

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

21 APRIL 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

Wednesday 9:00—11:00

Friday 9:00—11:00

NAPLAN (Year 3 and Year 5)

May 11—21

National Simultaneous Storytime

May 19

FSFV (Dental Checks)

May 24, 25, 26

Bright Sparks

May 31

Mid-Year Reports (sent home)

June 25

Parent-Teacher Interviews

June 28, 29, 30

REMINDERS

Friday (each week)

School finishes at 2:30pm

Hot Lunch

April 28: Fried Rice and Garlic Pizza (\$4.50)

TERM DATES 2021

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 and to the start of Term 2. I hope everyone has had a wonderful Easter and term break. We are all looking forward to another great term ahead and it was beautiful to hear the excitement from our students this morning as they arrived at school.



In the final weeks of Term 1, our Year 3-6 students participated in their yearly Learn to Swim program at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre. The program not only teaches the basics of learning to swim but it also teaches our students important water safety skills; including boat safety. We are incredibly thankful to the parents that joined us and supported us during Swim Camp 2021 and to our teachers Rory and Claire who gave up so much of their own time to support this incredible learning opportunity for our students.

In the coming weeks we will begin the nationwide NAPLAN testing for students in Year 3 and Year 5. This assessment is just one tool that checks the essential skills of reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and mathematics. We have prepared our students with the various testing formats and we successfully completed an online practice test in Term 1. We look forward to sharing with our families the results of the NAPLAN testing once this information is released later in the year.

We are so incredibly lucky to have the support of our P and F to provide fundraising and learning opportunities that our students benefit from, but we need more help. If you are able to support the work of our P and F, we would really like to hear from you. We have some great projects planned for the rest of the year and your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal

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Welcome back!



SWIM CAMP

Congratulations to all of our students for a wonderful Swim Camp this year.



Just prior to the Easter term break, our Year 3—6 students participated in the annual Learn to Swim program at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre.



We spent two days travelling up and back to Hobart for our swim lessons and then 2 nights and 3 days staying at Orana Guide Camp in Lauderdale.



Our students experienced two swimming lessons each day and focused on basic learn to swim skills, rescue techniques and boat safety.

Whilst staying at Orana, we had access to the beautiful Roaches Beach and local experiences for our students to explore and learn from.



We visited the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery and explored the ningina tunapri exhibition. This exhibition explores the journey of Tasmanian Aboriginal people and is a celebration of all Tasmanian Aboriginal generations.

On another afternoon we visited the stunning MACq01 Hotel on Hobart's waterfront and completed an educational history tour with the Master Storyteller exploring European Settlement and Hunter Street precinct.



MAJOR EXCURSION UPDATE

In previous years, our senior students have participated in a biannual major excursion to Canberra.

Due to COVID19, we have been unable to consider any interstate travel. The current advice from the Department of Education is this:

“The Department will continue with our conservative approach to interstate travel with no interstate travel being approved at this time. Schools should be cautious about planning any interstate trips for students in 2022.”

It is due to these current restrictions that we will be unable to offer any major excursions— including a trip to Canberra in 2021 or even 2022 at this stage.

We are working together to consider alternative ways to provide authentic travel experiences for our students that are within Tasmania and more information will be shared with families with regards to this as soon as it becomes available.

WHAT DO WE TEACH AT BRUNY ISLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL?

The educators at Bruny Island District School not only plan, teach and assess to the Australian Curriculum (and the Early Years Learning Framework), but we also believe in preparing our students as empowered citizens who can make informed decisions and be critical thinkers.

That is why you will hear us talking about the Learner Dispositions of being: thinkers, self-managers, researchers, communicators and collaborators.

You will also hear us making explicit our behaviours and actions linked to our school values: Aspiration, Courage, Respect and Growth.

THAT’S A WRAP!

We must thank all of the incredible volunteers that supported us to successfully run the 2021 Easter Woodchop Festival stall on Easter Saturday.

I'd like to especially thank our P and F President, Nicole, for her incredible leadership and organisation of this event.



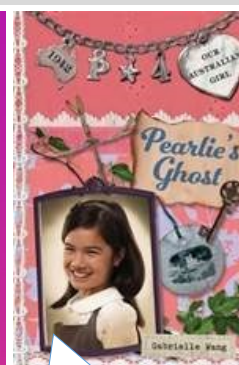
Together we prepared and sold out of beef or vegetarian wraps and sold a number of Bruny Island District School merchandise. We also sold many tickets in this years Easter raffle— congratulations to our two winners Kate and Dale.

From the sales of our wraps and merchandise, we raised approximately \$2,500 and we had many people come back to us to tell us how delicious their food was.

What a fantastic community event. Well done everyone!



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM—JUST SCAN THE QR CODE:



Have you seen this book? We are missing book 4, end of series 4 from our library. Thank you!



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 do not send or supply cakes and treats to school for your child's birthday.

We will celebrate and acknowledge your child's birthday in ways that do not include food treats but will be equally as special.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

SCHOOL BANKING

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.

If your child has lost their book, please contact the school office or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch.

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

LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

Little Penguins is on each Wednesday and Friday morning at 9:00am for children from birth to age 4 and their families.



Sick? Thanks for staying home!
But please let us know so we can mark our attendance correctly.

Call: 62 93 11 47 or email:
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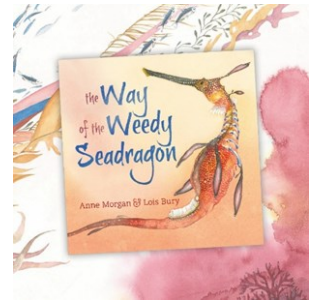
WEEDY SEADRAGON DAY AT ADVENTURE BAY

WHEN: SATURDAY 24 APRIL.

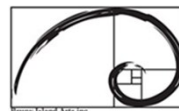


2PM: Join Discover Ranger Claire for an afternoon of fun, free activities. Dive into the magical underwater world of the weedy seadragon, with breath-taking film, interactive games, arts, nature play and music! Meet at Adventure Bay Hall. Please bring sun and rain protection and do not attend if you 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: Ranger Claire, 0477 897 482.





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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