From the Co-Principals ...

The staff of The LPS would like to wish our school family a very happy New Year and look forward to catching up with everyone over the next few days. We love welcoming new and existing families to our school and enjoy greeting the children and their parents as they enter their new home rooms at the start of each year. It is heartening to hear the children talk about the positives of moving up a group and the prospects of an exciting year ahead.

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Tammy Goss Edmunds as our newest member of staff. Tammy’s role will be as a teacher aide working mainly with the Group 4-6 children in the areas of literacy and numeracy support but she will also be spending time as a teacher aide in Early Learning, coaching our touch football team and accompanying them to their inter-school matches on Friday afternoons. We have really enjoyed introducing Tammy to our school family this week.

Our theme this term is “Fitting Together” which will give the children lots of opportunities to learn about how many things in their lives “fit together”. Throughout the school they will be looking at, for example, being part of a group and forging positive relationships with their teachers and peers, how we fit together in our family, in our school and in our community and respecting differences. They will be involved in team building activities, learning how they can participate in the community, how digital systems fit together, how the world fits together through the many languages that are spoken and where and how dinosaurs “fitted into” the history of our world.

The younger children will be fitting letters together to make words, words together to make sentences and sentences together to make stories. The 7-9 year olds will be listening to the novel Olive of Groves by Katrina Nannestad in which a little girl called Olive has to work out how to fit in and be accepted into a boarding house of talking animals, naughty boys and circus performers, whilst Mrs McNair will be reading the 9-12 year olds Escape from Mr Lemoncello’s Library by Chris Grabenstein in which a group of children have literary puzzles to fit together in order to escape from his library (either by working together or going it alone).

Hard work by all the teachers over the holidays has resulted in links to the theme being made in every subject in our curriculum. Newsletters throughout the term will keep everyone informed of the rich and varied activities in which the children will be involved (usually with photographic evidence). It will be a very busy term but, by the sounds of things, great fun!
The Parents’ Club is a small group of hard-working parents that meets monthly to organise various fundraisers, social events and information nights for our school community. Their first meeting for 2019 is on the 12th February and they would love to welcome a few new members to help them in their quest to plan events for the year. They will also be hosting their annual “Welcome Back Drinks” later in February which is a perfect opportunity to meet other LPS parents and their children in a casual, social setting.

It has been a particularly warm start to the school year and we remind the children that they need their hats and drink bottles every day, to bring sunscreen if they don’t like to use the school’s sunscreen and that the girls may choose to wear their sports clothes if the daily temperature is going to be 25 degrees or over.

As you can see it is going to be an exciting term of learning. If you have any questions or would just like a chat, please do not hesitate to catch your child’s home group teacher either before school or at the back gate as the children are collected. Parents are always welcome to come in with their children in the mornings but please remember that the teachers need time to prepare for their day and will not be available until 8.15am.

In “Truth and Happiness”
Leonie McNair and Harriet Thyne
Co-Principals
“At the beginning...”

Early Learning

The first of our Early Learners started on Tuesday. They have settled well and are enjoying getting to know their teachers and peers.

Thank you to the wonderful parents who have helped to make this big transition as smooth as possible.

I look forward to working with you and your excited and enthusiastic children throughout the year.

Mrs Batten 😊
What an AMAZING start to Term 1, 2019 by this fantastic group of students! Mrs Howard and Miss England are both super impressed with how confident, independent and enthusiastic these lovely people are about every aspect of school life already in Week 1! They are delightful role-models to their younger friends and super helpful to their teachers! Thank you seniors and well done Preps!

Miss Nicole England and Mrs Howard

“In the middle ...”

Come and play with us!

One of the most fun and exciting ways to spend a Monday afternoon is playing Recorder with your child at school. Got some time on a Monday afternoon? Already done the errands and drunk as many cups of coffee as you probably should? Why not come along to our “Come and Play” sessions next week! Meet us in the Multipurpose Hall (downstairs) at 2:00pm for the girls’ group and 2:30pm for the boys’ group and play along with us.

Mrs Angela Chapman
The students/animals who attended Mrs Groves’ Boarding School for Naughty Boys, Talking Animals and Circus Performers have **NO** rules to follow. This week we had a fabulous discussion as we answered various questions.

- Explain what this leads to
- What are the reasons we have rules at our school?
- Are there some rules for some children and different rules for others?
- Whose job is it to enforce our rules?
- In your opinion, are our school rules fair? Explain

We have one over-arching school rule. What is it? Why do you think we only need that one rule in most instances?

*Mrs Harriet Thyne*

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### Important Lessons on Day 1

Mrs Freeland and Mrs Thyne have loved meeting the new Group Two students this week and welcoming back our Group Three children. Particularly on the first day of school, there are many reminders and new rules to learn about places we can play in the playground.

The most exciting new playground addition for the Group Twos each year is the bannister slide. We spend a lot of time talking to the children about how to use this equipment safely and the Group Threes are wonderful at demonstrating different ways to use the slide. The Group Twos learnt that it is important to wait patiently for their turn, not to rush, that they can back away if they are not feeling confident yet and to never go head-first down the slide. Already we have seen the Group Twos enjoying this piece of equipment and having fun trying out the suggestions from the Group Threes.

*Mrs Thyne and Mrs Freeland 😊*
“Towards the end …”

Would you like to be a “book” in our Living Library?

Students in Mrs McNair’s English classes are investigating libraries this term as they enjoy the novel *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* by Chris Grabenstein.

We would like to assemble our own “Living Library” where the “books” are actually people! The idea is that we compile a list of people interested in being our “books” then, throughout the year, we will ask to “borrow” some. At a mutually convenient time (usually in the morning), our “book” will join our English lesson and the students will “read” it by asking her/him questions. Of course, the students will be taught to be respectful in their questions and avoid anything too personal!

Our “books” will be offered the opportunity to specify their own subject. Otherwise, they will be “read” in any direction the students’ questions take them (within reason)! Discussions might cover the subject’s childhood, working life, travel experiences, special talents and interests … the opportunities are endless!

If you think you, a member of your family or someone you know might be interested in becoming a “book” in our Living Library, please watch out for the form that has been emailed, or ask for another from the school office, and return it to Mrs McNair or the school office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your help with this innovative project!

Leonie McNair

Senior Mathematics

Mathematics is all about *Fitting Together*. Whether you are adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing, or for that matter performing any mathematical task, it is critical to fit the correct elements together in the correct order!

The term will emphasise consolidation of basic numeracy – unless you have strong building blocks at the foundation, then the rest of their mathematical ‘structure’ won’t *fit together* strongly. We will also investigate how different fractions *fit together* to form a whole and how 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes are measured, named and constructed.

Homework will be coming weekly after the first week. It will be handed out on Tuesdays and return is expected on Friday.

I welcome any questions from parents if a child has become uncertain of the requirements of a homework task.

Mr Michael Burgess
Health Form 2019

Health Forms were emailed in January for all families to complete and return to school by 4th February. It is important that we receive this completed form so that we have the most up to date information in case of an emergency regarding your child. If you haven’t already done so, please return the completed Health Form as soon as possible. Thank you.

ALL-NEW LUNCH ORDER MENU – TERM 1!
Lunch items provided by the Norwood Café & Takeaway

Monday:
- Ham Roll (with butter) $3.00
- Ham & Cheese Roll (with butter) $3.50
- Ham, Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato Roll (with butter) $4.50
- Chicken Salad Wrap $4.50
- Warm, Grilled Honey Soy Chicken Noodle Salad $3.50
  (vermicelli noodles, grilled chicken, shredded cabbage, carrot and cucumber with sweet chilli dressing)
- Fresh Fruit Salad $3.00

Friday:
- Grilled Veggie Burger $4.80
- Grilled Chicken Burger $4.80
- Honey Soy Chicken Rice Paper Roll $3.00
  (Honey soy chicken, rice noodles, lettuce, mint, coriander, cucumber & pickled carrot)
- Steamed Dim Sim (with soy sauce) $0.60 each
- Fresh Fruit Salad $3.00
- Bulla Frozen Yoghurt $1.50

Orders are placed on the day with your child’s home group teacher. Payment by cash is given to the home group teacher. For your convenience, lunch orders can be charged to your school account. If you have not previously paid on account and would like to do so, please email the office to authorise this (on the first occasion only): admin@lps.tas.edu.au
“Other information ...”

CHOIR 2019

This year, we will be having Choir for interested students from Groups 3-6 at 3:00pm on Mondays. It will finish at 3:30, and you can pick your child up from the Multipurpose Hall at 3:30. We will be performing at Singfest this year, so although Choir is an optional lesson, students will be expected to attend every rehearsal and be fully committed to the group. Rehearsals start next Monday. You are welcome to come and listen to the ends of our rehearsals if you promise not to talk and distract the students. Performing for you is a lovely way to wrap up a rehearsal! If you are a pianist who might like to come and accompany us, please catch me at the back gate; we would love to have you.

Mrs Angela Chapman

Term 1 in Health and Physical Education

Students will need to come to school in their sports uniform on these days:

- **Prep/Group 1** – Sport and Health lessons will be on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**.
- **Groups 2/3** – Group 2 and 3 students will have sport lessons on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Swimming for Group 2/3 students will commence on Thursday in Week 3 and run until Week 10.
- **Groups 4/5/6** – Sport and Health lessons will be on **Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday** afternoons, depending on which group children are in. They have been advised of this and have timetables in folders to remind them. They will also have Sport every **Friday** afternoon. Beginning on Tuesday 19th February students will have sports training every Tuesday from 3pm -4pm at the LPS.

Miss Sarah McCambridge

Back Gate Collection of Students

With Kindergarten and Early Learning students temporarily working upstairs in the Multi-Purpose Hall, there are extra families entering and exiting the main pedestrian gate on Olive Street.

To relieve this pressure, the senior students (Groups 4, 5 and 6) will be using the pedestrian gate at the car park as their collection point. Teachers will be on the lookout for parents and try to co-ordinate the collection of older and younger siblings but if they come to you from different gates, don’t be surprised!

The younger children will be trying to make room for clear entry to the MPH by Early Learning and Kindergarten carers between 3.00pm and 3.20pm.

This will only be until third term when the redevelopment of the dedicated Early Learning and Kindergarten building becomes available once again.

Thank you for bearing with us in the meantime.
THE LPS GROUP 2–6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL
WILL BE HELD ON Thursday 28th February
9.30am to 12.00pm at the Riverside Pool.

Children will be required to wear their bathers and sports uniform to school on Thursday 28th February. Please ensure your children are at school prior to 8.45am. The buses will be departing for the pool at 9.00am sharp. Children will return to school on the bus in time for normal afternoon classes at school. Parents will therefore NOT be collecting children from the carnival.

Children will need to bring the following NAMED items:

- Towel
- Goggles (optional)
- Sunscreen
- Hair brush
- Underwear
- Packed lunch and full drink flask

Events will run in the following order, with each event starting with Group 6 working down to Group 2:

- 33m Freestyle
- 33m Breaststroke
- 8m Pool Races
- 33m Backstroke
- 66m Freestyle
- 4 X 33m House relays

If you are available to help out on the day as an official please let Miss McCambridge know by emailing sport@lps.tas.edu.au.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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New Library Books!

Each year, we purchase new books for our school library using the money that the students raise through their stalls at the end-of-year BBQ/Picnic. Look at all the beautiful books we have been able to purchase so far this year!

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Are you looking to join a Netball Club?

*Heritage Islanders Netball Club is the club for you!*

If you are aged between 8-16 years old, and want to have some fun, or learn a new sport, come along Thursday nights to Hobblers Bridge, Centre Court 1 at 4:30 pm, commencing 7th February.

Contact: Annette Griffin …… 0475 682 123 for more information.