens in our world and no one realises.
Lucy: Thank you!

Lucy Lines grade 4

Today, two very important people came in to the 3/4 classroom, not disrespecting the fact that we are all important: Darren Hine, the Commissioner of Police and Brett Smith, the Northern Commander. We discussed the points of a policewoman or man’s job and the difference between rules and laws. The point of a police officer’s job is to keep us safe. The difference between rules and laws is that with breaking laws you can go to gaol and with breaking rules you might go to the principal.

Elena Nye Grade 3

Also from grade 3/4

The Heroes of War
Saviours
Old they are not
Lifting heavy crates
Dying alone
Individual warriors.
Empty inside
Riding boats of hell
Saving us all.

By Clay Wheeler, Grade 3

Well Done Se’Elle

Below Se’Elle Clarkson is presented with a certificate by the Northern General Manager of Learning Services Trudy Pearce. This certificate was to recognise Se’Elle for achieving the highest marks for the school in NAPLAN in 2015.
Launching into Learning News

Our program runs on Monday this year, but at the same time of 10-11.30am. We will again offer a variety of activities and always welcome your suggestions!

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<td>Play in the park (next to Duckpond), Bring some food to share and warm clothes to wear!</td>
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Please remember to bring a full drink bottle and a piece of fruit to share.
Hope to see you there,
Ms Deane

2015 School Magazine

The 2015 School Magazine has finally arrived and is available from the School Office for $16.50

On Tuesday 24th May 2016 Flinders Island District High School and Cape Barren Island School students will participate in their cross country events.

The time table for races is below.

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All events will commence from the school oval, spectators are welcome.

Please ensure that your child has adequate water for the day.