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Principal's Report

We trust that all students and staff are looking forward to a busy and productive Term 4, and we would like to welcome back Mr Brewer and welcome Mrs Platz to the grade 10 team.

We would also like to recognise Mrs Milena Del Pio, a member of our administration team, who from this term will take long service leave followed by retirement. Milena has worked at Prospect High School for 30 years; what a milestone this is! On behalf of the school, we thank Milena for her contribution to the school and her ongoing support to students, staff and the school community. Best of luck Milena and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

Term 4 is very important in finalising student achievement and work habits ratings for end of year reports. Consequently, we would encourage all students to identify any improvements that need to be made this term. For example, do you need to get better at meeting deadlines for submitting work? Do you need to enhance your willingness to try your best on all tasks rather than just some tasks? Do you need to make sure that all your conversation in the classroom is focused on your work? Do you need to "bounce back" when things go wrong and get better at learning from mistakes? Have a think about one or two improvements that you can make right now so that your end of year report is as good as it can be.

Recently we have recognised students with 100%, 99% and 98% attendance. We will present more attendance certificates near the end of Term 4, so it would be great if all students could aim to come to school every day. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the attendance of each student was so good that we had to present a certificate to everyone! High, regular attendance at school is one of the factors that has the greatest impact on student achievement, so let's all aim for the highest attendance possible.

Our school gym is being utilised every lunchtime to provide additional sport and recreation opportunities for our students.

Basketball, athletics, volleyball, dodgeball are examples of some of the lunchtime sports that are being offered. It's a great way for students to be active, display leadership opportunities, but more importantly, have some fun with their friends!

Congratulations to all students who have represented Prospect High School in a number of sporting opportunities this year. This week, we have students from grade 7-10 participating in a Cricket Gala day at Kings Meadows High School, and the following week, grade 7 girls are playing a friendly after school AFLW match against St Patricks College. After school basketball competitions have started again with Prospect High always fielding a number of enthusiastic teams.

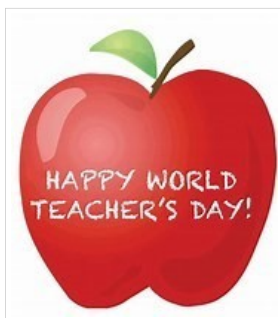
In week 4 our Athletics carnival will occur. During HPE lessons, all students are being taught the skills and techniques to participate in all events. It is a day of fun, great competition, and most importantly highlights the disposition of effort and perseverance. Parents and families we will provide you with the updated COVID information for viewing prior to this major school event.

Each Thursday morning before school Chaplain Sam, and a group of adult and student volunteers offer a Breakfast Program for all. Students receive toast and a warm drink and spend time engaged in positive interaction. We are extremely grateful to all the members of our parent community who have donated items (cups) and our business partners TasFresh, Prospect IGA, Prospect Banjos and Prospect Woolworths who supply produce. This is a wonderful service that quietly, but efficiently and consistently, provides a much-appreciated service to our community.

At Prospect High School we have great teachers. World Teachers' Day (30 October) is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank our teachers for the important role they play across our state—inside our classrooms and out in the community.

Thank you to Prospect High School teachers and our ancillary staff, who despite major challenges this year, have made sure education continues for our students!

Mario Bergamin and Greg James
(Assistant Principals)



The 9/10 girls had another wonderful day at the cricket yesterday! Well done to the girls for making some cracker catches and big swings. They won three out of five games and represented PHS well.



Grade 10 RYDA

Last week, Grade 10 students attended RYDA at Symmons Plains. RYDA – Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program delivers practical road safety information through engaging activities. The program targets young drivers and their passengers and focuses on how their attitudes and the environment can influence the way they drive. There were a wide variety of activities. One showed students the reality of how stopping distance and speed are related through the use of the crash test dummy – Fred. Other activities involved peripheral vision testing, a self-assessment of risk-taking, learning rules and regulations on the road, discussing car safety features, speeding, how car accidents affect people, and what it takes to recover. All the students agreed that the program was interesting and gave them many things to think about. The aim of RYDA is to inform students so that they can be better drivers on the road. RYDA is run Australia-wide. Thank you to the Rotary and their many sponsors for running the event.



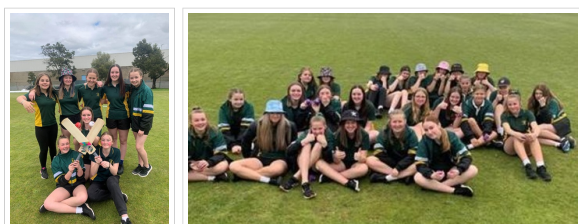
Girls Footy Gala Day

In the last week of Term 3, a team of athletes played AFLW at Windsor Park against other Division 1 schools. The girls showed great fairness and sportsmanship, and their determination stood out. They won three out of four games. Well done girls! A big thank you to Cooper from Grade 8 who umpired multiple games for the girls.



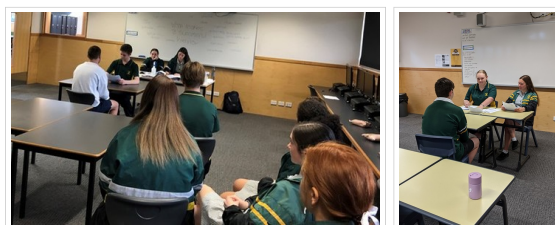
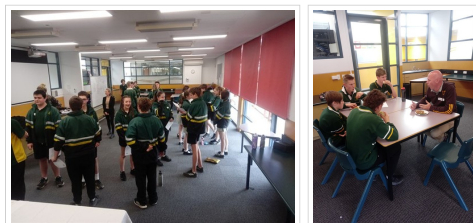
Girls Cricket Blast

The grade 7/8 cricket girls had an absolutely wonderful day on Wednesday! We took three teams along to the blast and each team played five games. All teams won at least two games which was great! Students displayed exceptional behaviour, sportsmanship and were in correct uniform. I was very proud of their efforts. Thank you to Holly for coming along with us as well.



POLISH

22 Grade 9 students participated in a POLISH program run by Beacon to work on job-ready skills. Students learnt a variety of skills focusing on first impressions, marketing and selling themselves, creating an elevator pitch, business networking, and MOCK interviews. A huge thank you to all business representatives who came to assist with the valuable program: Steve from Haywards, Alec from Country Club Casino, Courtney from CVGT, Dave from Tassie Hawks, Dave from DK Chartered Accounting, and Lana from the Royal Flying Doctors Service.



Library News

ESports – The Ultimate Guide

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From ESPN to the biggest sporting arenas in the world, Esports has arrived as the hottest new form of athletic competition. This ultimate insider's guide will introduce gamers to the world of Esports from little league to stadium-filling championships, including a deep dive into all the top games, leagues, players, and more.



More than a Kick by Tayla Harris and Jennifer Castles

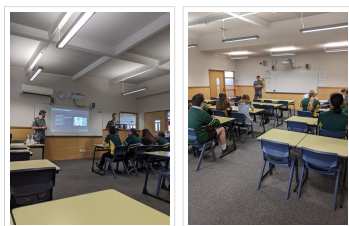
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AFLW player Tayla Harris was at work on the footy field when she kicked a goal. A photo of the kick - taken by Michael Willson - showcased her incredible athletic ability and was posted online. What happened next was an extraordinary turning point in Tayla's life. The photo quickly became iconic as Tayla stood strong against the online trolls. This is the inspiring story of Tayla's stellar sporting career so far, and her hard-earned advice to young people navigating the ups and downs of social media.

Australian Defence Force Session

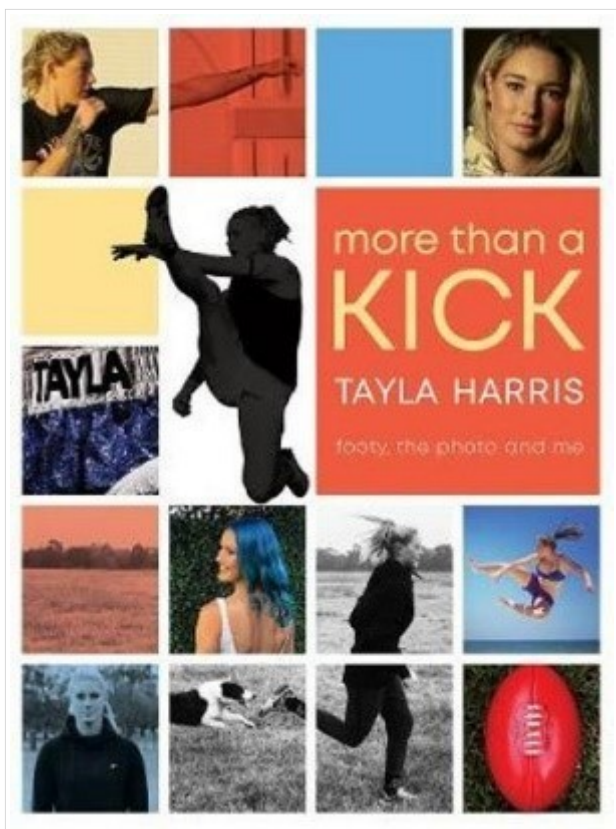
On Tuesday, some students from years 9 and 10 had the privilege to hear from two naval officers from the Australian Defence Force. The students heard about the various career opportunities that are available, from being an army soldier to a chef on a ship. The officers explained the requirements for entering the Defence Force, from physical fitness to aptitude tests, and the benefits that are granted when someone joins the defence force.

The students showed a lot of interest by asking a wide variety of questions from what it is like to live on a ship for an extended period of time to how difficult it is for the families of the soldiers who are away for a long time. The students came away from the session well-informed about the Australian Defence Force and with a broader knowledge on what it has to offer.



Grade 9 Mock Interviews

During our career and life planning lesson the grade 9 students participated in mock interviews. In English lessons the students had chosen a job to apply for, written a cover letter and discussed interview techniques. During the mock interviews students interviewed each other and provided feedback. We were lucky enough to have 5 business mentors come in to interview 20 of the students individually - Mark Deverell, Rod Patterson, Donna Mclellan, Scott Oram and Hamish Donaldson. The mentors were impressed with how well our students interviewed. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to experience and observe job interviews!

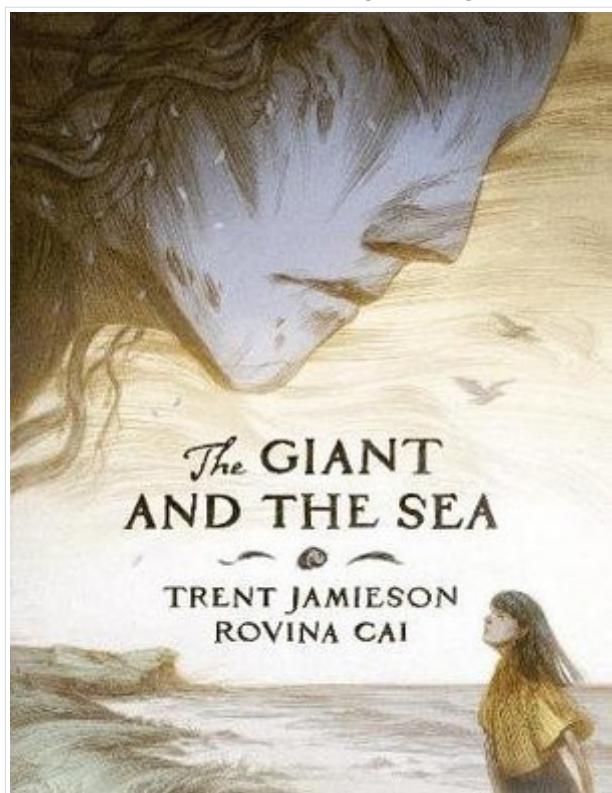


The Giant and the Sea by Trent Jamieson and Rovina Cai

Picture Book

A giant stands on the shore watching the sea. She never moves, never speaks, until the day she turns to a little girl and says, 'The sea is rising.'

The brave girl takes the message to the town, but the people ignore her desperate pleas and banish the giant from their shores. But when the sea rises, threatening to wipe out the city, the giant returns to rescue as many people as she can and take them to make a new home on higher ground. And there, on a new shore, she stands watching once again.



Reading Expo

A great time was had in the library this week with our Reading Expo. Students had the opportunity to browse a wide variety of new books for the library, as well as purchase some for themselves. There was a fantastic turn out for the Grade Trivia during lunchtimes including a double tie-breaker with the Grade 7 teams. The judges decided to award both teams 1st place. Congratulations to all winning teams who will receive a pizza lunch in the coming weeks. There was a lot of discussion about what the 'book in the jar' was, and which book is the 'YA Book of the Year'. The winners of these competitions will be announced next week. I would also like to thank Petrarch's Bookshop for their ongoing support of our celebration of books and reading, and for providing us with a great range of books for the students to look at.



Karinya Magazine

Karinya 2020



Order your copy of the
2020 Karinya
PHS School Magazine.

Orders close 30 November.

\$15

(To support families during this unforeseen year PHS will co-fund the price, reducing Karinya to \$15).

If you are unsure whether or not you have ordered and paid for a magazine, please check with Administration staff.

If you have already paid,
you can seek a refund of the difference.

Working Wonders

Congratulations to Kiara for her enthusiasm, persistence and the work ethic so far this term. Kiara has shown that she can adapt well to new situations with optimism and the utmost respect. Kiara has recently joined us at Prospect High School, and it is a pleasure to have her in Grade 10.

Beth continues to present work to a very high standard and is willing to take part in a variety of activities throughout the school. Beth has shown that she works well with many different students and is optimistic and committed to being fair and respectful to those around her. Her dedication to her studies is outstanding. Well done Beth.

Spencer always presents with respect, optimism and integrity in all classes. He is a wonderful student to have and is always willing to help out around the school. Spencer completes his work to a high standard and can be congratulated on his ability to seek feedback and advice on his work.



School Association

The School Association meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, 27th October 2020 at 5pm in the school meeting room. This is a forum to gain a better understanding and to contribute to what happens at Prospect High School. The Association involves understanding and ratifying school policy, budgets and levies, etc. At this coming meeting agenda items including; 2021 levies, proposed school cap/hat, Review into reporting to families survey. Please come along and meet current members and be get involved

Term 4 letter from Secretary and Minister for Education and Training

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14 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The return to face-to-face learning on school sites from May this year has provided us all with a welcome taste of normality again. We are both immensely proud of the way our schools, staff, students and families have risen to the challenges and changes that 2020 has presented us. Thank you all for your support and assistance this year. While schools remain safe, it is important that we are careful not to be complacent in facing the risks that COVID-19 presents. The implications of the pandemic are always changing and this requires us to remain flexible and adaptable to the different stages of restrictions and advice from Public Health. Your assistance in helping our schools to continue to follow this important advice has been very much appreciated.

We are fortunate in Tasmania that updated health advice and changes to restrictions meant that we were able to re-commence a number of school activities last term. Going into Term 4, some of these activities will continue to look a bit different to what we are used to. These changes are in place so that activities can still go ahead for our students and school communities. Thank you for your understanding and for your help in complying with these extra measures. We know that for some there may be some disappointment in being unable to participate in certain activities in the way that was expected at the beginning of the year. Our first consideration has always been the health and safety of our students, staff and the wider community.

During Term 4, as per Public Health advice, all adults must maintain physical distance from each other at all times (1.5 metres) on school sites and at school events. You remain a critical part of your child's education, and while it is important that we continue to follow this health advice, maintaining a strong relationship with you is still a priority. We encourage you to speak with your school's principal or child's teacher if you have any concerns about your child's learning.

Thank you again for your support and cooperation during a year like no other. All of the work our schools have undertaken, in conjunction with their school communities, has been nothing short of inspiring and it would not have been possible without your support.

As always, our plans will remain in line with Public Health advice. We will continue to remain flexible and responsive to the situation, and will keep our communities informed of any changes, as they arise. Schools are committed to helping your child achieve their very best, and it is encouraging to see how far we have come this year already. We wish all our students and their families well for the remainder of 2020.

Yours sincerely

Tim Bullard
Secretary

Jeremy Rockliff MP
Minister for Education and Training

Review into Reporting to Families Survey



The Department of Education is undertaking a review into Reporting to Families. This review will provide recommendations for our reporting system so that it continues to meet the needs of learners, families and schools in the most meaningful ways.

Parents and carers can have their say by completing the Families Survey before **13 November**.

We encourage you to get involved and have your say.

For more information about the review visit:
<https://www.education.tas.gov.au/community-and-engagement/review-into-reporting-to-families/>

Community Notices

TASMANIAN YOUTH FORUM 2020

LET'S TALK ABOUT...

BUILDING A BETTER TASMANIA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

TYF PROGRAM

SESSION ONE

WHAT DO WE NEED TO BUILD A BETTER TASMANIA FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE?

SESSION TWO & SESSION THREE

GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON TOPICS INCLUDING...

- DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVITY
- SUPPORTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING
- LIVING INDEPENDENTLY
- EDUCATION THAT MAKES SENSE TO US
- FINDING WORK AFTER SCHOOL
- HAVING A GOOD JOB
- HAVING MY VOICE HEARD

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Information for parents/guardians of young people attending TYF

The Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF), is one of Tasmania's largest annual youth events for young people aged 12-25 years.

TYF brings young people together from across the State to share their views and opinions on youth affairs, as well as ideas and solutions for improving outcomes for young Tasmanians and their communities.

This year at TYF 2020 we will be talking about 'Building a Better Tasmania for Young People', giving young people an opportunity to be heard on what they think needs to be done post-COVID-19 and beyond.

Topics that will be discussed include education, employment, transitioning to work, mental health and wellbeing, living independently, and diversity and inclusion.

Safety and Privacy

YNOT are taking all reasonable steps to ensure privacy and safety considerations are made. TYF 2020 is a closed event for young people only aged 12-25 years. All YNOT staff and volunteers hold a current WWVP (TAS) or WWCC (VIC) registration.

We are also working with Department of Education to ensure TYF meets their privacy and security policies. The Forum will be hosted on Zoom and participants will not be recorded.

TYF is an initiative of the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT).
Visit the YNOT website for more information about TYF www.ynot.org.au.

Contact Details

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your young person attending TYF, please contact their nominated educator or youth worker:

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Email and/or phone: _____

TASMANIAN YOUTH FORUM 2020

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TYF PROGRAM

8:30 - 9:00 AM VIRTUAL DOORS OPEN

9:00 - 9:15 AM WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

9:15 - 9:50 AM **SESSION ONE**

9:50 - 10:00 AM BREAK

10:00 - 10:35 AM **SESSION TWO**

10:35 - 11:00 AM PRESENTATIONS

11:00 - 11:10 AM BREAK

11:10 - 11:45 AM **SESSION THREE**

11:45 - 12:20 PM FINAL PRESENTATIONS

12:20 - 12:30 PM WRAP UP

OCTOBER 30 | 9AM-12:30PM
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Minds DO MATTER





Image: For the Rainbow, Sylvia Wylie, 2019.

COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION

3 October to 2 November 2020

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Leadership and Support Staff

School Executive

Principal

Mrs Lee Barker

Assistant Principals

Mr Mario Bergamin and Mr Greg James

School Business Manager

Mrs Debbie Chancellor

Grade Teams

Senior Grade Leaders

Grade 7 Mr Brendan Poke

Grade 8 Mrs Anna Musovic

Grade 9 Mrs Carmen Slore

Grade 10 Mr Scott Brewer

Years 11/12 Ms Jennifer Pollard

Grade Leaders

Grade 7 Mrs Katrina Dawkins and Mrs Hannah Derbyshire

Grade 8 Mr Will Reynolds and Mrs Leonie Smith

Grade 9 Mr Steve Andrews

Grade 10 Mrs Sonya Matthews

Years 11/12 Mrs Jan Phillips

Support Staff

School Psychologist

Mr Gene Colgrave

(Mondays, every fourth Tuesday and Fridays)

School Social Worker

Mr Brendan Dixon

(Wednesdays, alternate Thursdays and Fridays)

School Health Nurse

Mrs Dani Seadon

(Mondays and alternate Thursdays)

Chaplain

Mr Sam Cogger

(Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Aboriginal Education Officer

Gareth Holt

(Wednesdays and Thursdays)