



HUONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Forward Honourably

Key Dates for 2017

Thur 13 April
(Student Free Day)
(Moderation Day)
Term 1 ends

Thur 13 April
to Fri 28 April
Easter & Holiday break

Mon 1 May
Term 2 starts

Fri 7 July
Term 2 ends

Tues 25 July
Term 3 starts

Fri 29 Sept
Term 3 ends

Mon 16 Oct
Term 4 starts

Thur 21 Dec
Term 4 Ends

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Message from the Principal

Term 1 has been an extremely busy and productive one here at Huonville High School. The Zayed Future Energy Project was officially launched recently by The Honourable Will Hodgman, MP, Premier of Tasmania, with congratulations to the Zayed Future Energy Team for planning and running an outstanding event.

In conjunction with the primary school we have also begun the Middle Schools Literacy Project, and all Year 7s have engaged with the Let's Get Together diversity program, including participating in a Hobart Human Library session.

The 2018 Vietnam & Cambodia Project was officially launched at a parent information session with a fantastic response to this biennial event, and the organisation for the 2017 JAPEC Japan trip is also well underway with the students' excitement building as this draws nearer.

Former student, His Excellency Mr Paul Robilliard, the Australian Ambassador to Thailand, visited us to speak to students and staff about his time at the school.

Sexual Assault Support Service (SASS)

Sessions were held with all Year 7-12s addressing the underlying causes and harmful impacts of family violence and different types of sexual violence, with the aim to reduce the incidence of these by promoting respectful behaviours amongst young people. Student, staff and community workshops were held to increase the capacity of the school community to respond to reports and disclosures of sexual assault.

Student sessions included:

- Ethical sexual decision making
- Bystander behaviour and social change
- “Sexting”, technology use and online behaviours
- Pornography versus intimacy
- Sexual abuse and harassment minimisation

The community session was held last night but if you would like any further information we can readily put you in contact with the facilitator.

Uniform

There is an expectation that all students wear the recommended school uniform at school, during school functions and while on school excursions. There are compelling reasons for our students to feel as if they are part of a school that is proud of its identity and that treats everyone equally. Other factors in our desire to have our students looking great and abiding by our policy include;

1. Being cost effective
2. Promoting a sense of unity, pride and good community spirit
3. Enhancing the school’s image

A recent snapshot saw nearly 96% of students in a minimum of a proper school top. The focus to date has been on ensuring that the top at least is in line with school expectations. Other aspects will be addressed strategically through the term and year. An example of this is the inclusion at the last School Association Meeting of a school branded hooded top, and plain navy blue puffer jacket.

We also have items to loan students who are unable to be in uniform any particular day.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 7 and 9 will be sitting the annual NAPLAN test in week two of next term (9th, 10th and 11th May). As a staff, we will be giving the following messages to students. It would be greatly appreciated if you could reinforce them at home.

- NAPLAN is a national test – everyone across the country is doing it.
- NAPLAN gives us a picture or snapshot of what you know (it’s about what you know, not what you don’t know!).
- Your answers show us how we can help you improve.
- It’s a good chance to practice your skills.
- Have a go and do your best.

Have a safe and enjoyable Easter and term break, we look forward to seeing everyone back ready to learn on May 1st.

Geoff Williamson
Principal

Boredom BUSTERS
FREE Holiday Activities

Date	Activity	Location	Age
Tue 25 January	Anzac Day Public Holiday		
Wed 26 April	Fishing Day	Dover	Age 13-17
Thu 27 April	Ice Skating	Glenorchy	Age 13-17
Fri 28 April	Games Day	Huonville	Age 13-17
Thu 20 April	Skate Day	Huonville	
Fri 21 April	Games Day	Huonville	Age 13-17

Details

The Skate Day	12:00 - 15:00
Games Day PCYC	10:00 - 17:00
Fishing Day Dover Wharf	11:00 - 17:00
Ice Skating	Free bus from Dover. Bookings essential. Contact: 62640300 for details or text 0417 364 261

Light refreshment will be provided at all events

For any additional information please contact
Huon Valley Council Youth Services
62 64 0374 or
Text 0417 346 261

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News from the Maths Department

- On Thursday 30th March, 26 students from Grades 7-10 entered the Tasmanian Mathematical Association problem solving competition. This is an excellent opportunity to compete against students from other Tasmanian schools as well as having some fun. Student results will be known mid Term 2. Students will have another opportunity to compete in the Australian Mathematics competition in July.
- A reminder that students can come along to SOI during Monday and Wednesday lunch breaks and get some extra help with their maths with Mrs Semmens or Mrs Riley.
- We have entered a school team in the junior section of the APSMO Maths Olympiads / Maths Games for 2017. This involves students working together as a team solving problems and will form the basis of a 7/8 maths extension group. Maths teachers will nominate students to be part of this exciting challenge or students can also express their interest to Mrs Semmens.
- NAPLAN week is the second week of Term 2 (9-11th April). The Numeracy component for Grade 7 and 9 students will be a 60 minute assessment on Thursday 11th April.

Engineering Challenge 2017

I have been lucky enough to attend the UTAS Science and Engineering Challenge which is difficult to get into. It fills up in the first week and I have to register before the new school year even starts.

As occurred last year, we were coming in first place at lunchtime which is very exciting. We'll see if we can stay there but we are competing against last years state champions.

The events are similar to last year except that the hovercraft building challenge has been changed to a fibre optics messaging task. The events are:

Helter Skelter Shelter- a building design task that has to cope with an earthquake

ElectraCity-an electricity networking task
Mars Rover-a vehicle that has to cope with a very rough surface

Catapult-how far can you throw that tennis ball!

Flatpack-a table and chair design task that needs to withstand some massive weights
Grasping at straws-a hand building task

All the students were really engaged in their tasks and looked fantastic in their uniforms. We were competing against 6 private schools and one state school and the competition was fierce. All the students should be very proud of their accomplishments. I was privileged to have the opportunity to take them. Here is what they said about the experience:

Zephyryn, 'It is a great competition.'

Kerry, 'ElectraCity was a lot of fun because it was a hands on engineering experience.'

Bre and Christine, 'It's an awesome experience and worth going!'

Jason Lunden
Teacher

Welcome to Sabina Nowak

Hello everyone! My name is Sabina Nowak and I'm a new teacher at Huonville High School. I moved down to Tassie at the start of this year from Canberra, and am enjoying this opportunity. I teach English and Humanities to grades 7 and 8. It's been wonderful settling into the role and getting to know the students. I'm looking forward to rest of the year and what lies ahead.



Calendar 2017

12 April	Grade 7-10 Assembly Multi Purpose Room – Primary School
13 April	Student Free Day – Moderation Day
11 May	2016 11/12 Awards Presentation Night
9-11 May	NAPLAN
17 May	Cross Country
26 May	Immunisations – Grade 7
1 June	School Photos
1 June	Gr 7-10 School Assembly
18 Sept	Grade 7 & 8 Drama Show - 6 Decades of bullying
21 June	Gr 7-10 School Assembly
7 July	Gr 7-10 School Assembly
12 Dec	Swimming Carnival Grades 7-9

Year 10 Parent and Student Information Session

On **Tuesday 23rd May** all current Year 10 students and parents/carers are invited to an information evening to look at what Huonville High School will be offering in 2018 for Year 11s. This will provide information to students and parents regarding possible options, with alignment to those interested in attaining a Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) or a qualification through the Huon Valley Trade Training Centre.

Further information will be provided through school notices and on our Face book page.



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