

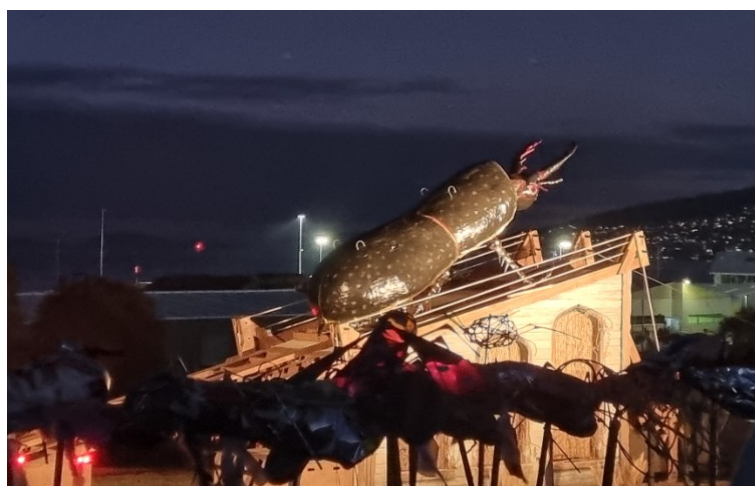


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## DARK MOFO 2021: OGOH-OGOH PARADE

This year's Dark Mofo, Balinese inspired, Ogoh –Ogoh was the Mt. Mangana Stag Beetle. To celebrate the Bruny connection, the Balinese artists made framed bamboo insects for the students to decorate.



The bamboo insect frames arrived at our school, all the way from the Indonesian island of Bali. Ingrid Colman and her husband Brian transported them for the final stretch of their journey, in preparation for our students to use their creative talents to decorate them.

Over the following weeks students from K- Grade Six worked cooperatively with a partner or in a small group, using coloured paper and other materials to bring their insects to life! The insects were prepared to form a 'swarm' of insects which would herald the arrival of the Mt. Mangana Stag Beetle, the main attraction for the Ogoh-Ogoh Parade prior to the Burning at Dark Mofo.



The Ogoh-Ogoh is a Balinese inspired tradition which occurs on the Balinese New Year's Eve. The following day is Nyepi Day which is traditionally a *Day of Silence* in preparation for the start of the year ahead.

The insects were completed forming a mass of colour and pattern. They were taken to the Goods Shed in Hobart and on the way had a visit to the wheelhouse of the Bruny Ferry to meet the captain and staff of Sealink.

The insects were attached to metre high bamboo poles in preparation to be carried in the parade.

Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> June arrived, and Bruny parents and students gathered with much excitement in Hobart. The students collected their insects and were given brief instructions for the role they would play in the parade. At this stage none of us had any idea of how big the gathering would end up being.

The students paraded with their insects forming the 'swarm'. We lead the different Ogoh-Ogohs and the Mt Mangana Stag Beetle. The students were seated and sat in awe as the band played and the beetle was positioned for the final Burning.

Our families made their way home safely thanks to Sealink providing a later ferry. We are very grateful for this and thank them sincerely.

Our students were wonderful role models for our school. The older students cared for the many younger students. A huge thanks to Finn Stanley an ex Bruny student who calmly and responsibly supported our students.

I sincerely thank our students for their courage and commitment, and to parents who supported the event and offered our students an amazing experience which they will always remember. There was an amazing sense of community and aspiration.

Naomi Buczek.



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30 JUNE 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Little Penguins

Wednesday 9:00—11:00 and Friday 9:00—11:00

### Parent–Teacher Conversations

June 28, 29, 30

### Student Free Day

July 19 (Term 3 begins Tuesday July 20)

### Terrapin Performance

July 23 at Bruny Island District School

### School Photo Day

July 26

### School Disco

July 30

### P&F Event: A Night With Justin Jones

August 19

### K–2 Swimming and Water Safety

September 1, 8, 15, 22 and October 13, 20

## REMINDERS

### Friday (each week)

School finishes at 2:30pm

## 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 final newsletter for Term 2, 2021.

I would like to acknowledge and say thanks to the incredible and dedicated educators for another great term. We have worked very hard as a team to provide a rich and meaningful teaching and learning program for all of our students and I am very proud of the term we have just had. I'd like to thank all of our families that have attended (or are planning to attend) their parent-teacher conversations this week as this is an important part of us working in partnership for your child. I strongly believe that working in partnership with you is the best way to support your child to have both academic and social success at school.

Throughout the newsletter you will see a summary of the great things we have been doing this fortnight but I am equally as excited about our plans for Term 3. We will begin Term 3 by collaborating with Illawarra Primary, Snug Primary and Blackmans Bay Primary Schools with a full day professional learning at Illawarra Primary School. The aim of this day is to look at how we teach all students (differentiation) with regards to Mathematics. This will be a rich opportunity for our team to collaborate with teachers of the same grades from different schools and work together to consider this aspect of the teaching and learning program in depth. Term 3 will also see us diving deeper into our School Improvement Priority of the *Reading, Writing and Spelling Connection* as well as working with our Parents and Friends to continue fundraising for our school with various projects.

I look forward to the work that is ahead for us, but for now, thank you for a wonderful term and please have a safe and enjoyable term break.

Take care and kind regards,



Ashley McPherson  
Principal



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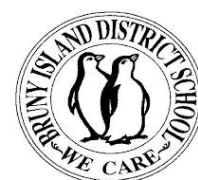
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## NAIDOC WEEK



Officially, NAIDOC WEEK will be celebrated during the term break this year, but we will be celebrating this when we return in Term 3.

Each year there is a different theme which invites us to explore various topics, perspectives and experiences lived from an indigenous point of view. NAIDOC Week is a celebration and recognition of the 65,000 years of history, culture and achievements but it's also a chance to consider the future and what this could look like.

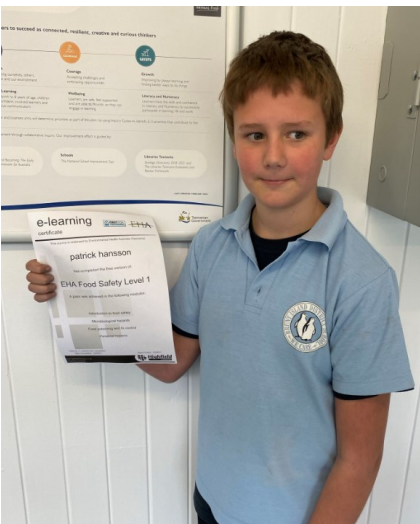
NAIDOC Week and this year has the theme of 'Heal Country' which recognises that the country, our land and the culture need to be cared for. We need to learn about this, preserve it and acknowledge its importance in our daily lives.

During the term break, I invite you to consider what is happening around the country for NAIDOC Week. Begin conversations and explore the ideas and concepts as a family and then join us in Term 3 as we explore this further and what our role is as we work together to Heal Country.

## FOOD SAFETY COURSE

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 SRC Leaders who have recently completed the EHA FOOD SAFETY LEVEL 1 course online through the Kingborough Council.

This course prepares our students for the safe handling of food when preparing, cooking and serving it to others.



Our SRC have completed this course because this week they are preparing this weeks HOT LUNCH for the school with the help of Joe Bennett from our Parents and Friends.

## BE KINDER DAY



Last week it was international Be Kinder Day. This is a day which encourages the world to use a little more kindness and to empower children to see they have the power to make a difference to someone else through their kindness.

We discussed Be Kinder Day as a school and shared the various ways we can show kindness to each other and ourselves.

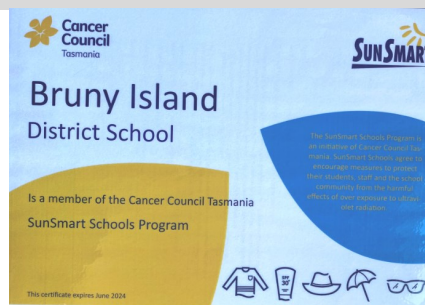
Mr McPherson visited the KPI class to read "How Full is Your Bucket" and talked about the various ways we can try to fill up people's imaginary buckets.

You can learn more about Be Kinder Day from the website: <http://flyhighbillie.org/b-kinder-day/>

## SUN SMART POLICY

Bruny Island District School has just received confirmation of our updated Sun Smart Policy which will remain current until June, 2024.

Within the updated policy, the Cancer Council Tasmania has recommended that we change our Sun Smart Hat Policy due to sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays.



In Tasmania, the UV can often become 3 or above from September to April. Therefore, schools need to implement sun protection measures from the beginning of the school year until the end of April and again from the beginning of September until the end of the year. It is no longer sufficient to consider hats and sunscreen only in Term 1 and Term 4.

You can now see the daily predicted UV rating in the window of Mr McPherson's office. This will be updated at 8:15am each morning.





On Thursday day the 22nd of June Isla, Rosie, Ella Martin, Riley, Orson and Annabelle drove for three hours up to Symmons Plain Raceway to participate in the Tasmanian State Primary School Cross Country. The racetrack was a real cross-country racetrack as it had hills and muddy puddles.

RACE:

At the start we walked over to a big shed filled with over 200 kids from all over Tasmania. A man in high-vis talked us through the rules and then we went down to the starting line where we lined up. The official starter said that we were all bunched up like a pack of sardines and told us to spread out into the open space. But no one did, because everyone knew that being on the inside was shorter.

Then the gun went off and it was like a stampede of elephants racing up a hill. All bunched up together, arms and legs flying everywhere. People tripping. Elbows knocking. It was a race to get to the front.

In the end we all spread out, making distance between ourselves. The track had a few potholes and a couple of muddy patches. On one turn a kid tripped over right in front of Riley, but Riley just jumped over him.

Finally, we arrived at the finish.

“Phew!”

We were tired after the race. Everybody was huffing and puffing.

We all enjoyed it, although we all thought it was a big challenge. It was much harder than the school cross country. It was lots of fun for all of us. It was also nice hearing everyone’s voice cheering for you on the side lines.

We drove a long way home, and went to bed exhausted.

By Isla, Rosie and Ella MH

The Stingrays class went to Woodbridge School on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June to help the grade 6s get used to the idea of moving into grade 7. We travelled by our school bus to Woodbridge. A lot of the Stingrays were nervous about meeting new students and teachers at Woodbridge. When we got there, we walked over to their classroom where we got greeted by two grade 5,6 teachers, [Ms Murphy and Ms Lyndel Rawlings].

Firstly, we got separated into 8 groups and we got some time to introduce ourselves to our teammates.

We started off with the first team building activity, each team got nineteen balloons and tape to come up with a free-standing balloon tower, we had to blow up the balloons and try build the tallest tower. The teams that came first, second, and third got points.



Our second activity was a catwalk, we had to use the balloons from the previous activity, newspaper and tape to design a costume for one of our team members, then we did a catwalk across the room, everyone voted for their favourite costume. After a while it was time for recess, so everyone packed up and ran outside to play.

After recess we had a team quiz, each team got a sheet of paper to write down their answers, we also got a sheet with logos and flags that we had to name. Soon it was time for lunch, the Woodbridge school had kindly offered to serve us pumpkin and chicken soup. Once their bell rang we all climbed back on the bus and came back to school.

After that excursion everyone felt even more comfortable about going to Woodbridge for Year 7, we were all so glad that we got the opportunity to meet new kids.



## RADIO STARS



Did you hear our incredible radio presenters last week? Congratulations to Orson, Willa, Finlay and Annabelle for providing the School Update this term for Huon FM.

They spoke very well, they were prepared and they delivered the update professionally and represented our school positively. Well done to our Year 3's.

You can hear a snippet of the conversation on our Facebook page.

## THANK YOU WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER

We were all very excited to spend some time with the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Tasmania and listen to each of the crew members talk to us about their role and what they do. They answered the many questions our students asked them and then we were invited to have a closer look at the Helicopter. You can see a video of this on our social media.



## SHORTS DAY



Congratulations to the staff and students for braving the cold this week and supporting Shorts Day.

We have raised over \$100 for SPEAK UP Stay ChatTY and raised awareness of the importance of being brave to talk up about our worries.

The motto for this special event was: Brave the cold. Brave the conversation. This has very much resonated with us and we were happy to remind students today that it is ok to be brave and talk up about our worries and who they could talk to.

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