

Trevallyn Primary School

TOPICS 16

11 September 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 15 September

LSSSA Cross Country Carnival
Riverside Primary and High School

Thursday 24 September

School Association Meeting
7pm via Microsoft Teams

Friday 25 September

Last day of Term 3

Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 October

School Photos

TERM DATES 2020

Term 3

Tuesday 21 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October - Thursday 17 December

2020 Student free day

(Professional Learning Day)

Friday 30 October

Welcome

This week we have had the great pleasure of welcoming Sofia H and her family to Kindergarten Coyle.

State Road Racing Championships

At the end of August, Addison Brumby and Archie Martin competed in the Junior State Road Racing Championships at Bishopsbourne. Congratulations to Addison who finished 3rd in the Under 13 girls (17 KM) and Archie Martin who placed 2nd in the Under 11 boys (8 KM). Our school is proud of this effort and achievement Addison and Archie!



Father's Day Stall

Thank you to the School Association, families, for donations and very enthusiastic students who supported the Father's Day Stall. Students look forward to this so much and this year the event was extremely positive in all respects. Linda Bathish and Kim Beasy, your efforts are really appreciated.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

2021 Student Class Placement

Please see pages 3 and 4 for information on next year's class placement. If you have any information that is above what the Class Teacher is currently aware of or we need to take into account, an email address is provided for your response.



Riverside High School Redevelopment

Last week I was privileged to view the hugely impressive new build at Riverside High. It is so positive to know that TPS students will transition to these modern, state of the art facilities. How fortunate are we as a community!

Annette

NORTH VS SOUTH

On Friday, August 28 we had 26 students from Grade 5/6 selected to play for the North v South LSSSA representative teams. We were represented in all sports; Soccer, Netball, Football and Hockey. It was a great afternoon for all students involved, I have had many positive comments from other teachers about the way our students competed, well done!

Mr Vedovelli



Soccer
Netball
Football
Hockey



CLASS PLACEMENT AND CLASSES 2021

We are not far off beginning the task of organising classes for 2021.

Your child's current teacher is in the best position to formulate classes for next year. Grade teams, school leaders and the previous year teacher are also consulted in our class placement process. Our teachers take on board a number of considerations when placing students. Our goal is to create the most equitable classes possible, taking into account gender, learning ability, social connection, work habits, behaviour etc. Whilst parents have one child to consider (in a given class), we have approximately 500 children to consider next year, and so decisions need to be suitable for the majority. We have dedicated, hardworking teachers who are collectively responsible for all our children. No matter what grade or class – each child in this school will be taught by quality teachers in a school culture of high expectations. **We will not be taking requests for students to be in particular classes or with specific students or teachers.**

Teachers use a variety of methods to group children in order to maximise learning and the focus is always on the individual and personalising student learning. At Trevallyn we have been thoughtful about developing opportunities for students to interact and learn from one another – both within their own class and in conjunction with another or across grades. These observations inform us about the conditions that best suit a particular student to learn, which styles they have, who they are friends with; who they learn best with. We consider all these factors when placing children in classes for the following year.

Please understand, teachers will make the best decision for all children in the school – including what we believe is in the educational and social/emotional well-being of the children. We are **unable** to accommodate personal requests because accommodating everyone's personal wishes will not support what is best for **all** children. **If there is any information that you think is above what the class teacher is currently aware of or we need to take into account before we start creating classes, please email before the end of this term (25 September):**

Prep – Grade 6 - Jane Hudson jane.r.hudson@education.tas.gov.au

Please be mindful that Term 4 and end of year contact about class placement is outside the shared timeframe.

Trevallyn Primary School is committed to meeting the educational needs of all students. A great deal of thought, planning and time goes into placing children into classes each year. Every effort is made to place each child in a learning environment that is happy, safe, productive and successful.

Factors influencing class structures are:

- The projected number of students in each year level
- The number of teachers employed at the school and available facilities

Factors which are considered in the placement of students include:

- The educational needs of the students
- Work habits e.g. ability to work independently, within groups
- Behaviour
- Gender
- Social networks
- Students with Disabilities – e.g. required learning adjustments, Teacher Assistant allocations, Learning Plans (LP's).

This policy supports the school to organise classes to cater for a range of academic abilities, opportunities for new social connections, work habits and to foster diversity.

Parents are invited, in a defined timeframe, to outline educational requests for class placements. Requests in relation to choice of teacher will not be considered as a placement factor.

This Policy has been recently endorsed by our School Association.

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CLASS PLACEMENT AND CLASSES 2021 CONTINUED

What is the process for placing students into classes?

1. Based on the criteria listed above, teaching staff will meet early **Term 4** to establish class groupings for the following school year. Teachers of the current year level and school leaders meet with the other year level colleagues to create the class lists. (E.g. Year 2 teachers and school leaders decide Year 3 placements)
2. Proposed class lists are submitted to the Leadership Team for final input and endorsement.
3. Throughout the process, changes and adjustments are made. Each change triggers a chain reaction of other changes. It is acknowledged by all that friendships are important. However, to ensure balanced classes as outlined above, friendship groups are NOT the primary determining factor in class placement.

STAFF PROFILE



Mrs Margaret Clark - 5-6-C

Hi everyone. My name is Margaret Clark and I am a grade 5/6 teacher at Trevallyn Primary School. This is my second year at the school, and I feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful community. Like my husband Steve, I have taught in many Launceston schools, as well as overseas, in classes ranging from kindergarten to middle school. I really enjoy working in our garden and spending time with Murphy, our Slovakian Pointer as well as Ollie, my daughter's adorable Pug. We have two grown children; Milly and David, who also work in education. My favourite places to visit in Tasmania would be the East Coast, especially Bicheno, as well as spending time at Greens Beach in the North.

BEGINNING READING - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The new Literacy Hub is an excellent resource for information on helping learners at home. Each TOPICS, we will be sharing some information and tips about how children begin reading and recognising sounds.

Think about beginner readers as code-breakers! Phonics is one way to teach children in the early years of school to read by 'decoding' word. Children are taught how to:

- Recognise the sounds that each individual letter makes
- Identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make, such as *sh* or *oo*
- Blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word



Children can then use this knowledge to decode new words that they hear or see. This is the first important step in learning to read.

- You can then highlight these sounds when you read with your child. Teaching how sounds match with letters is likely to start with individual letters such as *s*, *a* and *t* and will then move on to two-letter sounds such as *ee*, *ch* and *ck*.
- With all books, encourage your child to 'sound out' unfamiliar words and then blend the sounds together from left to right, rather than looking at the pictures to guess the meaning. When your child reads an unfamiliar word you can talk about what it means and help them to follow the story.
- Try to make time to read with your child every day.

<https://literacyhub.edu.au/families/literacy-at-home.html>

Next TOPICS we will share some fun activities to reinforce phonics at home.

GRADE 3 - 6 PRIMARY CLASS AWARDS - WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

3-4A	Jayda W, Maddie G, Dakota B, Oscar B	3-4D	Sarah M, Charlie W, Felix M, Jessica H
3-4R	Ethan S, Millie B, Tom M, Lilly G	3-4T	Hayden J, Amelie W, Tessa H
3-4W	Sofia B, Oskar M, Jakobie F, Riley M	5-6B	Harry B, Sophie S, Will F, Matilda B
5-6C	Noah H, Heidi F, Zac A, Lachlan P	5-6FP	Casey A, Tilly E, Ashleigh H, Bronte M
5-6HH	Jimmy E, Campbell W, Ada L, Chloe W	5-6P	Hollie C, Lydia B, Kindra M, Georgia W

Congratulations to all these students.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Our Aussie of the Month for July is presented to **Daisy B 5-6 B**

Daisy B has been nominated for Aussie of the Month for her courage, aspiration and kindness.

Daisy always aspires to do her absolute best at everything she does whether that be sporting or academic pursuits. Although she expresses pride in her achievements, she is never boastful and will always celebrate and congratulate others on their success. She is encouraging, supportive and an exceptional role model for both her peers, and younger students. Through her leadership, she ensures others get opportunities to meet their personal goals. She is a kind and caring friend who always looks out for her peers. She is inclusive and will speak up for those who need extra support. Daisy always demonstrates respect of herself, peers, teachers and the school environment. Kindness, compassion, aspiration and respect are the qualities that Daisy demonstrates daily and why she is 'Aussie of the Month'.



Our Aussie of the Month for August is presented to **Archie K 3-4 T**

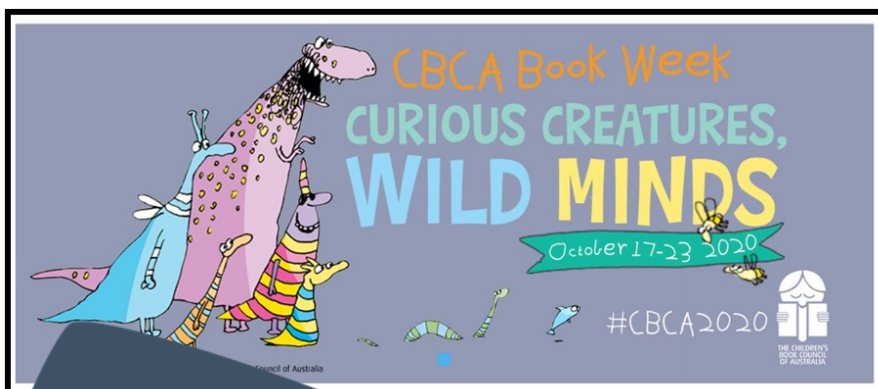
Archie is an enthusiastic and responsible member of our class who demonstrates care and consideration for his classmates. In class, he shows persistence when working through all tasks and is always willing to help those in need. Archie is respectful, follows directions and follows the school rules. He is well mannered and caring towards his peers and teacher. In class Archie is a hard worker who takes pride in all of his work. He shows kindness and consideration towards his friends out in the yard as well as in class. He comes in with a positive attitude every day and a smile on his face. His bubbly personality is a real asset to our class community.



BOOK WEEK - TERM 4

Book Week is taking place in Week 2 of Term 4. We will be holding a special dress-up parade on Thursday 22 October where all students can dress up as their favourite book character. Classes will be reading the shortlisted books and taking part in many creative pursuits to celebrate their love of stories.

More information on Book Week and the shortlisted books can be found at <https://www.cbca.org.au/cbca-book-week>



BE BRAVE AND SHAVE 2020

The Be Brave and Shave is an annual tradition of Trevallyn Primary School. This has been a tradition at our school since 2011. Over the years the number of people who have participated in this event has grown more and more as the event grows and grows too. In 2019, we had 65 students cut their hair or shave their head to raise money for Canteen Australia.

Canteen is an organisation that supports young people doing it tough with cancer. Canteen helps raise money, provides wigs and supports patients and family members feeling down through this terrible illness.

Trevallyn Primary School's Be Brave and Shave supports Canteen Australia each year, and as a school we feel privileged to be a part of an amazing cause, making many young children and adults happy.

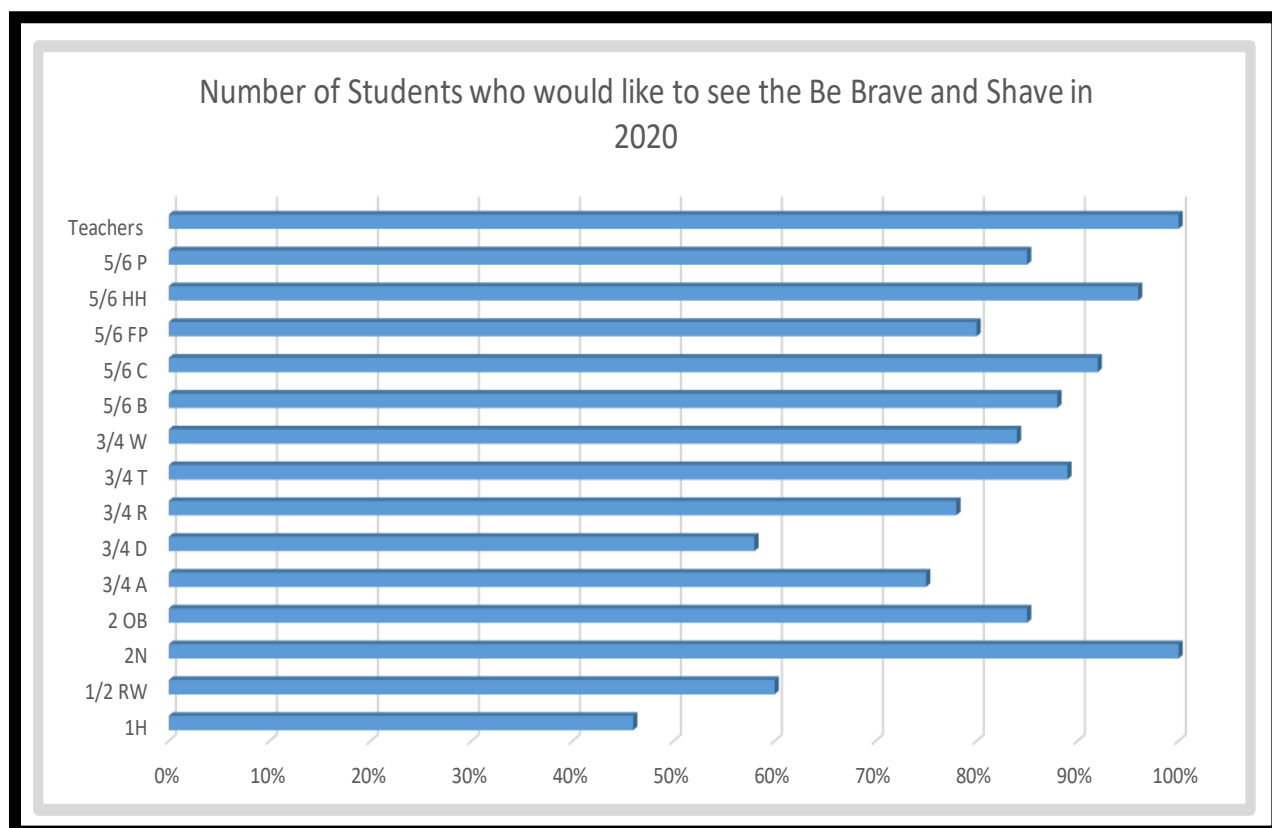
Before the 2019 Be Brave and Shave, Trevallyn Primary School had so far raised around \$94,000 and the aim was to reach the \$100,000 mark after the 2019 event. After all the fundraising and phenomenal support to the cause, we raised around \$20,000 which made our grand total around \$115,000. Our school is incredibly proud of the way we have continued to help the people who need it most.

This year has been a tough one, but we are all working through it together. Our school, would love to hold the Be Brave and Shave in 2020, but we understand that some families have been impacted by COVID-19 and we questioned whether or not we should hold the event in 2020, not wanting to put pressure on families impacted by COVID.

We went around to each classroom asking students and teachers if they thought we should run the Be Brave and Shave 2020. We asked our students if they believed we should support another cause or wait until 2021 to host the Be Brave. Below is a break down of the results from our survey. It was so nice to hear that our students still believe this is a wonderful event and still want this incredible event still go ahead in 2020.

More information about the 2020 Be Brave and Shave and the bandannas we will be selling to support the cause will be shared with families early Term Four.

Daisy Barbour & Heidi Curtis - School Captains



SCHOOL ASSOCIATION REPORT - AUGUST 2020

The School Association met on the 27th August via Microsoft Teams, for our regular committee meeting. The School Captains report identified that the students had a very successful and fun cross-country event, with many children enjoying their races and supporting others. Well done to all the students who were able to go on to represent our school at the LSSSA, we congratulate you on your achievements. The leaders also spoke about the preparations that are underway for the Reader's Cup, with students being very busy designing their dance routines and writing their poems for the presentation. It sounds as though it will be a wonderful event with all the wonderful work going into the preparations.

It is once again that time of the year when the school starts preparing the Grade 6 leavers for their transition to high school, with students being offered the opportunity to engage in the Riverside High School transition program. It is also exciting to hear that the Grade 6 leavers are now busy designing their pavers and their t-shirts, with students being able to start wearing their t-shirts from November 3rd. Preparations are also underway for the Grade 6 leavers dinner and presentation evening. To accommodate the COVID-19 restrictions, the events will need to be designed to fit within the current restrictions. Combining the Leaver's Dinner and the Presentation Evening, with a live stream of the presentations to parents, is one idea that is being considered. We would love to hear from our school community regarding the options, so please feel free to join us in our October 29th meeting via Microsoft Teams. Please leave your details with the office if you would like to join us.

During the meeting, the Class Placement Policy was discussed and then endorsed by the committee. The committee agreed with the school that this was a long and often challenging process for teachers, as there were many considerations that needed to be accommodated. We would ask parents to respect the policy and the decisions made by the school, and to please be mindful that it is an extensive process that requires considerable time and consultation. The policy was made available in the last newsletter and it is also available on the website if you would like to read it again.

Finally, it is wonderful to see some things are now able to return to almost normal, with the canteen now opening again at recess. Mel is once again back to being extremely busy, and it would be wonderful if parents could help Mel make her home cooked foods. If you can help, even if it is once per term, that would be very much appreciated, please contact the office for more details.

Please feel free to join us next committee meeting, which will be held on September 24th at 7pm via Microsoft Teams, everyone is welcome.

Secretary - Joanne Beswick

5-6 BRANDSEN AND 5-6 PARTRIDGE ARTWORK













Abacus - September 2020

Vacation Care Program

The times listed below are excursions: they indicate when the bus is scheduled to leave Trevallyn Primary School and when the bus is scheduled to return to the school.

Booking forms available from Abacus and the school office.

Monday 28 th September	Tuesday 29 th September	Wednesday 30 th September	Thursday 1 st October	Friday 2 nd October
AFL Day  <p>Come dressed in your team colours. We will be celebrating with a variety of sport based games, competitions & craft. footy style lunch will be provided.</p>	Active  <p>Troy from 'Active' will be running a session on agility, coordination and teamwork.</p>	Salt Dough Creations  <p>Come and make super easy dough figurines for a keepsake. What character can you make with the salt dough??</p>	Kites Tasmania  <p>Design, build and fly your own KITE with Flocky from Taskite.</p>	PJ's and Breakfast  <p>Come dressed in your PJ's or ONESIE and have breakfast with your friends. Throughout the day we will be running your favourite games, cooking & craft activities.</p>
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Monday 5 th October	Tuesday 6 th October	Wednesday 7 th October	Thursday 8 th October	Friday 9 th October
First Aid Training  <p>Dean a local Paramedic is coming to teach a basic First Aid Course designed for children. * How to respond in an emergency. * children will receive a certificate upon completion.</p>	Taste of Asia  <p>Come and embark on an adventure through Asia. Learn how to make: *Chinese lanterns *Oriental Fans *Dragons *Sushi *Pad Thai *Sweet & Sour Chicken</p>	Y.M.C.A  <p>It's fun to play with the Y. M. C. A It's fun to play with the Y. M. C. A You can have a good time, They have everything for you to enjoy. you can hang out with all the toys! It's fun to play with the Y. M. C. A</p>	Abacus is Closed Today 	Mosaics Workshop  <p>In the morning we will be having a mosaics workshop with Sean. Come and design your own mosaic to take home.</p>
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Sport	Versus - 18 September	Venue - 18 September	Versus - 25 September	Venue - 25 September
Hockey	East Launceston	St Leonards	Norwood	St Leonards
Netball	Riverside	Trevallyn	Summerdale	Trevallyn
Soccer I	St Leonards	St Leonards	Glen Dhu	Trevallyn
Soccer Developers	Invermay	Trevallyn	East Launceston	East Launceston
Football	Riverside	Trevallyn	Glen Dhu	Trevallyn
Dance		Trevallyn		Trevallyn

Cancellation of 5/6 Sport will be notified via Skoolzine

GRADE SIX TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

The Riverside High School Grade Six Transition program has started and our Grade Six students received a visit from Mrs Matkovich the Assistant Principal and 4 of the 2021 Grade 10 Mentors. Our students listened to a short presentation about the school, the programs and subjects they run, the new facilities and what life in high school will be like for our students. Our students attending private schools in 2021 will begin their transition programs over the next few weeks also. We wish our Grade Six students all the best and encourage them to make the most out of the transition opportunities offered to them in preparation for high school.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop orders can be placed at the school office by phone or email (trevallyn.primary@education.tas.gov.au) by Mondays at 12:00pm. Orders will be ready for collection on Wednesdays from the school office. New student orders where items and sizes are unknown, viewings are possible by appointment.

Please find link below for Uniform Shop Order Form:

https://trevallynps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/303/uniform_shop_price_list_2020.pdf

Thankyou to the Uniform Shop volunteers and we acknowledge and appreciate the increased and difficult work changes through this time.

CANTEEN OPENING HOURS

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Australian author true story dog books for sale

For more information email: gina@ginadawson.com

KITCHEN GARDEN

We would like to farewell and thank Lori Hrycyszyn for her amazing work with our Kitchen Garden Program. Lori's knowledge and skills in working with our Grade 4 students in Tony's Garden has enriched our program and provided wonderful learning opportunities for our students. We wish Lori all the best in continuing to build her business and know she will continue to be involved with our school programs as a parent.

We would also like to welcome Sarah Badcock, who will be working in the Kitchen Garden Program. Sarah will be working with our Grade 4 students to support their work in the garden. Sarah is very excited to be working with the Kitchen Garden team. Welcome Sarah.



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