

Welcome back
2011

Wednesday 23rd February
(Launceston Cup Day)

General Information you need to know...

IS NOT A PUBLIC HOLIDAY
AND SCHOOL WILL
PROCEED AS NORMAL



STUDENT BANKING 2011.

Student Banking will be every Tuesday morning commencing 22nd February.
Primary students' bank books will be collected from their classrooms.

Secondary Students can leave their bank books at the office before school.

New account packs are available from the office.

CommonwealthBank 

STUDENT ID CARDS \$3.00 EACH

ID Cards are distributed to grades 9 and 10 students at the beginning of the year to be used for school programs run throughout the year. Replacement cards or new cards for other students are available through the school office at a cost of \$3ea.

To be kept up to date with school information please visit our school website:

www.schools.education.tas.gov.au/stmarys

2011 STUDENT INFORMATION VALIDATION FORMS

All students received an Information Validation Form with their stationery at book sales this year. We ask that you make any required changes to your child's details and return the form to school as soon as possible ensuring that you have signed the form in the section titled **verification of enrolment information** at the end of the form. A guide to the Annual Validation Form published by the Education Department is available from the office, if you require further information about the process.

The annual validation form:

Schools and colleges are required to provide parents, guardians and independent students with this validation form each year or after the student changes school. The forms allow you to check our information and make any corrections or additions. Information about parents, guardians and the student is vital to us. Correct personal, emergency and medical information is needed to make sure that we look after students in a responsible manner. You may be contacted by us to provide additional or missing information.

Questions you might have:

What if my details change after this?

If any information changes, you should notify us. Separate forms are available to change either the student's name, personal details or medical conditions.

Why do I need to provide details of my background on the enrolment form?

The Federal Government now requires schools to provide a greater level of information. This form includes the details for national reporting. This information is used to measure the achievements of students from various backgrounds. Individuals are not identified. These new measures have been put in place to ensure that student performance is not unduly influenced by socioeconomic background or other student characteristics and to promote an education system that is fair for all Australian students.

Other important information we would like you be aware of:

Head Lice

Checking and treating children's hair for head lice is a parent/guardian responsibility. Schools may arrange head checks **without prior permission from parents. Students found to be infested will be withdrawn from close contact with other children and will need to be collected** quickly from school for treatment.

Permission for minor excursions

Activities that are part of our school's curriculum, such as visits to museums and parks, no longer require parent permission. Permission slips for individual excursions or activities are no longer sent home. However, you will still be informed prior to the excursion through our newsletter, student diary or other notice. If you do not want the student to participate, you will need to give written notice and state the reasons for withdrawing from the activity. Overnight excursions and activities that have an inherent risk will require a separate permission form.

Transporting the student in an emergency

In an emergency, the student will be moved to a safe place for appropriate care. This may be by ambulance or other form of transportation so that the student may be provided with appropriate care or treatment. Transportation costs are the responsibility of the person signing the enrolment form.



Calow's Coaches would like to announce a new Saturday service has commenced (running during school terms only).

Bus will depart at 8am from St Helens. Depart Launceston at 4.00pm. There will also be a connection to Hobart.

For more information or to make a booking ring Tracea on 03/63725166, email calowscoaches@bigpond.com or check out full timetable on our website www.calowscoaches.com.

Early Learning Programs

Launching into learning and Stepping Stones will commence Thursday 10th March.

Please check out the school website for updates and start times.

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A healthy mouth is important for eating, speaking and good general health and wellbeing.

As parents we want to give our children the best start in life and protecting your child's smile is a great start.

Oral Health Services Tasmania welcomes all children **under 18** years of age, including preschoolers.

All children are examined **free** of charge. Treatment following the examination is free if your child is:

- Under 6 years of age, or
- Covered by a current Health Care Card or Concession Card

However, for all other children a flat fee of \$50 is charged for all treatments following examination and diagnosis.

To make an appointment, please call:

Sorell	6265 6615
Clarence	6211 4590
St Marys	6372 2488

To help us understand the dental needs of your family, could you please complete this short questionnaire and return it to your school next week.

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1. Does your family have regular dental check ups?

☐ YES ☐ NO

2. Do you have difficulty accessing a dental clinic for your family?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES – what are the barriers?

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3. Have you seen the Information Sheet about Dental Services for Children and Adolescents?

☐ YES ☐ NO