

Bruny Island District School

DEPARTMENT OF
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Where every child is empowered to develop the skills and confidence to enrich their lives and the lives of others.

ASPIRATION

GROWTH

COURAGE

RESPECT

24 FEBRUARY 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

Wednesday 9:00—11:00

Friday 9:00—11:00

PAT Early Years Assessment (Preps)

Begins 22 February—12 March

Year 6 Student Leadership Day

Wednesday 3 March

Learn to Swim Years 3-6

March 25, 26, 29, 30, 31

Moderation Day (Student Free Day)

Thursday 1 April

Easter and Term Break

Friday 2 April—Tuesday 20 April

Term 2 Starts

Wednesday 21 April

REMINDERS

Friday (each week)

School finishes at 2:30pm

Hot Lunch (Pesto Pasta \$4.50)

Wednesday 3 March

TERM DATES 2021

Term 1 3 February—31 March

Term 2 21 April—2 July

Term 3 20 July—24 September

Term 4 11 October—16 December

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the latest school newsletter.

When I reflect on what has happened since our last newsletter, I am extremely proud of what has been achieved. Our team have engaged in rich professional learning provided by Courtney Dunbabin, a Speech and Language Pathologists talking to us about various language and literacy disorders and how we can best support all students to be successful in the classroom. We have engaged deeply with our focus on Mathematics and you will see evidence of rich conversations, problem-solving strategies and an emerging enjoyment for mathematics come out of our classrooms. We have participated in Anaphylaxis, Asthma and Epilepsy Management training to ensure we are in the best position possible if an emergency was to occur. We have also provided our students with rich social engagement opportunities with our very successful Beach Day excursion last week and creative and imaginative play with our Loose Parts. All of these examples remind me of how passionate and dedicated our team are to provide the best educational experience possible for our students—how very lucky are we to be here at this time.

I was honoured to be interviewed this week by the Australian Teacher Magazine; a national publication featuring articles and stories of inspirational teachers, school leaders and schools from across Australia. The journalist was inspired by the recent podcast recording I had with Tim Bullard last year, our school website and recent newsletters found online. This just goes to show that our small school is capable of doing great things when we can inspire stories on a National stage. I look forward to sharing the article with you in a few weeks time.

Take care and kind regards,



Ashley McPherson
Principal



Bruny Island District School
Department of Education



NEW POLICY: ALLERGY AWARE AT BRUNY ISLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL

On Monday 15 February the School Association met and discussed the proposed Allergy Aware Policy for our school. It was unanimously supported by the School Association and it was agreed that it was essential we do what is required to keep all of our students safe.

Attached to our newsletter is a copy of the policy and you can also view a digital copy of this from our website.

Thank you families for your support with our implementation of becoming an **Allergy Aware School**. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Triggers for these students include: nuts and kiwi fruit.

Parents do not send nuts or kiwi fruit.



NUT FREE CLASSROOM



Please do not bring any peanuts, tree nuts or foods containing nuts into this area.
Thank you for keeping our students safe.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations Lezli, Cameron and Kipling on the arrival of baby Tennyson. We welcomed back Kipling and introduced Tennyson to our Little Penguins program last week and it was GREAT to see them.



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

Simply scan this code with your phone's camera to find our Instagram account.



We are also still using Facebook and for our parents, SeeSaw. We want to make sure you are very well connected with us!

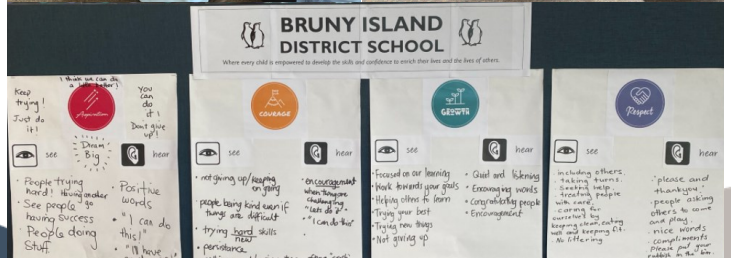


VALUES



Last week we held our first *Values Assembly* for the year and this was the first time we discussed our new school values. After our initial meet and greet activity, we then formed four mixed grade groups and discussed our new values.

Here are some photos of the groups discussing what you might see and *hear* if our values are being demonstrated.



DONATIONS- THANK YOU!

We were very fortunate to receive a box of brand new books donated by the *ALEA Tas South Committee*.

The books were donated to the Committee by Jenni Connor who is a Principal Consultant at Writenow Writing and Education Consultancy and a strong advocate for Early Years Literacy. The books are currently being processed by Anne in the library and they will be available for borrowing in the coming weeks. We hope you enjoy our new books!



John and Judy Smith: Thank you for the kind donation of a bale of silage for our school garden! This will help our garden grow.

Bowls Club: The Bowls Club in Adventure Bay collect donations for the school throughout the year. We have just been given a donation of \$220 from them!

Adventure Bay Shop: The Adventure Bay shop collects donations and has raised another \$154.50 for the school. We really are appreciative of the community support. Thank you so much for supporting our school.



SCHOOL BANKING

Remember, **Wednesday** is School Banking day and students can bring in their weekly deposit.

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Remember, there is no minimum deposit with School Banking, you can send as little as 5c per week in, saving regularly is what is important.



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year. For more information about contribution payments, visit www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo.

If your child has lost their book, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator for a replacement or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Bruny Island District School.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or contact the school Office.

P AND F COMMITTEE- UPDATE

The P&F members had a busy start to the year, Rosie has handed her role as President over to Nicole and Youdit has taken on the role of Secretary. Wina remains as our Treasurer.

A big thank you to all our amazing cooks, our Hot Lunch roster for term one was quickly filled.

This year's Woodchop event is coming around quickly, we are currently working out what to sell, so watch this space!

We were able to set a date for our veggie garden/sandpit working bee. Thursday the 18th in the afternoon, all help is welcome and needed! A flyer with details will come your way soon.

Our calendar sales went well, with only a few left over, you may find elements of those in your child's artwork this year.

BEACH DAY 2021

Thank you to both Claire and Nurse Katherine for preparing the most incredible Beach Day last week. We all had a wonderful time both in and out of the water.

Here are some photos:



Reminder: CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL

To align to both our *Move Well, Eat Well Policy* and our *Allergy Aware School Policy* we would like to ask parents to please not send or supply cakes and treats to school for your child's birthday.

We know this is not ideal and it has been a hard decision to make, but we feel it is in the best interest of all children at the school if we limit our 'sometimes' foods and ensure we are only having food on site that is safe for everyone.

Our staff have spent some time this week thinking of many alternative ideas to celebrate each child's birthday whilst they are at school which do not include food treats, but will be equally as special.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

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Protecting yourself and others from coronavirus

COVID-19 INFO

Protecting Yourself from Coronavirus

Following this advice and practising hygienic respiratory etiquette can help slow the spread of COVID-19

- 1 Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- 2 Cover your cough and sneeze with your elbow or a tissue, then dispose of the tissue in a rubbish bin
- 3 If unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people)
- 4 Clean high touched surfaces regularly
- 5 Stay home if you are feeling unwell

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence against most viruses

Coronavirus is most likely spread from person-to-person through direct or close contact

For more information visit www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au

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