

Bruny Island District School

DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
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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

10 MARCH 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

Wednesday 9:00—11:00

Friday 9:00—11:00

Indigital (Microsoft)

March 15, 16, 17

Learn to Swim Years 3-6

March 25, 26

Swim Camp Years 3-6

March 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 (Spaghetti Bolognese \$4.50)

Wednesday 17 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.

This week our families with children from Prep to Year 6 will receive a *Primary Progress Report*. This report provides families with a brief general comment and a rating against 14 learner behaviours. The report is designed to provide a quick overview for families about how your child has settled into the new school year and to encourage a conversation with us if you have any concerns.

Over the coming weeks we will be busy planning for some big events. We can finally confirm the Year 3-6 swimming lessons will be going ahead as planned with travel up and back to Hobart for the first 2 days (25 and 26 March) and a Swim Camp for the last 3 days (29, 30 and 31 March). We are finalising the details now and we will be sharing information with families in the coming days.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be engaging with NAPLAN Testing at the start of Term 2. To prepare our students for this we will be having a practice NAPLAN test on the 22 and 24 March. This will ensure students are comfortable with the testing format and the various types of questions they could be asked. The results of the NAPLAN tests are just one piece of the puzzle that help inform our educators about the strengths and areas for development for our students. We use this in conjunction with many other tests and assessments to inform our teaching and learning program.

Next week we will also be hosting Indigital on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. This is due to the Microsoft Minecraft Challenge the 4-5's won last year and we are very much looking forward to this event.

Take care and kind regards,



Ashley McPherson
Principal



Bruny Island District School
Department of Education



STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Our SRC participated in the Southern Schools Student Leadership Conference last week.

Callum, Patrick, Riley and Prytt were inspired by the keynote speaker that spoke of the important qualities of an effective leader before then participating in some activities with other student leaders from various schools.



Well done to our SRC for representing our school so positively at the Leadership Conference.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Thank you to everyone that helped us with Clean Up Australia Day this year. We collected nearly 9kg worth of rubbish! That's a lot of waste removed from our local environment.



INDIGITAL VISITING BRUNY ISLAND



You might remember this moment from 2020? This was the moment we were announced as the winners of the NAIDOC Minecraft Education Challenge and won a prize worth \$12,000. We won this by responding to the question "How might we build sustainable schools, cities, towns or communities in 2030 using Indigenous science, technology, engineering, arts and maths?"

Our prize includes the face-to-face delivery of the Indigital Schools program, including teacher training, access to software and a three-day workshop led by Indigital.

Indigital's mission is to close the digital divide between Indigenous people and non-Indigenous peoples, by providing a meaningful pathway for Indigenous people into the digital economy and the creation of future technologies.

We have been very well supported by the Department of Education who have supported us with both Todd Sculthorpe (Project Officer– Inclusive Curriculum) and Aboriginal Elder Aunty Julie Dunlop who will be attending Bruny Island District School for two days of this workshop.

We are very much looking forward to this unique and exciting opportunity.

BRUNY SOCCER TEAM

This year we are very excited to be putting a Bruny Soccer Team together for the Channel United Club. This roster is open to players from Grades 3-6. Games will be played on Saturday mornings around 11am from the beginning of May. Registration is \$110 per player.



If your child is interested please email Claire.boost@educations.tas.gov.au for more information.

P AND F NEWS

We would like to extend our *thanks* to Shaun Piggim who has supported the P and F with a very generous donation. Shaun has kindly donated a portion of the money raised from selling his wood to donate to the school and with the support of his workmates at the Maritime Union of Australia, raised some additional funds for our school. We truly appreciate your generosity— thank you!

We are also preparing for the upcoming Woodchop event and we would like to thank the following business for their support:

- PDF Food Wholesalers
- Matthew Baxter of Snug IGA

One of our most successful fundraiser last year was the sales of collected sheep poo. So, we are doing it again!

This Sunday at 9:30am we will be meeting at the entrance to Murrayfield to collect bags of sheep poo. If you can help, please bring a shovel, water, dusk musk (optional) and gloves. We will meet at the front gate and then head to the shearing shed. We usually spend 1.5-2 hours collecting.

Please contact Nicole if you can help: 0428606255.



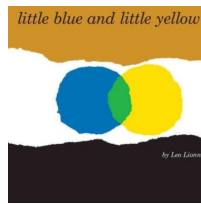
LITTLE PENGUINS NEWS

We ARE LAUNCHED!

How much have all the children grown over the school holidays! And now they're back, engaged, active and learning with joy and enthusiasm!

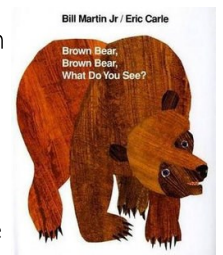


Reading is always a big focus in our programme. It's library time on Wednesdays, a chance to borrow and read and explore the wonder of those signs on a page and the swirling images of colour and movement showing dinosaurs, fairies, little pigs and more extraordinary places and people! Our school librarian, Anne Boxsell, is available to assist with your child's specific interests and reading needs to support home reading too.



One of our opening stories, 'little blue and little yellow' by Leo Lionni captivates the children's imagination! With two of their fingers painted – one in yellow and one in blue – they dramatize the action of the story as it is being read to them. What happens when you mix blue and yellow? Like magic, green appears! (Yet how puzzling when your own parents can't recognize you!)

Another delightful story, 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you see?' by Eric Carle, engages the children as with little hand puppets, they speak the refrain of the story! We will continue with the theme of colour by exploring another absolute favourite, 'Mix It Up!', by Henri Tullet! This is another story adored by children the world over. This time the children will both 'mix' the colours in the book itself and later, 'mix' at the art table.



Although Launching into Learning is a relaxed and informal kind of programme, there is always a focus on exploring, experimenting with colour, sound, movement, words and ideas, in different spaces: the multi-purpose room on Wednesdays for those big movements, inside the LiL room itself for fine motor co-ordination as you can see in the photos of the children creating their self- portraits, and outside, in the cleanest air in the whole country, to play, share and move!

We would like to express our sincerest appreciation and excitement to all the parents who are so passionate about transforming our outdoor learning environment into a child's natural wonderland! As this is shaped from hearts, to ideas and real space, we will keep you posted! With so many talents, skills and goodness in our community, anything is possible! Best Wishes, The LiL team.



INDOOR CRICKET WORLD




JUNIOR INDOOR CRICKET




WINTER CRICKET ACTION

COME AND TRY DAYS :

GRADES 4 - 6 : Monday, 22nd March @ 4:15pm

GRADES 2 - 4 : Tuesday, 23rd March @ 4:15pm

GRADES PREP - 2 : Wednesday 24th March @ 4:15pm

GRADES 7 - 9 : Friday 26th March @ 4:15pm

Get involved and give it a go
before we head into the full season in Term 2

For further information email indoor@thecrickethub.com.au or call 6229 7863

