Key Dates for 2017

**Mon 13th Regatta Day Public Holiday**

**2017 Term Dates**

**Term 1**
Wed 8th Feb – Thurs 13th April

**EASTER BREAK**
14th - 18th April

**Term 2**
Mon 1st May – Fri 17th July

**Term 3**
Mon 24th July – Fri 29th Sep

**Term 4**
Mon 16th Oct – Thurs 21st Dec

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**From the Principal**
A very warm welcome back to school. It has been great, over the last few weeks, to see staff hard at work preparing for the year ahead. Even better was to see all of that effort capped off with such a positive day, full happy faces. It was a particularly special day for those starting kindergarten and for all of those new to the school, including me. I would like to thank all the students, parents and staff who have offered me such a warm welcome to South Arm. I have had an excellent introduction to the school and look forward to working with you all over the next two terms.

We will have a new Kindergarten teacher this year, Judith Kerrisk. Judy comes most recently from Lauderdale Primary, she has years of experience teaching early childhood classes in both Launceston and Hobart. To assist with transition, Jenny Gardner is working in the class for the start of the year. It was wonderful, when I visited them while they played at the start of the day, and when I met them again later during library time, to see how settled and engaged the kinder students were.
Indeed, it was marvellous to see, throughout the school, all the signs of classes being set up, routines established and relationships developed or renewed. Students were singing songs, making hand prints, telling stories and writing about themselves, doing mental maths, listening to class novels, borrowing library books, working on computers and investigating their rooms. At the very beginning of the day I reminded students of the school values and the Be S.M.A.R.T agreements and told them that teachers would be keeping their eyes out for students who were demonstrating those values in their words and actions. Within no time, the golden ticket collection started piling up.

On Tuesday, teachers worked together reviewing the school’s operational plan. We also spent time analysing data, in particularly reviewing last year’s very positive NAPLAN results. It is a testament to all involved that, in almost all areas, the relative gain for students at the school was above both the State average and that of similar schools. We look forward to being able to build on that success.

I was also very impressed by the enthusiasm students demonstrated for books and reading during yesterday’s first library classes. Library lessons are every Wednesday and we request that each child has a bag (a plastic one is fine) to protect the books. K-2 students can borrow two books and those in 3-6 can take out five books at a time. Homework and home readers were also already going home last night.

Thanks again to those I have met so far for the warm welcome. I look forward to meeting more of you, and getting to know the South Arm community, over the coming weeks. If you have any issues or ideas to discuss, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me through the school office. I look forward to working constructively with you all to realise the promise of this positive start.

Mr Lord will be with us for Term 1 & 2 while Mr Cranwell is on leave.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Judy Kerrisk into our Kinder/Melaleuca classroom.
Learning a new song and reading a story in Melaleuca
Getting set up for 2017

Correa
Hard at work in Acacia
What are the school rules again?
Ice-creams

Ice-creams will be sold outside the gym Wednesdays 1.10 - 1.20pm starting Wednesday 15th February

80c minis / icy poles
$1.20 all others
All profits continue to support Ebriham through World Vision
Thanks for your support
**BIRTHDAY BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY**

New school parents and carers may not be aware that a few years ago we heard of a great idea that another school was using and decided to adopt the idea ourselves as a way to help the library. If your child is having a birthday, we would love it if you donated a book to the school library in their name. A certificate stating who the book has been donated by, and their date of birth, will be placed in the book. It is a wonderful way for your child to help build the school library and to share their celebration with their schoolmates.

Donations can be left at the school office. Please write your child’s name and their date of birth on a loose piece of paper inside the book.

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**Student Birthdays**

**January**

1st Catie Connolly  
7th Levi Voss  
11th Oliver Hayes  
11th Oska Hayes  
13th Harry Hacker  
18th Finn Haley  
24th Konan Mills-Szeles  
28th Anna Hicks

**February**

2nd Evelyn Crouch  
8th Ella Crow  
9th Toby Lawrence  
10th Oscar Aliendi  
10th Felix Woods  
7th Charlie Vaughan  
14th Asha Vaughan

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**Everyone**
SOUTH ARM
SKOOLBAG APP

Available to download for free on your iPhone or iPad Android
Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 Device users

Regular school updates and alerts
Newsletter & School events
Calendar

Information on installation available at the office

Move Well Eat Well

Fresh fruit and veg are better than juice

Too much juice = too many natural sugars. This puts your child at risk of tooth decay.

Fresh fruit and veg are better because they:
- Provide an easy and filling snack
- Supply fibre to prevent constipation
- Add variety to the diet
- Taste great and come in different textures and colours

For more information and for family ideas on healthy eating and physical activity visit
www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au

Department of Health and Human Services
Population Health Services

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South Arm Primary Breakfast Club volunteers needed!

If you have one morning a week that you could come in and run breakfast club or if you would be interested in running the program please let us know at the school office.

LOST PROPERTY
To help us out with lost property this year, we would really appreciate it if all children could have their names on their uniform. Please do not forget to rename items that you have been given.

We have a stand of free uniform items available in the office.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Please phone the school office if your child is going to be absent

WEDNESDAYS
SCHOOL BANKING

School Levies have now been issued. Thank you to those families who have already paid.

If you would like to make arrangements for instalment payments please contact the school office.

EFTPOS facilities are available.
Community Yoga 2.30pm Sundays @ South Arm Primary Gym $10

New class

**Monday Mediation** 7.30pm

See South Arm Community Yoga on Face Book for more info to book

*50% Donated to South Arm Primary School*

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**Restorative Yoga**

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**Support local business and shop locally**

**Come and support your local pharmacy**

Call in & let us know your email address or email us at info@southarmpharmacy.com.au

**OPENING HOURS**

*Weekdays 8.30am–6pm*

*Saturdays 9am–12noon*

Please phone the pharmacy if this doesn't suit you and we can make alternative arrangements.

We will home deliver medicines

Shop 4, 3120 South Arm Road

South Arm

Ph. 6239 9529

info@southarmpharmacy.com.au

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**We need to wear a hat when we are outside**

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A HAT (with their name on it)

School hats available at the office.

Slouch Hat $14.00

Bucket Hat $13.00
OUR SCHOOL VALUES
Creating Our Futures

RESPECT
I value myself and others
I care for my belongings and those of others
I do the right thing even when no-one is watching
I am honest and own my behaviour

SAFETY
I have the right to be safe at school
I do no harm
I think before I act
I care, I share, I’m fair

LEARNING
I listen, I learn, I ask
I enjoy and celebrate achievement
I accept positive challenges
I learn from my choices

COMMUNITY
I belong
I am responsible for myself and others
I play my part

Supporting a Positive Learning Environment

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