



Prospect High School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mondays and every second Wednesday
School Nurse, onsite
for details, please contact
danielle.seadon@education.tas.gov.au

12 December

Uniform Shop 2.45pm - 3.15
Parents can contact the office to arrange purchase of uniform if these dates are not suitable.

10 December

Grade 10 Presentation Assembly - Door of Hope

12 December

Grade 10 Celebration Dinner

13 December

Grade 10 picnic

19 February 2020 5pm

School Association Meeting

2019 Term Dates

Term 4:

Finish: Thursday 19 December (students)

Friday 20 December (teachers)

2020 Term Dates

Term 1

Start: Monday 3 February (teachers)

Start: Wednesday 5 February (students)

Finish: Thursday 9 April

Term 2

Start: Monday 27 April.

Finish: Friday 3 July

Term 3

Start: Monday 20 July.

Finish: Friday 25 September

Term 4

Start: Monday 12 October.

Finish: Thursday 17 December (students);

Finish: Friday 18 December (teachers)

Student free days for 2020

Professional Learning: Days

Tuesday, 4 February

Monday, 20 July

Friday, 30 October

Moderation Day:

Thursday, 9 April

PROSPECTOR

6 December 2019

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Prospect High School,

25 Year State Service Awards Presentation

Last week, Prospect High school hosted the Department of Education (DoE) 25 Year Service Awards. This was a special occasion to celebrate staff who have made valuable and strong contributions to the various departments in the DoE. Congratulations to Teacher Assistant Lyn Dickinson for her wonderful service to the department, in particular to Prospect High School.



Orientation Day

Grade 6 students from our primary feeder schools and other schools who will be attending Prospect High School from 2020 spent last Wednesday experiencing a day at high school. Students experienced a range of subjects, toured the school and were treated to a BBQ lunch, organised by our Chaplain Pete Garwood and members of the SLB. Grade 9 students assisted groups during the day, making a tremendous contribution. Visiting students were outstanding with their engagement and behaviour. Thank you, Mr Bergamin and Mr Poke for organising the day and to the many teachers involved, who made the day a success.

Trivia night

Congratulations to SLB members led by Ms De Paoli, who organised and hosted Trivia Night last Thursday evening. It was a great success with many parents, friends, students and staff keen to be 2019 trivia champions. Money raised will be used to purchase resources for the school. Thanks to parents, students and friends who came along to support the evening.

Student Success

Inter-High Athletics Carnival

Prospect High School finished third in the Inter-High Athletics Carnival on Friday, 22 November. This is a significant achievement, especially as we have not been in the top three placings for a number of years. All team members are to be congratulated on this fantastic result which was due to effort and sportsmanship from all team members. Students were outstanding with both behaviour and effort. A big thank you to Ms Brain and Mr Andrews for their organisation, training and support and to Ms Hendersen and Ms Couch for their assistance on the day.

Principal's Report - continued overleaf

PROSPECT
HIGH SCHOOL



Mobile Phones

In other news, you may have been made aware on our Facebook site or in The Examiner newspaper, that the Minister for Education and Training announced the new Department of Education position on the use of mobile phones by students in Tasmanian Government schools. Mobile phones and technology are a central part of life and when used effectively as a tool to enhance learning, can play an important role in education. However, through consultation, the Department of Education understand that mobile phones can cause significant distraction from learning and impact the development of strong relationships at school. Parents will be informed of details about this policy as information from the department is released. However, implementation of this policy should be a seamless transition for Prospect High School as there has been restricted use of phones for students this year, with no phones to be taken to class.

Junior Girls Basketball

Last Thursday afternoon the Junior Girls basketball team won the Thursday afternoon basketball roster premiership against St Patrick's College. This is a wonderful achievement. All girls played a magnificent game. Well done!

Grade 10 Activities

Next week is a big week for Grade 10 students with the following activities:

- Tuesday – Presentation Evening at the Door of Hope
- Thursday – Celebration Dinner at Country Club Resort
- Friday – Grade 10 picnic

Finally, as Term 4 draws to a close I encourage families to keep encouraging students to make the most of their education by attending regularly and engaging in learning.

Mrs Lee Barker
Principal

DO GRADES 11 AND 12 YOUR WAY

When you finish Grades 11 and 12, anything can happen. If you are currently in Grade 10, you will need to continue studying until you finish Grade 12 (or meet a leaving requirement). Once you leave school, it can be tough out there. Most jobs today require you to complete Grade 12 as a minimum and 91% of all new jobs will also require a VET or university qualification. That's why there are now more ways than ever before to finish Grades 11 and 12 your way.

You don't need to finish school the old-fashioned way. There are courses and training programs available to suit everyone. Just ask your teachers, Grade 10 Grade Leaders or My Education Coordinator – they will be able to tell you all about your options. There are so many more opportunities available to you if you complete Grade 12.

Always remember if you're not enjoying what you're doing, you're not stuck. You can always shift focus and find the best options to suit you. To find out more, talk to your teachers or head to anything.tas.gov.au.

CHANGES TO METRO SCHOOL BUS ARRANGEMENT 2020

To coincide with the introduction of the new integrated Launceston network, the names of the departure points in the Launceston CBD will change effective from Sunday 19 January. This will affect the morning Route 835AM school bus service to Prospect High which travels via the City. The bus will depart from the same location as originally tabled, but please note the following:

- For Route 835AM, St John St Stop B will be renamed to Stop A1.

The information has been updated on the Metro Tasmania website at <https://www.metrotas.com.au/schools/prospect-high-school-2020/>.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

2020 LEVIES - Ratified by School Association

- Grades 7 and 8 \$500.00
- Grades 9 and 10 \$575.00
- Grade 11 and 12 \$575.00 Inclusive Levy.

The 2020 School Levy Policy can be accessed via the school Internet Site. <https://prospecthigh.education.tas.edu.au/Pages/Home.aspx>

Prospect High School Association requests your support via voluntary contribution.

2020 Levy payment, uniform sales and stationery collection

Available from the school's Administration Block on the following dates

- Wednesday, 29 January 9:00am – 6:30pm
- Thursday, 30 January 9:00am – 6:30pm

Should the above times be inconvenient please contact the school on Ph: 6344 4744 to arrange an alternative arrangements.

LEVY PAYMENT The Department of Education will mail an invoice to parents in late January 2020 and our preferred payment option is via BPay, prior to collection days.

Please bring your invoice on the day to allow faster processing. Payment options are available and can be discussed on the day, or call the administration office in advance.

Approved Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) recipients will not receive an invoice.

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) - If you are a current 2019 recipient you do not need to reapply. Families who have been in receipt of STAS 2019 should have received correspondence directly from the Department regarding 2020 approval. STAS application forms are available from the school office for new enrolments or families whose circumstances have changed and wish to apply for 2020 support.

STAS is assessed on the below income:

Number of Dependent Children	1	2	3	4	5
Income per week					
\$717		\$825	\$941	\$1,063	\$1,193
Annual parental income					
\$37,284	\$42,900	\$48,932	\$55,276	\$62,036	

The final Prospector for 2019 will be 18 December.

STUDENT MEDICATIONS

From 3pm on Thursday, 19 December, could all students please collect your non prescription medication and EpiPens from the Student Office and could parents please collect prescription medications from the Admin Office. Unclaimed medications will be disposed of. If you would like to make alternative arrangements for the collection of medications, please phone the Admin Office. Thank you.

NOTHING
— HAPPENS —
when you drop out
of school.

ANYTHING
— CAN HAPPEN —
if you finish.

Learn more at
anything.tas.gov.au

LAST DAY PICNIC

Thursday, 19 December is the last day of the school year for students. This day will be spent at Greens Beach, as whole school excursion. Students must return their permission form to be able to attend this picnic.

The 2020 SLB Elect will be running a BBQ and selling sausages and burgers, as well as cold drinks (water and soft drink). Students will also have access to the Greens Beach shop who will be selling hot chips, only at lunch time.

Students are advised to bring plenty of food/drink, and be prepared for any extremes in weather, either hot or cold, so bring a warm jacket, a sun hat and sunscreen.

INFORMATION FOR GRADE 10 STUDENTS

CELEBRATION WEEK: Monday 9 – Friday 13 December 2019

Monday, 9 December

Normal school day.

Tuesday, 10 December

Normal classes until recess.

Practise for Grade 10 Presentation Assembly.

Grade 10 students to be dismissed at lunchtime.

Grade 10 Presentation Assembly at the Door of Hope.
(Students arrive in full school uniform at 6.30pm and the assembly starts at 7:00pm).

Wednesday, 11 December

Normal school day.

Grade 10 Assembly.

Thursday, 12 December

Whole school assembly in which the Grade 10 students are farewelled (starts at 9am). Parents are welcome to attend.
RSVP to office, prior to the day.

Grade 10 students will be dismissed at Recess 1

Grade 10 Celebration Dinner will be held at the Country Club Resort.

Cars can arrive between 5:20 and 5:50pm.

Grade 10 photo is taken at 6:40pm.

Dinner commences at 7:00 pm. Parents may collect students at 11:00pm. Students may not leave early.

Friday, 13 December

Grade 10 – Depart 9am - Picnic/Mystery Bus Tour. Students must bring closed in shoes, sun protective clothing, warm clothing, swim wear and raincoats. Lunch will be provided, but students can bring spending money to purchase extra items.

2.30pm – 3.30pm - View and order Celebration Dinner photos in Grade 10 breakout space.

Reports available for collection.

Saturday, 14 December 2pm – 6pm

View Celebration Dinner photos

Philip Kuruvita Photography 18 Upton Street, Launceston

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Monday, 16 December - Thursday 19 December

Normal school week for Grade 10 students. Students who wish to attend the whole school picnic on 19 December must attend every day in the last week of term.

Thursday 19 December

Collection of magazine, photos etc.

MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING LITERACY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Are you worried about continuing to support their child's reading progress during the school holidays. Holiday time can be a constant juggling act. You want to go out for day trips, or you may be travelling abroad or visiting relatives. All of this at the same time as encouraging your child to read and keeping their motivation and enjoyment of reading up as much as possible.

1. Visit your local library

Encourage your child to choose books relating to a topic that they're interested in. Librarians are a great source of information for popular books.

2. Internet fun

Use the internet to search author blogs and sites and book previews, as well as general articles or reports on books. Many websites have great ideas and links to suitable topics to engage and encourage older readers.

3. Out and about

When traveling, encourage your child to help read directions, looking for road signs and talking about how long they have to travel or how far they have left. Reading public transport timetables is also a great skill for them to develop - and will encourage their independence as well.

4. Cooking

If your child likes cooking, encourage them to read the instructions of recipes and plan for what is needed. Some fun books include Roald Dahl's *Revolting Recipes* (Puffin), *The Silver Spoon for Children*, Jamie Oliver and school dinner lady *Nora Sanders' Nora's Kitchen* (Collins), or *Grow it, Eat it* (RHS and Dorling Kindersley). But really, pretty much any online recipe or recipe book will do.

5. Shopping

When doing your groceries, encourage your child to help by writing and reading the list as well as finding products in store.

6. In the news

Encourage your child to read newspapers and find out what is happening in the world. First News is a children's paper aimed at 7–14 year olds, or CBBC Newsround online. You may want to be around if stories are of a sensitive nature, but talk to your child about what they have read. Use local papers to read about local events.

7. Holiday online scrapbook

Suggest making a scrapbook online, using a blog www.blogger.com that enables your child to upload pictures of their holiday and write about their experiences, which can then be shared with family and friends and even the wider world. You may want to check the site your child is using for safety.

8. Creating

If your child enjoys writing their own stories, encourage this by using www.storybird.com to help them design their own picture book. The professional-looking end product can be printed in a proper hardback book for your child to keep and share with others.

9. Sharing

If your child is reading a chapter book, consider reading the same book at the same time – this gives you the chance to compare your impressions of the book and talk about the plot. Ask your child questions, e.g. Which character they liked best, who would they like to be? Ask them to write you a short quiz about the book to check you've read it properly!

10. Relaxing

Help your child create a 'reading and dreaming' place in your home. Let the rest of the family know that if your child is in her/his reading place they should not disturb them. You may even get some peace then too!

The long summer holidays can really make a difference to children's reading levels.



LYTE - OUR FUTURE 'STARS'

Four of our Grade 7 students, Will, Amber, Charlotte and Summer will take to the stage next week as part of the production 'Once Upon a Pine: Adventures of Pinocchio' for the LYTE Middle Company.

The cast members have been working on the production for several months and can't wait to bring the show to life at the Earl Arts Centre.

This is a magical stage adaptation of a timeless literary work; a true ensemble theatre show that celebrates the power of storytelling.

Tickets for Monday 9 December and Tuesday 10 December at 6pm can be purchased at www.trybooking.com

Enrolments for the Launceston Youth Theatre Ensemble are now open for 2020, contact Jane Johnson at 0janejohnson@gmail.com



WORKING WONDERS

Grade 7

Tyler, Jordan and Thomas are Grade 7 Working Wonders this week, for demonstrating respect and kindness by helping some of our students who have disabilities. Well done, boys!



Leadership and Support Staff

School Executive Team

Principal Mrs Lee Barker
Assistant Principal Mr Mario Bergamin (Grades 7 & 8)
Assistant Principal Mr Greg James (Grades 9, 10 & 11)
Business Manager Mrs Debbie Chancellor

Grade Teams

GRADE 7

Ms Carolyn Abraham (Senior Grade Leader - AST)
 Mrs Leonie Smith (Grade Leader and Autism Unit - AST) and
 Mr Will Reynolds (Grade Leader)

GRADE 8

Mr Brendan Poke (Senior Grade Leader - AST)
 Mrs Sonya Matthews (Grade Leader)

GRADE 9

Mr Ekong Uko (Senior Grade Leader)

GRADE 10

Ms Sandra De Paoli (Senior Grade Leader - AST)
 Mr Scott Brewer (Grade Leader)

Support Staff Team

Aboriginal Education Worker

Mr Gareth Holt
 every Thursday

Chaplain

Mr Pete Garwood
 Tuesday and Thursday

School Nurse

Ms Danielle Seadon
 Monday and every second Wednesday

School Psychologist

Mr Gene Colgrave
 Monday and Friday

Social Worker

Mr Brendan Dixon
 Wednesday and Friday and every second Thursday



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