



# SCOTTSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**ISSUE NO. 2: 27 February 2025**

## Upcoming events

**2025**

### MARCH

6 – Ditto Bravehearts P-2

**10 – Public holiday**

11 – North East Athletics Carnival

12 – Naplan starts

13 – Grip Leadership - SLC

17 – NE Athletics Carnival rain day

24 – Naplan finishes

26 – Brixhibition

### APRIL

2 – School Photos

11 – Last day Term 1

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

### 2025 Term Dates

Term 1 – 6 February to 11 April

(Easter break will extend from Friday 18

April to Tuesday 22 April inclusive)

Term 2 – 28 April to 4 July

Term 3 – 21 July to 26 September

Term 4 – 13 October to 18 December



## Welcome Back

### Athletic Carnival



Our recent Athletic Carnival was an incredible success, filled with energy, enthusiasm, and outstanding student participation. It was wonderful to have such a large parent/community turn out which added to the event being such a success. From the very first race to the final event, the days were filled with determination, team spirit, and lots of fun. It was fantastic to see every student giving their best effort, cheering for their peers, and displaying great sportsmanship. Whether sprinting, jumping, throwing, or encouraging mates from the sidelines, the positive energy was remarkable. Thank you to Ms Genge for all her co-ordination and organisation of the carnival and thank you to all our amazing Little Athletics helpers, parent volunteers and Scottsdale High School leaders for your amazing support to make the carnival such a success.

### Our School Playground

Our school playground just got even better! We're thrilled to share some exciting new additions that will bring more fun, movement, and learning opportunities for our students. One of the most exciting upgrades is the installation of brand new swings! Our swings have become very popular among students, offering not only endless fun but also helping develop coordination, balance, and core strength. Our 3-6 sandpit has been expanded, giving students more space to dig, build, and explore. This open-ended play area fosters creativity, teamwork,

and sensory learning. Our youngest learners in the Kinder playground now have exciting new gross motor play and sensory additions. These features encourage climbing, balancing, and movement—helping to develop essential motor skills while keeping playtime fun and engaging.

These improvements aim to create a dynamic play environment that supports our students' physical, social, and emotional development. Play is a crucial part of learning, and we're committed to providing spaces that encourage active, creative, and cooperative play.

### **Whole School Assembly**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding our first assembly of the year. This assembly is also a special occasion to celebrate our young leaders within the school who are undertaking leadership roles this year and in Term 1 and 2.

### **School Carpark**

Thank you to our school community for keeping our carpark safe. Your patience and attention protect our students and families. It is important to please remember that parents and students **should not** be walking across the carpark. Everyone is required to **always** make their way via the walkways and crossings when arriving and departing from school. Please continue to be mindful when pulling into parking bays that there are children exiting/entering cars frequently.

### **Dorset Child and Family Learning Centre**

You may have heard the exciting news that a new Child and Family Learning Centre (CFLC) is coming to Scottsdale, and the preferred site for the new CFLC is at Scottsdale Primary School.

Extensive community and stakeholder consultation, including the establishment of a Local Enabling Group, will be undertaken to inform the design of the new Dorset CFLC and the services it will provide to ensure it is tailor-made to serve local families.

The first phase of community and stakeholder

consultation for the new Dorset CFLC has commenced and construction is expected to begin on the new Dorset CFLC in 2026.

Our input into the services and families the new Dorset CFLC will provide is valuable, and we now have an opportunity to help shape its future. Please take the time to complete the online survey at <https://forms.office.com/r/eax3xTegbG>

You are also invited to attend a community workshop to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 9.15am at Scottsdale Library. You can register to attend at <https://forms.office.com/r/svAWKxb5Dy>

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of shaping the future of the new Dorset Child and Family Learning Centre.

For more information, visit [www.decyp.tas.gov.au/dorsetcflc](http://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/dorsetcflc)

**Davin Broomhall**

### **Playground Token Winners**

Teddy M, Nola, Florence, Pia, Indigo, Mila, Micah Bu, Aria B, Darcy S, Zara J, Billie-Louise, Hudson K, Murphy, Micah Bi, Avery, Oscar, Oliver G, Ava B, Scarlett, Oliver P, Wes, Olivia, Libby Ha, Bridee, Arzalia, Keira, Skyla H, Boonthita, Reuben, Aaliyah, Angelina, Jock, Chloe, Charlotte, Ryan Be, Linc, Zac B-B, Gabe, Liam, Tyreece, Sydney, Lemeki, Evie W, Harlee M-A, Ava M, Evie F, Kiowa, Dylan, Sunny C, Lotte, Grace, Zac R, Millie F, Clementine, Cooper, Lily M, Luca, Asha, Mia, Louis, Bridget, Amarli, Matilda, Freya B, Natalia, Sophie, Addison Y, Deakyn, Carter H, Damon, Jack, Xavier, Leo, James M, Fenix C, Arlie, Hayden, Savannah, Elijah,

### **Hats**

Does your child have a bucket hat? If not, please purchase one soon so your child does not have to be in the shade at recess and lunch. You can purchase on the Qkr! App or at the office for \$10.

## **Naming of Uniforms**

Please ensure that all school uniforms are named clearly to avoid accumulation of un-named items in the lost property basket.

## **Lost Property**

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the amount of lost property accumulating. If your child comes home without their jacket, jumper, or hat, please contact the office or, even better, come in to check for any missing items.

## **School Levies**

Invoices have been processed for the 2025 school year. If you do not receive your invoice, or alternatively, you receive an invoice and have paid or have been approved for STAS, please notify the office.

Levies are to be finalised before the end of **TERM 2**. If you would like to organise a payment plan, please contact the school office.

## **Breakfast Club**

We are seeking volunteers to assist with Breakfast Club Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you can help between 8:15am – 8:50am, weekly or fortnightly please contact the office. Thank you to Beckie and Laura for your assistance on Monday and Fridays. Breakfast Club is essential for our students, and your support enables Breakfast Club to run every day.

## **NAPLAN 2025**

Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting NAPLAN between the 12<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of March. The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning at school. On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for, and students are not expected to do so.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance; however, students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.

For more information, please view the parent brochure [NAPLAN 2025 information for parents and carers \(online\)](#)

## **DECYP Volunteer/Parent Help Requirements**

Each year DECYP requires all volunteers to complete mandatory reporting and safeguarding modules. These can be found at

[Compulsory Safeguarding Training for Workers - Department for Education, Children and Young People](#)

Click the link for volunteers and service providers and create a new registration. School office staff are available to assist if required, please don't hesitate to ask.

## **Athletics Carnival Recount**

On February 21st and 24th, 2025, Scottsdale Primary School held its annual Athletics Carnival. The event included the entire school, from Prep to Grade 6. Many students participated, proudly wearing their red and yellow tops to show their house spirit. Lisle and Lyndhurst were very close in earning house points. The carnival was divided into two parts: Prep to Grade 2, and Grade 3 to Grade 6.

On the morning of Friday, February 21st, the Grade 3 to Grade 6 students kicked off the carnival with field events like high jump, long jump, shot put, and the 800m race. In the afternoon, the Prep to Grade 2 students had their carnival. Then, on Monday, February 24th, the upper primary students spent the entire day finishing their events. The day started with the 400m race, followed by the egg-and-spoon race. The first block finished with the 100m race.

In the next block, the Grade 6 students began with the 200m race, then continued with a sack race. After that, the Grade 6 students participated in a tug of war, followed by a parent version of the same event. To end the day, there was a shoelace race and relays. Our school is incredibly proud of everyone's effort and sportsmanship!

By Riea Walsh – SLC Publicity Officer



# Athletics Carnival



# Long Jump Winners







We are excited to announce the launch of a new school-wide competition called *Writer of the Month* (WOM). This initiative is designed to encourage and celebrate the outstanding writing achievements of students across all year levels, from Prep to Grade 6.

Students are invited to select a piece of writing they are particularly proud of and submit a copy of it to the *Writer of the Month* box located at the front office. Each month, Mrs. Clement will select a winner from Prep, Grade 1, and Grade 2, while Miss Rainbow will choose a winner from Grade 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Winners will be announced at Line Up Assembly and will receive a certificate to recognise their achievement. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their creativity, effort, and growth as writers.

We encourage all students to participate and take pride in their writing.

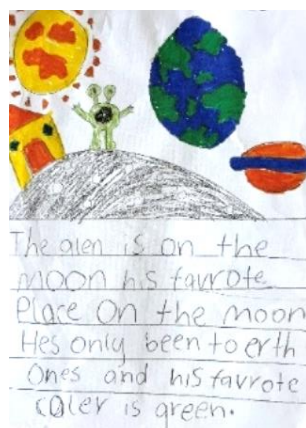
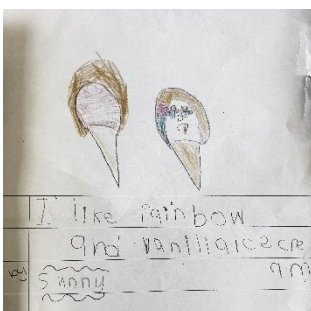
### Writer of the Month Winners

#### Prep = Sunny C

Chosen for her neat letter formation and colourful rainbow ice cream drawing that matches her writing.

#### Grade 2 = Louis

Chosen for his correct use of capital letters and full stops, and strong spelling skills with familiar and unfamiliar words.



#### Grade 3 = Mila with her piece of writing titled "About Me"

Extract: I love to read books and playing netball with my friends. I have two dogs named Harly and Tilly and I had two goldfish, but they passed away last year.

#### Grade 4 = Damon with his piece of writing titled "The Hotel of Lost Souls"

Extract: One Day in March a twenty-three-year-old called Lucas was driving his Ford F150 on the M-1 Highway. He was crossing the Victoria and New South Wales border when he noticed a kangaroo on the road. He immediately swerved around the kangaroo at 93KMS which caused the car to instantly flip over and bend around the tree.

#### Grade 6 = Connor J with his information report.

Extract: At approximately 2:00am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of May at the Royal Bank a young man and women committed a robbery. They stole a Ferrari. There were eight police officers, and three vehicles were seen, and one car swerved off the road.

#### Overall winner = Ava B with her story "Oscar and the Alphonse"

Extract= She was walking in her garden when she saw something strange. Seven little shiny things glowing in the grass. She picked them up knowing whatever they were that they needed care.

Thank you for all the students entries in February, we look forward to see what March brings.

### EAGLES BASKETBALL – LAUNCESTON COMPETITION

We are seeking a couple more players for our Under 12 age group for the upcoming basketball season.

If you may be interested please get in touch - Krystal Morice on 0407 550 326.



### Information and Conditions of entry for individual Students

The Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. and Brixhibition invite all Primary School aged students in the Northern Tasmania area, to compete in an individual Lego Competition running in the first term of 2025.

- Each student to have their Lego creation completed and ready for judging by your school by **Monday 24th March 2025**
- Medallions and Prizes to win
- Each overall winner of each school or community group, is invited to display their winning Lego creations at the Brixhibition Launceston 2025 event, at Launceston Conference Centre, (Door of Hope – Ex Coats Patrons factory) Glen Dhu, Launceston on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> and Sun 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
- Entry Forms and Conditions are available from your school or community group.
- The Overall winner's Parent/Guardian will be contacted directly, with all the necessary details, including drop off and pickup of the winning students Lego model.
- All Brixhibition Kids Comp winners displayed at Brixhibition will be judged by Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. members (approx. 40 judges)
- **Brixhibition Overall Grand Prize Winners Prizes:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$300 Lego voucher + Trophy
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$200 Lego voucher + Trophy
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$100 Lego voucher + Trophy
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Trophy
- Winners announced at 3:20pm **Sun 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025** at Brixhibition Launceston



Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
9:00am – 4:30pm  
Launceston Conference Centre  
Door of Hope (Ex Coats Paton factory)  
Glen Dhu, Launceston, Tasmania

### Additional Information to consider:

Each Lego display to be no larger than 52cm wide, 52cm deep, 52cm high, or no larger than four 32x32 lug Lego baseplates.

Each Lego display must be an original or freela nce design and not made from a Lego kit or instructions.

Some minor adult help is allowed, but the Lego design should mainly be child's own design.

All winners will be announced by Friday 28th March 2025.

**DECYP**

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### School Association – 2025

Mrs Alana Summers—Chair

Mrs Morgan Rice—Vice Chair

Mrs Krystal Morice – Secretary

Mrs Tiki Button— Treasurer

Mrs Natalie Kerr-Krushka — Parent Representative



### Family fun with games

**Scottsdale Library**  
**Wednesdays**  
**3:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

Join in each week for an afternoon of fun learning new board and card games! Whether you are a seasoned player or a beginner, you will enjoy learning new games, challenging yourself, and meeting new people in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

[libraries.tas.gov.au](http://libraries.tas.gov.au)



# Launching into Learning 2025

Launching into Learning (LiL) is a free program for young children (birth to 4 years old) and their families. It helps parents and their child/ren get to know their local school and other families in the community. LiL programs support children with their development in an atmosphere of fun and creativity and to begin to develop their confidence and curiosity as learners prior to commencing full-time school.

In 2025 at Scottsdale Primary School we will be offering the following Launching into Learning programs:

## Story and Rhyme Time - Primary school library

### Commencing 7th March

**Friday 9:00-9:30am**

Our Story and Rhyme Time session is 30 minutes of fun for you and your child/ren and will include lots of singing, action rhymes and stories. These help to develop children's listening, memory and word skills. Children gain the most from these times when parents/carers sit with their child/ren and join in. Children will also have the opportunity to borrow books to take home.

## Play and Learn - Kindergarten classroom and outdoor area

### Commencing 7th March

**Friday 9:30-10:45am**

At our Play and Learn session children develop a sense of belonging and build confidence in the school environment as they play and learn alongside their trusted adults and other children. Come along and join us as we have a great time learning through a wide range of indoor and outdoor experiences. We learn as we play!

## Pre-Kinder - Thursday 11:15-12:15pm

### Commencing 27th March

This year our Pre-Kinder program will run on Thursday. Pre-Kinder is a slightly more structured program aimed at preparing children for entering Kindergarten. This program is only for children who will be attending Kindergarten at Scottsdale Primary School in 2026. If possible, please make alternative care arrangements for younger siblings.

Please ring the school office on 63520200 to register your child for our Pre-Kinder sessions.

### Terms 1 & 2

Mini Movers - Pre-Kinder Gross Motor Program - Primary school hall

### Terms 3 & 4

Pre-Kinder session - Kindergarten classroom

**All of our programs require children to be accompanied by parents or carers. We hope that this is the beginning of a long and positive relationship between your family and our school.**

