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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE



With current Public Health Advice urging us to stay home and get tested if we have cold or 'flu like symptoms, we have seen quite a lot of student absence. Thank you for contacting our office to let us know when your child is away. However it is important to obtain a Medical Certificate after 5 days of a child's non-attendance due to illness.

This is a Department of Education policy and we are required to implement it. If your child is not sick it is critical that they attend school, 1 day off a fortnight equates to 20 days of learning missed in a year, which is 4 weeks! A day a week off and they have nearly missed a term. It is difficult for teachers to continue to deliver a learning program successfully to children with high absenteeism. Often they do not have the evidence of learning to accurately assess students. While we know we have to follow the current advice from Public Health we also know that high attendance correlates with maximum achievement for student learning outcome, every day at school counts.

Every end of the day at school counts too. Please pick your children up at 2:45 pm, the end of the school day and if this is not possible on a regular basis you are able to access Out of School Hours Care in our hall, by contacting the Clarence Council. Teachers and Administrative Staff are not available to supervise students after 2:45pm, as they have many other commitments to ensure your children have the best possible learning opportunities planned for them.

**Regards,
Cathy Young**

FROM THE OFFICE

Student Absences

A reminder to parents/carers to advise the school office if their child is unable to attend school due to illness or any other reason.

We require the parent to provide a certificate from a medical practitioner if their child's non-attendance due to illness extends beyond five days.

When going on [holidays](#), please put in writing the dates the student/s will be away and the day he/she is returning to school.

There are many ways to contact the school when your child is absent from school by 9:30am.

- By phone (6244 1897)
- Email montagu.bay.primary@education.tas.gov.au

Signing Students in/out

To ensure we have an accurate record of student attendance, we ask that any student arriving at school later than 9:00 am or leaving for any reason during the school day be signed in or out at the school office.

Message to Students

If you need to get a message to your child, please contact the school before 2:15 pm to ensure enough time for us to pass the message on.

Uncollected Students Procedure

- All students should be collected by an adult on dismissal from their classroom, unless they are old enough to exit the school grounds unaccompanied or are attending After School Care in which case they

after this time. This enables us to produce a family report for you in the morning so you will know which families need photos.

By going online, there is no provision of cash. Parents will receive an email confirming their order, so all orders and payments are trackable.

If you have lost you the Access key to order, the number is 74XTU5NS and follow the directions from there.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

On Friday 11th September we will be participating in Walk Safely to School Day. We will be meeting at Simmons Park from 8:10am, ready to leave to walk to school at 8:20am. We are encouraging as many children as possible to participate in this important event as it promotes the health benefits of walking and helps to create regular walking habits. We ask that students do not bring scooters or bikes to this event.



We hope to see you there!

National eSmart Week 6th-12th September 2020

National eSmart week is a week where communities come together to encourage everyone to be smart, safe and responsible when using digital technology.

This year's National eSmart Week theme is Connecting Safely.

How do you connect safely when you are online?

Uniform shop

Uniform orders can now be placed through the QKR app.

Orders placed before Wednesday each week, will be processed on Thursday and delivered to the child's class.

Uniform and second hand items still available at the school uniform shop, email joanne.baldwin@education.tas.gov.au to see what is available.

Canteen

No Cash for lunch orders - Use QKR - Recess & lunch over counter items accepted with cash. We will be staying with limited items on the canteen menu until we have regular volunteers in to help on Fridays. You can volunteer by emailing Louise – louise.wilson@education.tas.gov.au or using Schoolzine tab – **Canteen Help Form**. We are only after one volunteer per session.

Lost – please help!

Blue Bontrager MTB Bike Helmet.

On Thursday 13th at the school bike parking area.

If found please contact Craig on 0467 718 754.

Entertainment Book

For a limited time, our school community is invited to trial the Entertainment Membership for 6 weeks!

Entertainment Memberships are packed with thousands of incredible savings across local dining, activities, travel and shopping experiences. You can enjoy more of what you love for the best value.

Start your trial and start saving today:

- No payment details required
- It's easy to register, simply go to www.entbook.com.au/240919h
- Download the Entertainment App from the App Store or Google Play and start using
- 6 week trial only available between 24th August – 13th September 2020.

After you have discovered the value of an Entertainment Membership, you can support our school by purchasing a Membership to receive 12 months of incredible savings, visit the website below to support us.

<http://www.entbook.com.au/240919h>

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Purchase your Membership today and support us to reach our fundraising goal for 2020.

Simply order online through our school's order page:

<http://www.entbook.com.au/240919h>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Fiona Rawson on 0458063040.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

There are many ways to find out what is going on in the school.

Add the App to your phone so that all information is at your fingertips. (Flyer Attached below)

- **Schoolzine Calendar:** You can access letters from home and forms from the calendar. Click on calendar, click on event then view event then view flyer. (This will have further information about the event)
- **Montagu Bay Primary Website Calendar** - <https://montagubayprimary.education.tas.edu.au>
- Outside Noticeboards in Early Childhood and Upper Primary
- **Calendar of Events** outside the office.
- Paper copies of **Newsletters** outside the Office