

PARENT INFORMATION FOR 2024

TERM DATES 2024

Students return	Thursday 8 February (Kinder to Grade 6)
Easter Break	Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April
Term 1 concludes	Friday 12 April
Term 2 commences	Monday 29 April
Term 2 concludes	Friday 5 July
Term 3 commences	Monday 22 July
Term 3 concludes	Friday 27 September
Term 4 commences	Monday 14 October
Term 4 concludes	Thursday 19 December (students finish)

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & MODERATION DAYS 2024

The Minister for Education, Children and Youth has granted professional learning days in 2024 as follows:

- Wednesday 7 February
- Friday 7 June
- Friday 25 October

SCHOOL HOURS

The school day commences at 8:55am and concludes at 2:45pm. This applies to all classes, Kinder to Grade 6. Kinder students attend on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

LEVY PAYMENTS

After 1 February 2024 payments can be made at any time online using the BPAY facility or in person at Service Tasmania. From Thursday 8 February payments can be made at the school office between 9am and 3pm daily.

2024 LEVIES

Item		Total Cost
Kinder Levy including Cultural Levy and Stationery & Learning Materials		\$230
Prep, Grade 1, Grade 2 Levy including Cultural Levy and Stationery & Learning Materials		\$285
Grades 3,4 and 5 Levy including Cultural Levy and Stationery and Learning Materials	\$285	
Swimming & Water Safety Program	\$35	\$320
Grade 6 Levy including Cultural Levy and Stationery & Learning Materials		\$285

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Every day a student does not attend school can have a negative impact on their learning. Schools, in partnership with parents and carers are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Parents of a child or a young person from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their child attends school every day. Sometimes a child may need to be absent from school. Authorised reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances (for example, attending a funeral).

A list of absence reasons can be accessed in Ministerial Instruction No 4 Students Excused from Daily Attendance at School. [Attending school - Department for Education, Children and Young People \(decyp.tas.gov.au\)](http://decyp.tas.gov.au) Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school within five days for K- 12.

We ask that parents please advise the school when your child is absent for any reason via the Schoolzine app, phone 62430101 or email Lindisfarne.north.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Class teachers communicate via Seesaw. Parents will receive a permission letter at the beginning of the year to sign and return. Once this is returned you will be issued with a QR code to enable you to join your child's class group.

Newsletters will be issued in Weeks 1, 5 and 10 of Term 1 and Weeks 5 and 10 in Terms 2 – 4. Our newsletters are available via email and an app (Schoolzine).

The app is available from the Apple app store, or the Google play store. Search for Schoolzine and download the Schoolzine App. We highly recommend all parents and carers download this app to keep up to date with communication from the school regarding upcoming events and important information. Make sure you enable push notifications so that you are notified when we send out communications.

The Schoolzine app contains links to the absentee form, common forms and documents and the school calendar. The calendar will be updated with all school events, excursions, term dates and holidays. Please check it regularly.

The school website is available at <http://lindisfarnenorthprimary.tas.edu.au/>
From this site you can click on newsletter archive and subscribe to receive the newsletter.

The school has an official Facebook page showcasing the learning and celebrating the achievements of the students at LNPS. If you would like to follow us, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/lindisfarnenorthprimaryschool/>. The School Association also has a Facebook page which they regularly update with information regarding the school. See <https://www.facebook.com/SchoolAssociationLNPS>

MEDICATION

For students with medical conditions that require medication to be administered at school, please ensure all medical action plans and 'authority for administration of medication' forms are submitted at the start of the school year.

Parents/carers are reminded that in date medication needs to be signed in at the office and be in its original packaging. For further information please see the DECYP website [Student Medication in Tasmanian Government Schools - Department for Education, Children and Young People \(decyp.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/decyp/parents-carers/medication)

REGISTRATION TO WORK WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE

If you volunteer at this school, you are required to register for "Registration to Work with Vulnerable People". To apply complete the online application form at <https://www.cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/licensing-and-registration/registrations/work-with-vulnerable-people> If you already have a RWVP card, please make sure you have updated your registration to include all organisations, including Lindisfarne North Primary. Your card will be checked when you sign in via the Kiosk at the office.

SUNSMART POLICY

Families are reminded that navy/house colour bucket hats or legionnaire hats are required to be worn at school. This is in line with the Sunsmart Program sponsored by the Cancer Council. Hats are available for purchase from the school office or Lowes, Eastlands. Your support is appreciated in ensuring children wear the recommended hats.

SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY

This levy is set by the Department for Education, Children and Young People to cover the cost of conducting the Swimming and Water Safety Program for students in Grades 3, 4 and 5. The levy will be \$35 and is included with the combined levy for Grades 3, 4 and 5. This program will be undertaken Monday 2 September to Friday 13 September 2024.

UNIFORM

Uniform items can be purchased at any time from Lowes, Eastlands. The school has hats, library bags and smocks on hand.

VALIDATION FORMS

Your child will receive an envelope on their first day containing their validation form, ICT agreement, Seesaw permission form, major excursion and aquatic permission forms. Please complete and return these to school by Friday 16 February 2024.

Kind regards



Kate Wilson
Principal