



### **ISSUE NO. 18: 22 NOVEMBER 2023**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### **NOVEMBER**

24—Assembly P/1A & 4/5

24—Triathlon

27—Swimming Carnival 3-6

29—Speech/voting day Gr 5's

29-P-2 & Gr 6 WDHS Prod.

### **DECEMBER**

1—2024 Kinder Orientation

6-Gr 3-6 SHS Production

8—NE Swimming Carnival

12—Presentation Morning

13—ECE Concert

13—Reports home

15—Grade 6 Big Day Out

18—ECE Picnic Day

19—Primary Picnic Day

21—Last day for students Term 4

21—Gr 6 Leaver's Assembly 1:45

22-Last day for staff Term 4

Duty of Care: Parents are reminded that duty of care on the school grounds begins at 8:30 am

### 2023 Term Dates

Term 4—16 October to 21 Dec

Week 6 focus - We are considerate and respectful to ourselves and others Week 7 focus - We allow others to learn

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL Swimming and Water Safety Program

We have now completed a very successful Swimming and Water Safety program and Fun Splash for all our students K-6 across the school. Swimming is an important skill and particularly relevant given our access to the pool, ocean, dams and other waterways. Thank you to all our school community and parent/guardians for your support and help during the programs.

### **Scottsdale Primary School Swimming Carnival**

The Scottsdale Primary Swimming Carnival is Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-2:30pm. Our Parents and Friends Association will be holding a BBQ for which students will pre-order. Parents can purchase from the BBQ on the day.

Information for parents attending the carnival:

Parents will need to bring their own chair or stand in the spectator area.

Photos of students are not allowed.

Parents must remain in separate areas to the students.

Parents will need to use the family room/ambulant toilet.

### **End of Year Reports**

A reminder to families that end of year reports will be distributed on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December.

The report will show your child's learning achievement on a 9-point visual scale for students in Years Prep to 6. The 9-point scale shows where your child's learning achievement is against the expected standard for their year level.

For more information about reports: School Reports FAQs Understanding the 9-point scale Visit the Department's website at: https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/for-families/support-your-childs-learning/reporting/

**Davin Broomhall** 

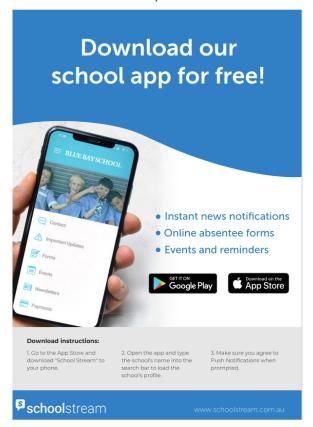


### **School Stream**

Scottsdale Primary School is moving to a new communication tool called School Stream. This phone app will be your one stop shop for keeping up to date with what's happening at Scottsdale Primary School.

The phone app will send you a notification of the latest news, newsletters, reminders, calendar of events, and notices. You will even be able to report student absences using the app. Eventually we hope to also send out permission/consent forms that can be completed and signed electronically.

We encourage all parents/carers to please download this new app as moving forward, School Stream will be our communication platform from 2024.



### Completion of School Association and Code of Behaviour forms on School Stream

2024 School Association and Code of Behaviour forms are now on the School Stream app. Parents/ carers please complete these forms as soon as possible and submit via the app. Please note that the Code of Behaviour for Grades Kinder to 2 only requires the parent's signature. All other Grades require both parent and student signatures. It would be appreciated if these forms could be completed and submitted by Friday, December 8.

Please note the Code of Behaviour form is located under year level information and School Association is under forms.

### **Playground Award Winners**

Hunter B, James S-R, Lainie, Holly.

### **Playground Token Winners**

Darcie, Rihanna, Kaelah W, Brianna, Mila, Cassidy, Sithuki, Hunta C, Aria, Scarlett, Charlie B, Kadence, Matilda B-B, Faith, Ava B, Aylah D, Charlie D, Keira, Lainie H, Hugh, Tide, Charlotte, Hudson, Tahlia, Skyla, Mackenzie P, Dakoda, Jake, Jett, Cheston, Lucas C-W, Freya G, Ava M, Tilly C, Sophie N, Evie W, Camilla, Hunter B, James S-R, Lemeki, Leo, Tyreece, Harlee M-A, Holly, Natalia, Maddi, Sydney, Lilah, Edith, Luca, Layla R, Miles, Riley T, Lily M, Jardy, Matilda Mo, Dustin, Presten, Lana.

### Fair 2024 Friday March 1

The School Association is in the early stages of planning the 2024 School Fair. If you would like to be part of the committee to support this fantastic fundraising event please contact the General Office.

#### **Parents of Year Six Students**

If your child is not attending Scottsdale High School in 2024, can you please advise them by emailing scottsdale.high@decyp.tas.gov.au

### **Black Soft Shell Jackets**

We have a limited number of soft shell jackets in stock. Could you please advise the School Office if your require a jacket for 2024. There are jackets available at the office to try on.

#### **Breakfast Club and School Canteen**

There will be no Breakfast Club or School Canteen operating week 10.

Parent/Carers please note, due to a shortage of volunteers there will be no Breakfast Club Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for the remainder of this term.

Volunteers required: If there are any parents/carers who could volunteer their time for Breakfast Club or Canteen in 2024 please contact the School Office.

Don't forget to use the Qkr app for all your canteen and uniform orders.



### AIM HIGH SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDER FORM

The school magazine highlights events throughout the year. It is a snapshot of 2023 at Scottsdale Primary School.

If you would like to order the magazine, please return this form, with the money, to the school office before *Friday 1st December*.

name:	
Eldest child in 2024:	
I would like to purchase	copy/copies of

## Cost is \$25.00 per copy. (money to be enclosed)

Magazines will be available in 2024.

the 'Aim High' magazine.



### Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2024

STAS application forms are issued to families who have not applied for, or been in receipt of, STAS in 2023 which includes families who are new enrolments and who believe they meet the eligibility criteria or families whose circumstances have changed, and they believe they may now be eligible. The eligibility criteria means that if a parent holds a current Centrelink Health Care Card, Pension Concession Card or Department of Veterans' Affairs Concession Card they are eligible to apply for STAS.

Families can also apply online on the Department's web page at www.decyp.tas.gov.au Please note: parents/guardians cannot apply again online if they have received STAS in 2023. If a parent/guardian wishes to add a newly enrolling student to their STAS file (i.e., a Kinder student) they simply need to email their name and student's full name, date of birth, grade and school they'll be attending in 2024 to stas@decyp.tas.gov.au

Hard copy STAS application forms will also be available from the School Office (expected later this month) and once completed they will be scanned and emailed on the applicant's behalf. Once a validated form is completed the Department for Education, Children and Young People will confirm the outcome of your application in writing, this process takes approximately 14 days.

Please note that if you are already receiving student assistance you do not need to complete a form.

### 2024 Term Dates

Term 1—Thursday 8th February to Friday 12th April (Easter break will extend from Friday 29th March to Tuesday 2nd April inclusive)

Term 2—Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July Term 3—Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th

September

Term 4—Monday 14th October to Thursday 19th December

### Student Free Dates 2024 Friday 7th June

Friday 1st November



#### **School Photos**

The Grade 6 Graduation photo is available online for any parents who would like to order.

To order this group photo, please visit website https://www.leadingimage.com.au/

On the home page, please click on order your school photos, enter your student's individual access key and your email address. If you cannot locate your access key, please phone the School Office for assistance. The group photo is \$12.00 each and will be sent to parent's postal addresses (not to the school).

There is a postage and handling charge of \$6.00 per order.

### **Country Gold Cricket**



### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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### School Association – 2023

Mrs Alana Summers—Chair

Mrs Morgan Rice—Vice Chair

Mrs Hayley Heazlewood—Secretary

Mrs Tiki Button— Treasurer

Mrs Krystal Morice—parent representative

# LEARNING IN FAMILIES TOGETHER (LIFT) INTASMANIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS







### **Letters and Sounds**

### What is Letters and Sounds?

Letters and Sounds is a Phonics Resource implemented at Scottsdale Primary School in 2022.

It is a programme aimed at teaching children to read and develop their speaking and listening skills. It prepares children for learning to read by developing their phonic knowledge and skills. (Letters and sounds.com 2023)

















At SPS, students from Kinder to Grade 3 are involved with the Letters and Sounds programme. There are 6 overlapping phases and children are divided into groups that target their level of development

Kinders follow Phase One of the programme which involves activities around different sounds; including the environment, body, instruments, voice sounds and rhymes.

Phases 2-6 progressively cover alphabet letter sounds, grapheme and phoneme correspondence, segmenting and blending sounds and developing spelling skills.

Children are highly engaged in a variety of hands on activities and are learning to apply their knowledge to their reading, writing and spelling.





### MANAGING SAFEGUARDING RISKS IN OUR SCHOOLS

Our staff play a key role in keeping students safe by proactively monitoring any risks.

The Department for Education, Children and Young People (DECYP) recently released new Safeguarding Risk Management resources for our schools to assist with this.

These resources are designed to help us continuously identify, prevent and reduce risks to students of child abuse and harm, and support our school to be a safe environment where every child and young person can thrive and grow.

During this term we will be developing a Safeguarding Risk Management plan for our school. The plan sets out the risks that we can identify, and most importantly, how we can reduce them.

As parents and carers, you play an important role helping us to identify safeguarding risks in our school, and I'm sure you may also have ideas on how we can reduce these risks to keep students safe.

If you or your child/children have any questions, concerns or wish to report any incidents relating to child abuse or harm, I encourage you to reach out to me or a trusted staff member. We welcome your views and any feedback.

The <u>Tell Someone website</u> is also another useful source of information if you are worried that a child may be at risk of harm or is being sexually abused or groomed.

If you have any concerns, the website gives clear information about what to look for, how to make a report and who to speak to.

For further information on the work being done on safeguarding in our school, please visit <u>DECYP's website</u>.

