Students off to a Great Start

Grade 9/10 Science
Grade 10 students are learning about heredity of physical traits, genetics, pedigrees and how these are expressed in families. Students may have come home investigating hair colour, looking for widow’s peaks or which thumb is on top during a hand clasp in an attempt to identify the parent responsible for their physical traits. Strawberries and bananas have been used in DNA extraction. Students expecting to see double helix structures were surprised by the stringy white gloop that appears as thousands of strands of DNA group together. The double helix is way too small for our eyes to see. Students are also making models of DNA have shown their knowledge of just what makes up the double helix. Report continued on back page.

Ms Jill Bennett

Grade 10B students extracting DNA from strawberries and banana.

Primary SRC
Last week upper primary classes held elections for Primary SRC. We held our first meeting on Friday 20th to discuss the expectations and come up with some ideas about what we would like to do. We are all very excited about our new roles and looking forward to fundraising and making improvements to our school.

Mrs Kathleen Hodges

Primary SRC members for 2015 (from front) Courtney Goss and Braxon Gibson 2/3 Sheedy/Green, Jake Quinn and Sharni Rowbottom 3/4 Summers, Ella Mason and Jake Howard 5 Hodges and Jack Jones and Nathaniel Butler 5/6 Marshall.
From the Principal

This week we welcome our Launching into Learning children and families. Mrs Illingworth has been very busy preparing some wonderful learning experiences for their first day.

We are now in Week Four of the school year and student learning, our core business, is well underway. You will receive a report at the end of Week Six indicating how well your child has settled in and is progressing so far.

Parents and families are invited to an information sharing ‘Open Afternoon and Evening’ on Thursday March 5th. We strongly urge you to come along and find out about the learning in which your child will be involved this year.

It was my very great pleasure to attend the first Primary Assembly, hosted by Mr Marshall’s class. The assembly began with the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land, followed by the National Anthem. The sharing of science reports, poetry, stories, art-work, singing and more, showed the high level of students’ engagement with their learning.

In staff meetings this term, teachers have been working on developing their skills with the teaching of Writing, planning the scopes and sequences of learning for the year and examining student data so that they can tailor learning experiences to suit individual need. At our Data Meeting, we also welcomed Mrs Abbi Dean, one of the Learning Services Northern Region’s Lead Teachers. Mrs Dean will be supporting our school with Literacy and Numeracy teaching and learning.

Sun-safety and hats

As you are aware, Cressy District High School is a Sun-smart school. This means we promote a high standard of sun protection. Our lovely new shade-sails are up and there is ample shady seating. All staff and students are expected to wear hats when outside during Terms One and Four. This means that hats need to be worn whether one is sitting in the shade or not – this rule is not up for debate.

Mrs Victoria Harrison - Principal

How old is Cressy District High School?

In 2014, based on the available information at that time, Cressy District High School celebrated its 150 years celebrations. At his visit to help celebrate the anniversary, the then Governor of Tasmania, the Honourable Peter Underwood AC informed us of his belief that the school is actually older than 150 years. The Governor invited us to visit Government House when we had further researched the issue.

Mrs Helen Howard, a local Cressy resident and retired Cressy school-teacher, conducted research to help discover the actual age of the school.

There are two more accurate findings:

1. John and Olivia Hodggets started a school in a chapel (religious/secular) in 1838. This would make Cressy District High School 177 years old this year.

2. The first proof/records exist that there was a Cressy School in 1848 that was part of the state education system. This would make Cressy District High School 167 years old this year.

Sadly, the Honourable Peter Underwood AC passed away in 2014 but the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Justice Alan Blow, OAM and Mrs Blow hosted the Cressy District High School visit to Government House.

Student leaders, Jemimah Clifford and Maddison Campbell were interviewed about the visit by the Country Courier. The interview will be published in an upcoming addition of the Country Courier.

Congratulations to Mr Daniel Kroon and his wife Catherine, on the new addition to their family, Amelie. A gorgeous little sister for Archie. Welcome to the Cressy family Amelie.

Photo courtesy of The Examiner.
# Calendar of Events

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## Grade 10 Basketball Team

The Grade 10 Boys Basketball team played their first game against Scotch Oakburn College at the Scotch gym last week. After a gallant effort by Cressy, Scotch ended up eventual winners, the final scores being 19 to 28. Pictured below are team members.

Luke Walford, Logan Hotene, Daniel McCullagh, Joel Foster-Bailey, Mathew Hayward, Aaron Saltmarsh, Xavier Cherdron and Alex Cross.

## Year 11 and 12 at Cressy

On Tuesday 10th March there will be a community meeting to discuss developments with Year 11 and 12 proposals for Cressy District High School. Please come and share your thoughts so that we can advise the Minister.

Donna Ritchie Room Tuesday 10th March - 7.00pm to 7.30pm
DUE SOON
CURRENT SECONDARY ASSIGNMENT REMINDERS

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Cressy is a Peanut Aware School
You may or may not be aware that Cressy District High School is a peanut aware school. This is because we have three students in our school who are allergic to peanuts and will suffer anaphylactic reactions if they come into contact with peanuts.

So what is anaphylaxis?

**Anaphylaxis** (pronounced anna-fill-axis) is the most serious type of allergic reaction. It can progress very quickly and may cause death without proper medical attention.

**How can you help support these students?**

- Where possible do not supply product in lunch boxes that contain peanuts.
- Encourage your children to wash their hands when they have finished eating peanut products if they have been brought to school.
- If you know that one of the students allergic to peanuts is in their class please talk to them about the importance of not sitting next to them at recess or lunch time to eat peanut products and then wash their hands before touching classroom or play ground equipment.

There are some really good websites available that can elaborate on the information above
http://www.allergyfacts.org.au/ this is just one.

Behind the Classroom Door………

Students in 8B have been setting learning goals for the year and starting work in their Core subject areas.

In English we are using the reading strategies of scanning and skimming to understand information text. We are also reading short stories with a twist to their ending. In Geography and History we are learning about poverty and urbanisation in less developed countries.

In Science we are studying states of matter and the periodic table. And in Maths we have revised basic operations and are starting our units of work on fractions, decimals and percentages.

Our class recently hosted the first middle school assembly for the year. We have had a busy start to the year and hope to expand our knowledge and achieve our learning goals throughout this year.

**Miss Briony Bambridge - Class Teacher**
Uniform Shop
Opening Times
Monday 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Thursday 2.50pm - 3.30pm
Inquiries: Mrs Debbie Barnes - 63911220 / 0418 592 854

Canteen Specials $3.50 each
Please place your order on the daily canteen order form.

2nd - 6th March
Nachos

9th - 13th March
Potato Bake

Whitemore Tennis Club Hotshots
When: Monday March 2nd
Where: Whitemore tennis Club, Whitemore Rd
Time: 4.00 - 4.30 for Juniors 3-7
4.00 - 4.45pm for older players up to 16 years of age
Price: $5 per person plus free giveaway pack includes t-shirt, etc
Please bring hat & drink bottle. Sessions will run for four weeks
omitting March 9th long weekend.
If anyone interested in helping out or signing up for family
membership please let me know.
Contact: Kylie Johns on 0400780189 / kylie.johns227@gmail.com
to register your child/children.

Thank you
We would like to thank Mr Phil Moir from Timberlink Australia for donating some much
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We are very grateful!

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The Association is made up of the following clubs;
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e-mail Kath Fleming kath.fleming1@bigpond.com.au
Launceston United - Birch Avenue, Newstead Ph.0408 441 836 (Club Sec)
e-mail morricalby@hotmail.com
Riverside Olympic - Windsor Park, Riverside Ph. 0475 769 043
e-mail riversideolympicjuniortas@gmail.com
Southern Raiders - Prospect Park, Harley Parade, Prospect Ph. 0427 560 117
e-mail southernraiders@gmail.com
North Launceston Eagles - Churchill Park, Invermay Ph. 0423 971 164
e-mail jethob67@gmail.com
Georgetown JSC - Blue Gum Park, Georgetown Ph. 0438 039 286
e-mail lanaharris87@bigpond.com

Deloraine JSC - Deloraine Ph. 0459 032 169
e-mail adam350@yahoo.com.au
Northern Rangers - NTCG Ground Ph. 0448 008 606
e-mail rangers.juniors@gmail.com

To register to play, or for more information please contact one of the above clubs, or
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Maybe you can be the next Asian Cup Champion!!

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DFR Hobart are pleased to announce…
the 2015 Australian Defence Force Academy Roadshow.

ADFA Student Recruitment Officer Vanessa Dawson will be visiting Hobart to conduct a presentation to students in years 10 - 12 who are considering a career as an officer in the Australian Defence Force.

The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) is a tri-service military Academy that provides military and tertiary academic education for junior officers of the ADF in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

Date: Thursday 5th March 2015
Time: 11:30am (approx. 1 hour)
Location: Defence Force Recruiting building, at Anglesea Barracks, Davey Street, Hobart.
Details: Transport to and from the barracks should be arranged by parents
RSVP: to gfrench@dfr.com.au by Tuesday 3rd March 2015, parents are welcome to attend.

Launceston Library Book Fair
Friends of the Library, Launceston's Annual Library Book Fair will be held on Saturday 14 March 2015, 9.00am – 1.00pm at St Ailbe's Hall, 46 Margaret Street, Launceston

Launceston's best book sale with a wide range of good quality donated secondhand books – crime, thrillers, science fiction, romance, children's, cooking, health, travel, crafts, gardening, sports, war, DVDs, collectables and Tasmaniana – all at rock bottom prices.
Refreshments available

Launching into Learning (LIL)
Cressy District High School – 2015
This program is available for Birth – 4 years and will be held every Monday in the Kindergarten classroom.

Session Times:
Toddlers (0 – 3 Years) 9.30 am – 11.00 am
Early Birds (Pre-Kinder – turning 4 years in 2015) 11.30 am – 1.00 pm
If you require any information, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Ms Lyn Illingworth - LIL Teacher 63976281

Come along and join the celebrations
10.30am - Street Parade - leaving Longford RSL
12noon - Pet Parade - on the Village Green
(5 categories); best behaved, best dressed, look-a-like, unusual pet, best tricks
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<td>Mrs Tubb</td>
<td>Jude Hicks, Phoebe Tole</td>
<td>Making a good effort with writing and spelling.</td>
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<td>Mrs Oliver / Mrs Cables</td>
<td>All the Grade 1’s</td>
<td>For being amazing role models to all team members. Thank you.</td>
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<td>Emma Cross, Ty Duggan</td>
<td>Trying hard with all tasks. Being a positive class member and trying hard.</td>
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<td>Mrs Hodges</td>
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<td>Being helpful to others.</td>
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<td>Mr Marshall</td>
<td>Blue Reading Group, Courtney Farrow, Cooper Brazendale, Johny Cross, Maryanne Gleeson-Natoli, Jack Jones, Ty Kennewell</td>
<td>For working in such a co-operative and thoughtful manner. Well Done.</td>
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<td>Mr Wilson</td>
<td>Zac Connell, Jack Rawlinson</td>
<td>For completing the “Clever Travellers” maths inquiry independently.</td>
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<td>7B</td>
<td>Mrs Gower / Mr Rae</td>
<td>Luke Smith</td>
<td>For a dedicated start to your year of learning.</td>
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<td>Ms Bennett</td>
<td>Chay Thomas, Bayley Neil, Declan Dwyer</td>
<td>For showing initiative by helping with canteen. Asking inquiring questions in Science.</td>
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<td>Mrs Denehy / Mr Titmuss</td>
<td>Tristan Acheson, Jemimah Clifford, Toby Chugg, Declan Dwyer, Jordan Jessup</td>
<td>Regular contributions to class discussions.</td>
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<td>Mrs Long</td>
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<td>For helping out daily at breakfast club.</td>
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<td>Mrs Harrison</td>
<td>Patrick Heerey, Brittany Goss</td>
<td>For excellent leadership at the Parents &amp; Friends meeting.</td>
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Whilst in Grade 9 survival and body systems are the term topic. Students have become experts of different systems and as a group are drawing up a person showing where all the organs are placed. The competition is strong to see whose person is the closest to the real thing. A dissection practical allowed students to observe and feel the differences between different body organs. We blew up sheep lungs to show how much air they can hold and the change in appearance (and because this is science and we like blowing things up).

A very big thankyou to Tasmanian Quality Meats, Cressy for donations of plucks (lungs, hearts, livers, kidneys from sheep). We are very grateful to their support.

**Ms Jill Bennett - Science Teacher**

Brittany tries very hard to roll her tongue. Whilst James has no trouble with this genetic trait. Xavier with DNA extracted from a strawberry.

Caitlyn and Taylor (9B) investigating different body organs. Jacob, Jesse and Lachlan (9A) investigating the lungs in a sheep’s pluck.

One of the winning body systems from 9A.