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Principal's Report

As we come to the end of Term 1, there is much to celebrate across our Hellyer College community. With more than half of our students new to the College this year, it has been wonderful to see the way so many have settled into learning, formed connections and embraced their place at Hellyer.

Our staff have continued their strong focus on learning and improvement, recently sharing reflections on their teaching practice with colleagues. This collaborative culture, with students at the centre, underpins the 2026 improvement targets that are included in this newsletter.

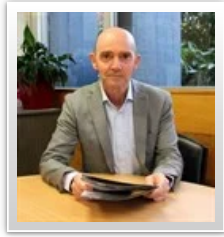
We are extremely proud of the achievements of our students beyond the classroom. Congratulations to Willow Cummins, State winner of the Lions Tasmania Youth of the Year Award, who will represent Tasmania at the national finals in Adelaide in May. We also congratulate Claire Davison on her selection to attend the AFS Youth Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland

later this year—an outstanding opportunity to further develop her leadership and advocacy skills.

At the end of this term, we farewell our Brazilian exchange students, Leo and Kailane. They have spoken warmly of the kindness and inclusion shown to them by our community, and we will miss the positivity they brought to Hellyer College. We wish them safe travels home.

While many students have had a positive start to the year, we remain mindful that some face ongoing challenges, and that the holiday period can be difficult for some young people. Our wellbeing team continues to work closely with students and families to provide support. We welcome contact from you to discuss ways that we can assist if your child is experiencing difficulty attending college or engaging in their learning program.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for your ongoing care and commitment. I wish everyone a safe and refreshing break and look forward to all that we will achieve together in Term 2.



Shane Cleaver
Principal



A busy term on the stage and behind the scenes

Drama and Technical Theatre students have had a busy term building on their skills and knowledge. As part of these courses, students must analyse live theatre performances. This term we saw DoMaur Productions' Jagged Little Pill and Mudlark Theatre Company's Things I Know To Be True. We are looking forward to travelling to Launceston early next term to view IO Performance's How My Light Is Spent. Next term these students

will also be involved in their own mid-year play to be performed in the Hellyer College Drama Room on Monday June 15 and Tuesday June 16. Save the date and support these amazing young people!



Addams Family Musical creeping up

Rehearsals are well underway and our spooky and kooky casts are working hard. We are currently seeking donations for our raffle - to be drawn on closing night. If you or anyone you know would be interested in supporting us by donating a prize or purchasing advertising space in our program, please contact Rebecca Wells on 6435 5200 or email rebecca.wells@decyp.tas.gov.au

The Addams Family Musical will be performed at Burnie Arts from August 7-15, 2026. Tickets for our musical will go on sale soon!

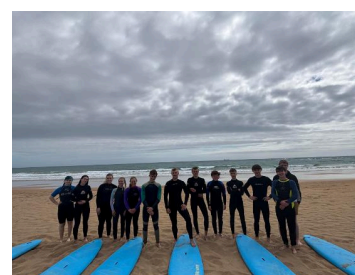




some awesome waves. George Greham caught the wave of the day, surfing all the way to shore. The following week, we put our snorkelling skills to the test and snorkelled at Burnie Beach. We saw a range of fish and enjoyed being in the water.

More recently, we went on our first camp of the year to the Walls of Jerusalem. When we arrived at the trail head, it was 2 degrees (felt like -12). We had our packs on our backs with all our gear inside. The first part of the walk was tough. It was steep, cold and a shock to the system. When we finally arrived at Trappers Hut (2 hours in) we knew the walk would be slightly easier. Undulating some might say. When we finally reached our campsite (after 5 hours of walking), we were stoked. We set up camp and began cooking our dinner. After dinner, we talked, played Uno and enjoyed each other's company (even though there were mixed emotions from the day). The next morning, we celebrated Oli's birthday with cake, muffins and party hats. We laughed at some of the memories from the day before and identified things we were grateful for. Finlay took a moment to remember a positive from the day before, but he got there in the end. The second day went quicker than the first. We reminisced throughout the walk and our spirits continued to rise the closer we got to the bus. Special shout out to Russi Sturzaker for keeping the vibes high. An hour into the bus ride to Hellyer College, students were most excited about getting phone service after not having it for over 24 hours.

All students in the Line 1 Outdoor Education class have been pushed outside their comfort zones throughout the term. We are learning that we are strongest when we work together and know that doing challenging things is good for us. We look forward to making more memories together in Term 2.



Line 1 Outdoor Education

The Line 1 Outdoor Education class has had a busy start to the year. In the first few weeks, we participated in a range of team building activities and completed our water orientation at the Burnie Pool and Health Glow. This involved a swim test, learning the basics of snorkelling and how to flip and get out of a kayak. All of these activities were done in a safe and welcoming environment.

We then made our way to the local beach and learnt how to surf. We were blessed with good swell and spent the lesson laughing, falling off and some of us caught

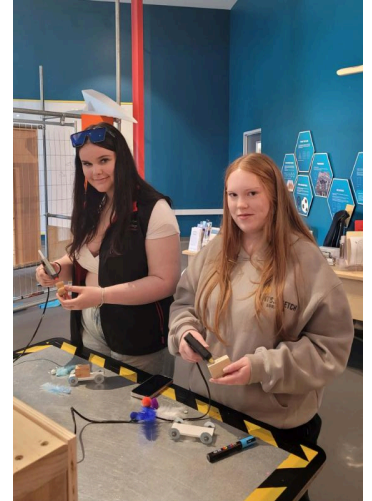


Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club plaque presentation with Mohammad and Jules from Variety Tasmania. Variety Club generously fund our daily Breakfast Club and we are very grateful for their ongoing support.



Gnomon Farm, Cradle Mountain Hotel, Devils@Cradle and Peppers Lodge. Onsite tours make learning more relevant, hands-on, and engaging whilst supporting students to be better prepared for future employment.



International Students

During Term 1 the International Students visited Wings Wildlife Park to see the animals native to Tasmania and Australia. They also saw some Capibaras, a native animal to Brazil which was very exciting. The highlight for them was hand feeding the wallabies and kangaroos. They also visited Cradle Mountain and were lucky enough of have a clear day and could clearly see the mountain and walk amongst the environment. A highlight was seeing the mountain and a close up view of a wombat.



Exchange Student- Leo and his time in Outdoor Education

Leo is an exchange student from Brazil, and has been at Hellyer since the start of term 1. Sadly, we're saying goodbye to him at the end of term 1. Leo has been a great student in Outdoor Education 2, Line 4 class, bringing so much energy and fun to this class.

In a recent reflection project, Leo said the following: "My favourite things about this class were the variety of things that I had never done in my life, and that here I had the opportunity to do them. I learned and saw new things, I participated in activities that in Brazil are not so accessible. So, I can say with all certainty that it was worth participating in the classes."

It has been a pleasure to have you Leo. Thank you for picking this class! :) We wish Leo good luck with the rest of his education back in Brazil.

Tourism Excursions

Students studying their Certificate II in Tourism qualification have gained knowledge and experience outside the classroom this term. Students have visited Gunns Plains Caves, The Hive Ulverstone, Mount



1976 Staff and Student's on tour

We had the great pleasure of leading a group of 1976 staff and students on a tour of Hellyer College. They had attended a 50 Year reunion the previous evening and shared with us some of their memories of the early years of Hellyer College.

State Team Selections

Congratulations to Hellyer College student Courtney, on her selection as U17 Team Captain for the National Netball Championships.

Congratulations to Connor, Will and Maitland on their selection for the State U18 Hockey team. They will compete at the upcoming National Championships in Darwin in July.



Careers Corner

Local business owners inspiring our students

Thanks to Alison, Andrew and Themis for taking the time to share their business knowledge and experience with Hellyer College students and for demonstrating that with lots of hard work and passion it's possible to create very successful businesses in Burnie. Indigo House, The Chapel, My Jewellers, Communion Brewing Co, The Foreshore and Bruce's Cafe are great examples.



Women in Non-Traditional Trades

Our female students interested in apprenticeships in non-traditional trades attended a presentation with Miranda an electrician from Future Energy Skills. The presentation was organised through Busy at Work, the only specialist provider supporting women entering male-dominated trades in Tasmania. Miranda shared her experience of being a young female apprentice in a male dominated trade and some of the opportunities that having a trade has created for her. She also spoke about the support that is available if things don't go quite as expected. Shannon from Busy at Work spoke about the support that is available through her organisation and emphasised that there is always support available for apprentices.



Pharmacy Careers

In our second "science lunch" McKinley and Genevieve from Terry White Pharmacy were our guests. They

were able to provide a great insight into pharmacy as a career and shared some of the experiences that they enjoyed as pharmacy students including organising and attending national conferences. They also emphasised the diversity of pharmacy and some of the great careers available with a pharmacy qualification.



Doctors in training

Congratulations to 2025 year 12 students Bella, Hannah and Harry who are now first year medical students at the University of Tasmania Rural Clinical School here in Burnie. Your hard work here at Hellyer has paid off and you are now inspiring current Hellyer students with your success.

Being able to study the complete degree in Burnie is a great option for students from the North-West Coast and we value our relationship with the Rural clinical School that provides great opportunities for Hellyer students to learn more about careers in health.

Congratulations also to Annabelle who is studying at the Rural Clinical School in Launceston.



Harmony Week



