

Bruny Island District School

DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
learners first

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 MARCH 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

Wednesday 9:00—11:00

Friday 9:00—11:00

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

NO HOT LUNCH due to Swim Camp.

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

Dear Families,

Welcome to the latest school newsletter.

As we quickly move towards the end of term, we have so much to celebrate and look forward to.

Last week we hosted Indigital Schools who provided an incredible learning experience for the students of our school. We provided many updates throughout last week via our social media (Facebook and Instagram) and a celebration video was shared with families via SeeSaw.

This week we will begin our Swimming and Water Safety program. Our students will travel up and back to Hobart for the first 2 days (25 and 26 March) and stay in Hobart for a Swim Camp for the last 3 days (29, 30 and 31 March). I'd like to acknowledge and thank our teachers: Rory Hamilton and Claire Boost who are volunteering their time to enable this camp to occur. I'd also like to thank the P and F for their financial contributions to support us to provide our students with a wonderful camp experience. We look forward to sharing the stories of camp with you after next week.

I'd also like to invite our community to come and support us at the Easter Woodchop Carnival on 3 April. We will be selling Beef Wraps, Vegetarian Wraps and Bruny Island District School items with all proceeds supporting our P and F and our school.

We are also seeking volunteers to help us on the day— if you can help, please contact Nicole on 0428606255.

Take care and kind regards,



Ashley McPherson
Principal



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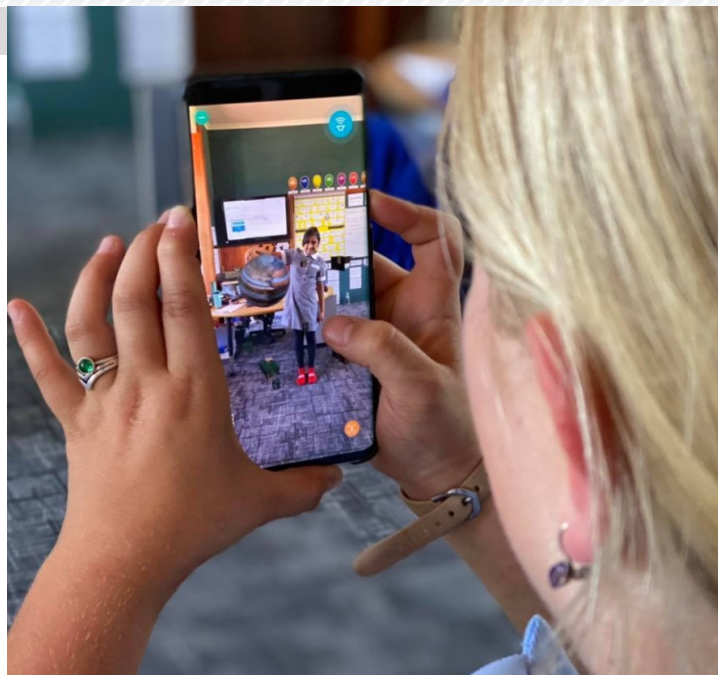
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INDIGITAL SCHOOLS

It was an incredible week of learning and engagement last week as we embarked on a workshop with Indigital Schools—given to us as a prize from the NAIDOC Minecraft Education Challenge of 2020.

We welcomed Aboriginal Community Elder Aunty Julie Dunlop and Todd Sculthorpe (DoE) who shared with us an Indigenous story of our local history and the importance of knowing our past to help inform our future.



Indigital Schools also presented to our K-P-1 and 2-3 classes and showed them both the augmented reality technology and the very popular mixed reality headset.

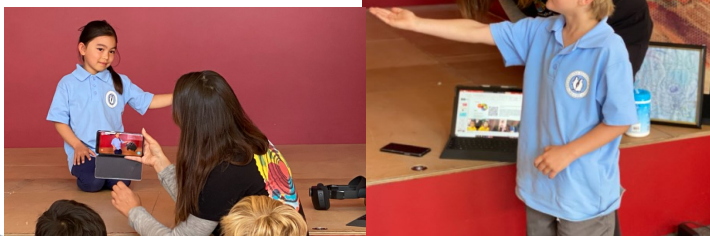
The students were then asked to take a character or element from the story and use this to create an augmented reality 2D and then 3D character.



Our students then used the Minecraft Education platform to demonstrate their understanding of the Indigenous Story through a digital creation of the landscape with non-playing characters informing viewers of the key points they wanted to share.



We finished our week with Indigital with a Celebration Assembly to showcase the students' work and to thank Indigital for giving us this incredibly unique and wonderful learning experience.



ASHDALE MINIATURE FARM

Did you know we have a new Miniature Farm on Bruny Island?

On Tuesday the Dolphins visited Ashdale Miniature Farm. The students had a wonderful time. They fed the goats, patted the donkeys and cuddled the rabbits.



It was their first excursion as a group and they did an amazing job of listening and keeping in an organized group.

A **big** thankyou to Carmel who joined us as a helper. It was definitely an excursion to be remembered. Thanks, Liz.



POLITICIAN VISIT: BASTIAN SEIDEL

We really appreciate the interest and support given to us by our local politicians and last week I had the pleasure of welcoming Bastian Seidel MLC Labour Member for Huon to our school.

Bastian enjoyed a tour of our beautiful school and was interested in the great things we are trying to achieve at our school. After his visit, we received notification that Bastian had

organised a \$2000 donation to our P and F Committee to help us with our next project.



DONATIONS AND SUPPORT



We have been overwhelmed in recent weeks with the donations and support given to our school so we can continue to provide the very best for our students.

Last week we had a large group of family and community members join us for a working bee. We repainted our wooden climbing fort and prepared our school garden for a new season of planting and harvesting.

We received a donation of \$150 from a very generous parent who gave this to us at the working bee in recognition of the work that was happening.

We received a donation from Nancy and Leigh Blackwell this week for \$110 to help with the costs of our excursion to Ashdale Miniature Farm.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. We really do appreciate it.



The Easter Woodchop Carnival on the 3rd of April is fast approaching and as always we are looking for helpers to man the stall. We will be selling beef and salad wraps this year as well as a vegetarian option. We are seeking people to do prep work in the morning and some front of the shop helpers. Please contact Nicole on 0428606255 to add your name to the roster!

We will also sell quality tea towels from previous years at much reduced rates at our merchandise stall as well as our popular bags designed by our amazing students and may even have some calendars for less than half price.

Our Easter hamper is in the school office, we welcome quality, non-perishable donations and wish you all good luck in the draw.

The preparations for the 2022 calendars are in full swing. We plan to have the calendar released by mid September, so start shooting those beautiful pictures over the Easter period!



We encourage you to "Think outside the box" for the 2022 calendar and are looking forward to your entries. Entry forms are in the newsletter and Bruny news.

A big thank you goes to the volunteers that did our sheep poo collection, the bags were sold as soon as they were filled!

Did you also know that you can pay for our Hot Lunches with EFT? This is now available to families. All you need to do is sign the agreement form to then use the voucher system. Please see the agreement form below:

HOT LUNCH ELECTRONIC TRANSFER PAYMENT FORM

Please complete this form and return to the school office if you would like to have the option to pay for hot lunch via electronic transfer.

Parent/s Name:

Phone number:

Email address:

- Children's names: Child 1 :
- Child 2 :
- Child 3 :
- Child 4 :

I am happy to be invoiced by the volunteers of Bruny Island School Parents and Friends committee for the Hot lunches consumed by the children named above.

signature _____

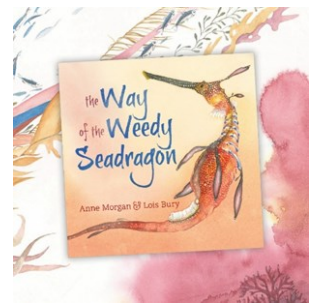
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WHEN: SATURDAY 24 APRIL.

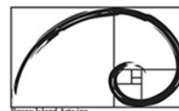


2PM: Join Discover Ranger Claire for an afternoon of fun, free activities. Dive into the magical underwater world of the weedy seadragon, with breath-taking film, interactive games, arts, nature play and music! Meet at Adventure Bay Hall. Please bring sun and rain protection and do not attend if you have been unwell.

6PM: Launch by Dr Damon Britton of Anne Morgan & Lois Bury's children's new picture book, *The Way of The Weedy Seadragon*, (CSIRO Publishing) – hosted by Dr Graham Bury, with guest appearances from Dot the Weedy Seadragon, Neptune, the Bruny Merfolk, and some little weedy seadragons. Adventure Bay hall. Sponsored by Bruny Island Arts.



7PM: Dr Damon Britton (Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies) will discuss his research on the impacts of climate change on seaweeds, which are habitat for the weedy seadragons. Adventure Bay hall. Sponsored by the Bruny Island Environment Network. *Food for sale at all events.* For more information ring: Anne Morgan, 0420 224 704.



TENNIS AT BRUNY ISLAND SCHOOL

A huge thank you to members of the Bruny Community for your generous donations of tennis rackets. We now have a full class set and have spent the last few weeks learning tennis skills. In this short time it has been wonderful to see children from grades 2-6 make huge improvements in their hand-eye coordination.



Tennis is a very challenging sport, but students have risen to that challenge and are enjoying a variety of games and drills to learn the skills for tennis.



WANTED: CLEAN JARS

Do you have any clean, glass jars with a lid that you no longer need and would be happy to donate to the school? We are going to make some chutney and we would really appreciate some more jars for us to use. Thank you!

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LITTLE PENGUINS

Three-year old Julian, asks, 'Why am I painting the rocks, Mrs. Hearn?' 'Why do you think, Julian?' As quick as a flash, he replies, 'The rocks will keep the wallabies and the kangaroos and the other animals away'. 'Do you think there are some more reasons why we should paint the rocks and place them round the tree, outside?' Some think time and Julian repeats his main purpose once again. His response is so typical of almost all children. They know so much and given the chance will express themselves very well and in many different ways. Additionally, Julian's response demonstrates how clear and logical and smart three year-olds are and how they can connect prior knowledge to new situations.

So, Julian is spot on. The children are claiming their learning space – making it their own. Additionally, the painted rocks create beauty and develop an aesthetic sense. As a general principle, all children who understand the purpose of what they are doing, can focus for long periods of time on their task with care and astonishing concentration.

In the images below, you can see some of the artists in action!



We are continuing to focus on gross motor skills on Wednesdays and fine motor skills on Friday sessions, as both are critical for children's development.

Naturally, central to our programme is language. Being read to and hearing great stories by wonderful authors immerses children in one all-important way of communication – speaking. This is why we are so passionate about reading and selecting truly wonderful stories for them to hear. In our programme, students access stories either in the library or in reading circle time. In the last two weeks, we've read and dramatized 'Pete the Cat'. This character's upbeat and positive attitude enthralled young audiences and shines through all his adventures. In 'Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons', does Pete cry, when he loses all four of them? 'Goodness No!' Then, in 'Pete the Cat I Love My White Shoes', despite stepping in strawberries, mud and blueberries, does Pete cry? 'Goodness, No!' He ends up in wet white shoes, but he keeps singing his song!





BRUNY ISLAND 2021 PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION & 2022 CALENDAR

The BRUNY ISLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL Parents & Friends Committee will be producing the Bruny Island Calendar this year for 2022!

Members of the public are invited to submit photos for inclusion in the Bruny Island Photography Exhibition, an online exhibition that will take place throughout late MAY 2021. The Online voting will be used to select the top 20, the final 13 that make the cut for the calendar will be Judged by a professional photographer.

***ENTRIES are to be sent to the school by
FRIDAY 7th MAY 2021 either on a USB or by email (full-size) to***

brunycalendar@gmail.com

Exhibition Rules & Conditions

1. Amateur photographers are invited to submit up to 5 photos.
2. Professional photographers are invited to submit 1 photo.
3. Maximum 3 photos per entrant will be published in the calendar.
4. High resolution, Landscape format photos only.
5. When submitting your photos, you are also giving the school permission to post them on the internet and social media and / or reprint selected photos on cards & postcards for future fundraising events eg: school fair & markets.
6. Please include a stamped addressed envelope with your USB if you would like it returned to you. Alternatively, USBs may be collected from the school office in the last week of May.

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