From the Principal
Our school vision clearly states that we will support and develop life-long learners and I believe we are well on the way to achieving this. Our children are inquisitive learners who ask questions to understand and involve themselves in actively seeking answers. Over the past weeks I have noticed examples of our children exhibiting our school values; those being; truth, respect, well-being, self-motivation and environments. These values are easily seen when the children are working in the Kitchen Garden or taking care of the sheep. Just yesterday the children rescued an injured baby owl from our garden and sought help to look after it. We then took the owl to the vet in Ulverstone. It is also clear to see when they worked with unfamiliar children from Sprent last week and when they look out for each other in the playground. Our children are striving every day to be the best they can be and the staff here at Wilmot are privileged to work with them on a daily basis. Last week the State Minister for Education and Training Jeremy Rockcliff announced changes to the school starting age. Please read the attached information to inform your family of the changes.

Emma Langton
Principal

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd** all children are asked to wear their favourite sports colours or sports outfit to school. Any sport is fine. We are doing this to support the footy colours day fight cancer campaign. Therefore, we ask all children to bring in a gold coin donation on the day.
SCIENCE LEARNING WITH SPRENT

Our shared Science day was a huge success. The children really enjoyed working on the Science Week Theme – Robots, Drones and Droids.
I liked playing with the Sprent children and I also enjoyed working with others to make the LED lights work in the circuit.

_Nathan_

I enjoyed playing outside with the Sprent children. I liked playing gymnastics with the girls.

_Taleah_

I enjoyed playing with friends from Sprent. We did gymnastics at recess and lunch and it was really fun.

_Lilla_

I loved playing footy with the children from Sprent. It was a great day to play with others.

_Toby_

I loved working with directing the BeeBots. It was great using the iPAD app to also direct the Beebots.

_Azaria_

I liked working with the other children to program the robot to collect rocks on another planet. It was easy to give the robot directions.

_Tarkine_

I liked that Sprent Primary School came to our school. I enjoyed making the light work on the playdough electrical circuit.

_Jordan_

**BOOK WEEK 2016 ACTIVITIES**

Each year the Children’s Book Council of Australia celebrates Children’s Book Week by shortlisting recently released children’s books to vie for the title of Book of the Year. At school we have been enjoying the six books shortlisted for the category of Early Childhood Book of the Year. As a school, we voted for our favourite books. Marley has completed this graph to show our results.

I liked meeting some new friends and the activities we did. It was great learning with the children from Sprent.

_Deanna, Makayla, Thomas_
On Monday morning we all gathered in the Lil room and enjoyed Mrs. Hays from our local LINC read us the story of My Dog Bigsy. A big thank you to Mrs. Hutt and the Lil children for supplying a lovely healthy morning tea.

Julia is holding the book our school thought was the best.

Jak is showing the book selected by the Children’s Book Council as the Early Childhood Book of the Year.

To complete our Book Week celebrations a dress-up disco was held last night at the Wilmot Hall. Some great book character costumes were on display, and everyone had a wonderful time dancing and singing.
Future School Starting Age Update

As you may be aware, the Government has been working on a change to the school starting age through the Education Act review process. The original proposal to make the compulsory starting age of Prep 4 years and 6 months has now changed to a minimum starting age.

This is in recognition that parents and carers are best placed to decide when their child should start school. The Government has agreed that, although the age at which a child can commence in Prep will be lowered to 4 years and 6 months, the compulsory school starting age will remain at five.

The commencement of this change would take effect in Prep in 2021, which means children who are born in the first half of 2016 will be eligible for Kindergarten in 2020.

These changes result in an optional Kindergarten starting age of 3 years and 6 months in 2020, parents can decide on what suits their child best.

For further information on this topic please see the below link to an updated fact sheet: http://www.education.tas.gov.au/documentcentre/Documents/Early-Years-Education-In-Tasmania-Fact-Sheet.pdf

If you have any questions about the upcoming changes, please email: comments@education.tas.gov.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Move Well Eat Well

**Healthy lunchbox ideas**

Help our school make healthy eating part of every student’s day.

- **Tap into water** – water is the best way to beat thirst, so include a water bottle with your child’s lunch.

- **Plant fruit and veg in your child’s lunchbox** – include fresh fruit or vegie sticks or a salad roll or salad wrap.

- **Limit ‘occasional’ foods in the lunch box** (like chocolate, chips or muesli bars - keep these for special occasions at home). Instead, pack ‘everyday’ snacks like:
  - fresh fruit
  - air-popped popcorn
  - fruit bun
  - wholemeal crackers
  - pikelets
  - fruit tubs
  - with cheese

If you have a cooler pack in the lunchbox include snacks like:

- vegie sticks and dip
- yoghurt
- custard

For more healthy lunchbox ideas visit: [www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au/families](http://www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au/families)

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**PLANT FRUIT & VEG IN YOUR LUNCHBOX**

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