

Prospect High School

UPCOMING EVENTS

29 May, 12 & 26 June

Uniform Shop 2.45pm - 3.15

Parents can contact the office to arrange purchase of uniform if these dates are not suitable.

27 May, 3, 5, 10, 17, 19, 24 June, 1 & 3 July

School Nurse, onsite

28 May

Chaplaincy Day lunchtime BBQ - free
Grade 7 courtyard

28 May

LC Visit to talk to Grade 10 students

29 May

School Association Meeting
5.00pm D Block Meeting Room

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS WELCOME

3 June

UTAS Discovery Day for Grade 10 students

4 June

Cross Country Carnival

24 June

Launceston College Orientation Day
for Grade 10 students

27 June

Newstead College Orientation Day
for Grade 10 students

28 June

Creating My Career - Grade 9 students

11 November

Grade 7 Immunisation – 2nd booster

2019 Term Dates

Term 2:

Finish: Friday 5 July

Term 3:

Monday 22 July

Staff PL/Student free Day Monday 22 July

Finish: Friday 27 September

Term 4:

Monday 14 October

Finish: Thursday 19 December (students)

Staff PL/Student free Day Monday 1 November

Friday 20 December (teachers)

PROSPECTOR

24 May 2019

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Prospect High School,

NAPLAN

If your child is in Grade 7 or Grade 9 you would be aware they participated in NAPLAN Online last week. You may also be aware a number of students nationally experienced connectivity issues whilst sitting these tests, in particular on Tuesday 14 May. There were some students who experienced this at Prospect High School, and whilst this was an inconvenience, your child was not disadvantaged as the session was paused and no time was lost. Supervising teachers reassured students who were able to resume promptly. There were some connectivity issues on Wednesday and Thursday as well.

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) who manage the NAPLAN nationally, has indicated that affected students have an option to re-sit the tests later in May. In response, the Hon Jeremy Rockcliff, the Tasmanian Minister for Education, advised that he is strongly of the view that the benefits of re-sitting the tests are outweighed by the potentially negative impact on our learners and teachers. As a result Tasmanian government school students will not be asked to re-sit NAPLAN. This decision was made in consultation with key Tasmanian stakeholders and will allow our school to move past NAPLAN testing and to continue with the 2019 school year. Nationally, consideration will be given to NAPLAN 2019 reporting at student, school and state level to ensure any students whose tests were disrupted are not disadvantaged. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Transition

We began our comprehensive transition program for Grade 6 students last term. It is important to make transition from primary school to high school a seamless and smooth process and to assist with this there are a number of phases to our program. The first is school visits where a team of students, Mr Bergamin, Mr Poke and I visit each of the primary schools to explain the context of our school and conduct a question and answer session. Recently, we have offered tours of our school for parents. Later in the term primary school students will visit Prospect High School to undertake some authentic activities and use our facilities. There will be an information evening for parents of Grade 6 students on Tuesday 25 June from 5.20pm to 6.30pm. An equally important transition process is that of Grade 10 students to Grade 11. An information session for Grade 10 students was held recently to explain what Prospect High School has to offer in Grade 11. Launceston College and Newstead College will also give presentations. Presentations, school visits, Beacon Foundation activities and the Career and Life Planning curriculum aim to support Grade 10 students with making positive decisions for their future pathway.

Principal's Report continued overleaf

PROSPECT
HIGH SCHOOL



Winter Junior and Senior Sport

Over the past couple of weeks the Northern High Schools Sports Association winter sports roster for all grades has begun with Grades 7 and 8 competing on Thursday afternoons and Grades 9 and 10 competing on Wednesday afternoons. Prospect High School is represented well in a number of sports including: netball, football; soccer, indoor soccer and hockey. This year many participants will be provided with new sports uniforms. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the School Association for providing funds to purchase these. Good luck to all teams.

Dance Competitions

Last week a number of Grades 8, 9 and 10 students performed in the Launceston Drama and Dance Competitions. Performances in each section were of a high standard and our students proudly represented Prospect High School. Students did a magnificent job with Grade 8s receiving first and third places and senior groups receiving a first and two third placings. Thanks to Mrs Katrina Dawkins for her hard work preparing students and supporting students on the day. Mrs Dawkins said it was a positive experience for all students and that their behaviour was brilliant!

Finally there will be a School Association meeting on Wednesday 29 May in the Meeting room. All new members welcome.

Mrs Lee Barker
Principal

ATTENDANCE

Higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life.

- they learn better.
- they make friends.
- they are happier.
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?

Under Tasmanian law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

The DoE Attendance Policy states;

“Consistent attendance at school is critical to achieving positive educational outcomes and keeping students engaged in their learning. Parents/guardians have a legal obligation to ensure a child is enrolled in and attending school, or is registered for home education.”

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:

Birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, haircuts, etc.
Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?

Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

- won't get out of bed in the morning
- won't go to bed at night
- can't find their uniform, books, school bag ...
- haven't done their homework or have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- watching TV
- it's their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help

- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won't go to school?

You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

The following chart highlights the impact of non-attendance over time. Viewed in this context, the implications of regular absenteeism are starting. The chart shows the cumulative effect of persistent non-attendance over the period of compulsory schooling.

Days absent	Total Days	Number of Terms	Number of years missed
1 day per week	451	9	2 years 1 term
1.5 days per week	676.5	13.5	3 years 1.5 terms
2 days per week	902	18	4 years 2 terms
3 days per week	1353	27	6 years 3 terms
5 weeks per term	1127.5	22	5 years 2 terms
Average 5 days per term	220	5.5	1 year 1.5 terms
Average 10 days per term	440	11	2 years 3 terms

PLEASE HELP, IF YOU CAN

Used or unwanted soccer or footy boots needed for junior and winter sport urgently. Please drop them off at the Admin Office or the Student Office. Thanks in advance, for your help!

If any student in Grade 9 or 10 is interested in hosting one of our Kagawa exchange students from 26 July until 5 August, please contact Miss Quach. It will be a great opportunity for you to interact with an international student, learn more about Japanese culture and food! You will also come along to many excursions with the Kagawa exchange group if you are one of the homestay families.

OUT AND ABOUT



The Grades 11 and 12 block is well under way.



Enjoying reading time



NAPLAN

HELPING LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

On Friday 10 May, Prospect High Schools Grade 10 Leaders went to the St Leonards Athletic Centre to assist with marshalling for the State Primary Schools Athletic Carnival 2019. It was a great opportunity for students to develop further skills across a wide range of events. We helped with the different events to ensure that the carnival was the best it could be. Many people attended this event to see their friends and family perform their best. Overall, we had an amazing day and we are fortunate to have such a strong connection with primary schools.

CHAPLAINCY DAY LUNCHTIME BBQ

Pete will be hosting a BBQ at lunchtime for all students in the Grade 7 courtyard on Tuesday 28 May.

Chaplaincy Day
BBQ lunch for students
Tuesday 28 May 2019
lunchtime in the Grade 7 Courtyard
FREE!
concert and motor bike display

THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT ILLNESS

As winter approaches the community braces for an onset of infectious illnesses – coughs, colds, flu, gastro, skin complaints and eye infections. As the old saying goes, prevention is better than a cure... and the number one way to prevent getting sick this winter is the simple act of washing your hands.

Our hands carry many of the germs that spread illness. Germs get onto our hands when we touch objects, which have germs on them.

Germs from people's unwashed hands end up everywhere – on handrails, door handles, keyboards, table tops, ATMs, children's toys, phones, kitchen surfaces – and from there they are transferred onto our hands! Our hands constantly touch our eyes, nose and mouth, often without us even realising it. Germs get into our body this way – and make us sick.

It may sound obvious and mundane, but the very best way to prevent the spread of illness is to wash your hands with soap and water, often and well.

Wash your hands...

1. After going to the toilet

Why? Faeces (poo) from humans and animals carry germs - a single gram of poo can carry a trillion germs. When these germs get onto hands and are not washed off, they can be passed to another person, either directly from soiled hands or indirectly by way of objects, surfaces or water soiled with faeces. These germs can cause highly contagious illnesses like food poisoning or gastroenteritis.

2. Before eating

Why? Washing hands before meals is an important way to prevent germs spreading, especially for young children who tend to eat with their hands.

3. After touching animals

Why? Pets such as dogs, cats, reptiles, rodents and birds carry germs that can cause intestinal diseases. Pet food and pet treats can also be contaminated with germs.

4. After sneezing and coughing

Why? If you are sick with a cold or flu, the cold or flu virus will be released every time your cough, sneeze or blow your nose. Keeping your hands clean will ensure you don't spread germs to others.

5. After changing nappies

Why? After changing nappies you should always wash your hands - and your baby's hands too just in case. Also after helping an older child who has used the toilet, you should both wash your hands. Training a child about hand hygiene is an important life skill. (See #1 above.)

6. Before, during and after preparing food

Why? Your hands can spread bacteria around the kitchen and onto food. Germs from our hands can multiply in certain foods and drinks and make people sick. Raw foods such as meat, chicken, fish and raw vegetables contain harmful bacteria that would normally be killed when cooked. Take care to wash your hands after handling raw foods to avoid spreading germs to ready-to-eat foods such as salads, bread or fruit.

7. Before and after caring for a sick person

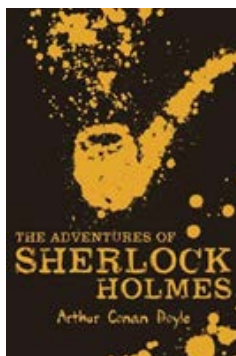
Prevent the spread of infection by washing your hands before and after treating wounds, giving medicine, or caring for a sick or injured person.

By following this simple advice, you can help protect you, your family and others from getting sick.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

A collection of twelve stories written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle that feature his most famous detective - Sherlock Holmes. Join Sherlock and his assistant Dr. Watson, as they investigate everything from blackmailed kings in 'The Adventures of a Scandal in Bohemia', to bank robberies in 'The Adventure of the Red-Headed League'.



Funny Kid – Get Licked by Matt Stanton

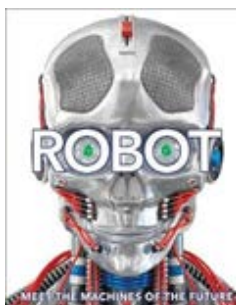
Max is the funny kid... and there are endangered animals to save! Putting the fun in fundraising, launching a puppy-smuggling operation, fighting the great Redhill canteen war and planning a secret theme park are just some of the things in store for Max and his friends in this brand-new Funny Kid adventure!



Robot – Meet the Machines of the Future

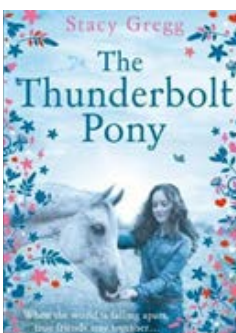
The future is here - are you ready for it?

Robotics and AI will increasingly become a part of daily life: from drones used in battle to robot helpers taking care of hospital patients, and from service robots packing food to rescue robots finding people after a disaster. *Robot* explains how robots work, how they are made, and shows what the cutting-edge of science, technology, mechanical engineering, and computing looks like.



The Thunderbolt Pony by Stacy Gregg

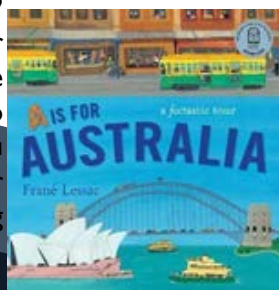
When a devastating earthquake hits Evie's hometown of Parnassus on New Zealand's South Island, she and the rest of the town are forced to evacuate. Evie's injured mum is one of the first to be rescued by helicopter and Evie will be next. But when Evie realises that she will be forced to leave her beloved pony, Gus, her dog, Jock, and her cat Moxy behind, she is determined to find another way. Before the rescue helicopter returns, Evie flees with Gus, Jock and Moxy in a race against time across difficult terrain to reach the port of Kaikoura, where she has heard that people will be evacuated by ship in three days' time. Surely there will be space for her, Gus, Jock and Moxy there?



A is for Australia by Frane Lessac

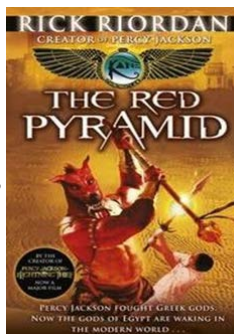
Picture book

A "factastic" tour of Australia from A to Z. What is the Fremantle Doctor? Where is Qui Qui? And why are some islands named after days of the week? You'll uncover these exciting facts when you explore the A to Z of Australia - from Bondi to Kakadu and all the way to Taronga Zoo. Discover why Australia is one of the most amazing countries in the world!



The Kane Chronicles: The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan

Carter and Sadie Kane's dad is a brilliant Egyptologist with a secret plan that goes horribly wrong. An explosion shatters the ancient Rossetta Stone and unleashes Set, the evil god of chaos. Set imprisons Dr Kane in a golden coffin, and Carter and Sadie are forced to run for their lives. To save their dad, they must embark on a terrifying quest from Cairo and Paris to the American Southwest and discover the truth about their family's connections to the House of Life: an Egyptian temple of magic that has existed for thousands of years.



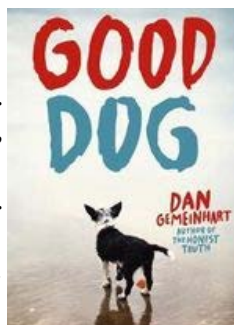
The Adventures of Ook and Gluk: Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future by Dav Pilkey

Meet Ook and Gluk, the stars of this sensationally silly graphic novel from the creators of Captain Underpants! It's 500,001 BC, and Ook and Gluk's hometown of Caveland, Ohio, is under attack by an evil corporation from the future. When Ook, Gluk, and their little dinosaur pal Lily are pulled through a time portal to 2222, they discover a future world that's even more devastated than their own. Luckily, they find a friend in Master Wong, a martial arts instructor who trains them in the ways of kung fu. Now all they have to do is travel back in time 502,223 years and save the day!



Good Dog by Dan Gemeinhart

Brodie was a good dog, and good dogs go to heaven. Except Brodie can't move on, not yet. As wonderful as his glimpse of the afterlife is, he can't forget the boy he left behind. The boy he loved, and who loved him in return. The boy who's in danger. So Brodie breaks the rules of heaven, and returns to Earth as a spirit. With the help of two other lost souls - lovable pitbull Tuck and surly housecat Patsy - he is determined to find his boy and to save him, even if it costs him paradise and even if he loses his eternal soul. Because that's what a good dog would do.



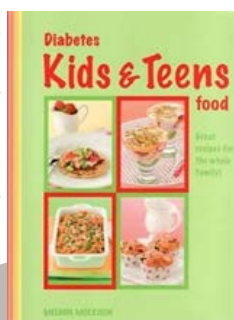
The Number Games by Adam Spencer

Who's smarter — a four-year-old chimp or a four-year-old human? How much does it cost to stop a computer virus? Will you really become a billionaire at 31? The answers to all these questions, as well as over 100 brainbusting and mind-bending number games, puzzles and quizzes are in this book.



Diabetes Kids & Teens Food by Melinda Morrison

This cookbook provides a range of healthy recipes and treats for kids and teens with diabetes that are also suitable for the whole family. Each recipe has been nutritionally analysed and reviewed by dietitians at Diabetes Australia (NSW)."



WORKING WONDERS

Grade 7

Matilda is working with tremendous enthusiasm in English and HASS. She composed a really imaginative narrative titled "Strange Events". Matilda also produced a fascinating inquiry into the Ancient Past; completing an awesome information report on "The Peacock Throne" and "King Tutankhamun's Tomb". Way to go, Matilda!

Ondene is a polite and conscientious student who strives to achieve her personal best. Ondene worked with tremendous enthusiasm on her investigation into Ancient Egypt. Well done, Ondene!

Grade 9

Owen has been setting a very high standard in senior Wood and Metal making great use of class time, and using creativity and forward thinking. Owen has always presented as a mature and well-mannered young man. He should be proud of his current achievements and continuing on this path will guarantee a very exciting year.

Ashlea is making great headway in senior Wood this year. She has set the bar high and is looking at what will be a very successful year. Through her work, she has consistently demonstrated a desire to do well and clearly has a passion and genuine interest in this subject. Ashlea has always presented as mature and well-mannered.

Grade 10

Hannah is nominated for Working Wonders for her initiative at senior netball. Hannah used her leadership skills to run drills and activities with the firsts team. Thank you, for having such a positive attitude to Wednesday sport and for encouraging others to do the same!



COMMUNITY NOTICES



BEDWETTING

The Child Health and Parenting Service (CHAPS) offers the Wetaway Program to children 5-18 years of age, who have problems achieving night time dryness.

Nocturnal Enuresis is a medical term used to describe persistent bedwetting. Bladder control occurs at different ages in different children, but dryness at night can be expected by 5-6 years of age.

The Wetaway Program is for children who are motivated to stop wetting the bed and have an adult willing to support them. The Program usually takes 2-3 months to complete.

If you would like to refer your child to Wetaway please contact us on:

1300 064 544

Summerhill Scout Group

Scouts learn new skills, make new friends, develop teamwork and leadership and enjoy outdoor adventure. Less screens - and more action, more fun, more friends, and more social skills!

Joeys (5-6 years) - Cubs (8-11 years) - Scouts (11-14 years)

Enquiries: Leigh 0418 138 035
gl.summerhill@scoutstas.org.au

Joeys meet Tue 4:15 to 5:15
Cubs meet Tue 5:30 to 7:00
Scouts meet Thu 6:30 to 8:30

www.facebook.com/summerhillscouts www.scouts.com.au

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain Biking is an exciting and growing sport in Tasmania. Launceston College's MTB Academy will conduct clinics on local mountain bike trails with Mark Padgett, Rowena Fry and Ben Mather.

Each skill session aims to develop mountain bike skills of students who have MTB riding experience and will prepare them for participation in the local Twilight Junior Series.

Mountain Bike Academy students have the opportunity to participate in local, state and national competitions.

Skill Clinics will run during Term 2 and 4.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Launceston College Sporting Academies provide extension programs for aspiring athletes in AFL, Cricket, Rowing and Mountain Biking.

Our highly qualified and experienced teachers and coaches are committed to providing high quality learning experiences and recognize the value of strong community partnerships. Our specialist coaches will lead our after school clinic programs for students at intermediate level or above.

Students can be nominated in one of two ways:

1. **School nomination** - schools are invited to nominate students for each academy. Packs will be sent out to school leaders.
2. **Parent or Self nomination** - parents and students can self-nominate with evidence of their skills and capabilities.

For more information visit:
www.launc.tased.edu.au
or email Mark Padgett at: mark.padgett@education.tas.gov.au

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Sporting Academies 2019

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Launceston College Sporting Academies

Nominations are now being taken for the LC Sporting Academies program in the areas of mountain biking (MTB), AFL, cricket and rowing.

Students from both primary and secondary age groups may be interested in these after-school sessions which begin later in 2019.

If you would like to nominate a student (either as a teacher or parent), please use the online nomination tool provided here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LC_Sporting_Academies_2019

Please contact either your school's PE Coordinator or either Mark Padgett (HPE AST) mark.padgett@education.tas.gov.au at Launceston College if you would like more information about the LC Academy programs.



Prospect High School Contact Details

Principal: Mrs L Barker
Assistant Principal: Mr G James
Assistant Principal: Mr M Bergamin

Senior Grade Leaders:
Grade 7: Mrs C Abraham
Grade 8: Mr B Poke
Grade 9: Mr T Gregory
Grade 10: Ms S De Paoli
Grades 11/12: Ms A Williams

Grade Leaders:
Grade 7: Mr W Reynolds, Mrs L Smith
Grade 8: Mrs S Matthews
Grade 9: Mr E Uko
Grade 10: Mr S Brewer

Support Staff:
School Business Manager: Mrs D Chancellor
School Psychologist: Mr G Colgrave
School Chaplain: Mr P Garwood
School Social Worker: Mr B Dixon
School Health Nurse: Mrs D Seadon

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Student Intranet
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