

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

05 MAY 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 \$4.50

12 May: Tomato Pasta Bake (Vegetarian)

19 May: Beef or Veg Lasagne (GF also available)

TERM DATES 2021

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.

Last week our educators modelled the school values of *Aspiration* and *Growth* as we participated in a full day professional learning workshop with Rob Vingerhoets. We spent the morning listening to Rob share with us some key teaching strategies for developing mathematical understanding and then we watched as he modelled a lesson with each of our classes. Our afternoon was then spent debriefing and asking questions about the way he organised the lesson and taught the students. We were truly inspired after the day with Rob and we look forward to implementing some of our learning in the weeks to come.

To support the rich focus we have had on Mathematics this year, we have purchased a number of new picture books that share a mathematical story. We have looked far and wide to find the best mathematical picture books available and we are very pleased with our purchases. The books were shared with our team on Friday and we have already started talking about the different ways we could use these in the classroom to teach mathematical concepts.

In the coming weeks we will begin our fundraising drive to develop our Early Years playground. Our school budget has been significantly allocated to funding what I believe is critical to improved student outcomes—the educators. However, we also want to provide our students with the very best environment to flourish in and so in the coming weeks I will be working with our P and F to fundraise money to begin developing our Early Years playground redevelopment. If you would like to be part of the committee to do this work, please contact me. I'd really enjoy working with you.

Take care and kind regards,



Ashley McPherson
Principal



ROB VINGERHOETS



Rob Vingerhoets left us with many wonderings and ideas to engage and excite our students for Maths! It was a rich day of professional learning and collaboration and we are all feeling inspired to teach Mathematics in a way that is open-ended and at the point of need for the students.



We welcomed three educators from Snug Primary School to our professional learning with Rob Vingerhoets on Friday. Snug Primary School is also having a focus on Mathematics and they welcomed the opportunity to be part of our professional learning day. We will be

continuing to work with Snug Primary School throughout the year as we continue to build and develop our skills and strategies to teach Mathematics.



Who is Rob Vingerhoets? Rob is an educational consultant from Melbourne. He is an experienced and highly effective educator and subject matter expert who has worked with teachers and students in Melbourne; throughout Country Victoria; interstate and overseas (New York City, Beijing).

Prior to this he was a primary school Principal, curriculum coordinator and classroom teacher. He is an experienced teacher and author, having written a number of best-selling maths resource books and numerous articles.

You can find out more about Rob on his website:

<http://robvingerhoets.com.au/maths/>



WHAT WE TEACH - UPDATED

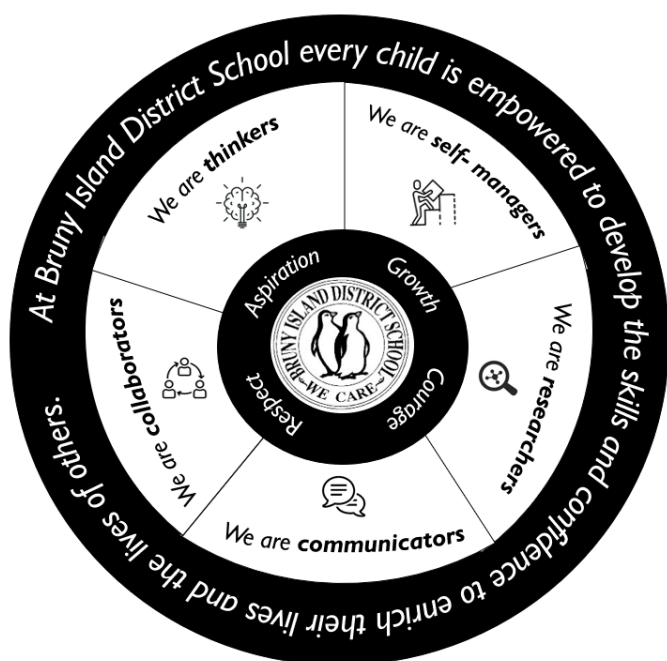
In the previous newsletter I introduced a graphic to model the way we teach at Bruny Island District School. After some reflection and discussion with the educators, we have decided to reformat our graphic to emphasise the schools vision— as this is what is driving us to ensure we are providing the very best education to our students.

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.

Here is an updated version of the graphic:



SRC—TERM 2

Our SRC will continue to be our Year 6 Leaders for Term 2 but we have changed roles.

For Term 2 we will have: Callum (Chair), Patrick (Treasure), Riley (Communications) and Prytt (Secretary).

The SRC have many projects this term and we look forward to sharing these with you in the coming weeks.



COVID-19 UPDATE

THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO FAMILIES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Coming into the cold and flu season, it's important that we all continue to keep healthy and safe. To ensure we can keep on top of COVID and also cold and flu, make sure you:

- * Be alert to any symptoms of cold or flu that you or your child may exhibit
- * Get tested for COVID if you or your child have symptoms
- * Practise good hygiene, such as covering coughs and sneezes and washing hands
- * **If you or your child do get sick, stay at home until symptoms has passed, even if a COVID test is negative**

Remember, symptoms include fever, tiredness, cough, headache, sore throat, sniffing and sneezing.

To keep our school safe, we are still:

- * continuing with increased cleaning
- * making sure there is plenty of soap, sanitiser and tissues available
- * applying restrictions to large gatherings of adults and encouraging physical distancing
- * requiring visitors to check-in on our sites



Healthy Mouth  Healthy Body

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES     
Better health for better learning

Hello everyone!

In Week 6 of Term 2, from Monday the 24th - 26th of May we are having a visit from Oral Health Services Tasmania (OHST) for the **Fissure Sealant and Fluoride Varnish Program** for all students at Bruny Island District School.

This important preventative health care program is supported by evidence-based research and helps to protect your child's teeth and prevent the formation of tooth decay.

This is such a wonderful opportunity, because the service is offered within school hours, and is provided free through Medicare. The program also includes free oral health screening and, if needed, referral on to one of the dental clinics if further treatment is required.

Students in all classes have been sent home a form which has further information about the program, and a registration and medical consent form.

Please return this form by Wednesday the 5th of May.

If you have any questions, need help with the form, or if you did not receive a form, please contact the school office.



School Health Nurse – Woodbridge, Dover and Bruny Island District Schools, Huonville High School
School Health Nurse Program
Department of Education, Tasmania

For further information on having a healthy mouth for life, visit: http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/oralhealth/healthy_mouth/tips_for_a_healthy_mouth_for_life2



The Fissure Sealant and Fluoride Varnish Program is coming to your school!

If your child is around 6 or 12 years of age they will be invited to take part in a program to help prevent tooth decay.

Sealants protect the chewing surface of the back adult teeth



Fluoride varnish protects the smooth surfaces

The invitation for your child to take part in the program will provide more detailed information about fissure sealants and fluoride varnish applications.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your local Oral Health Services Tasmania dental clinic on 1300 011 013

Oral Health Services Tasmania



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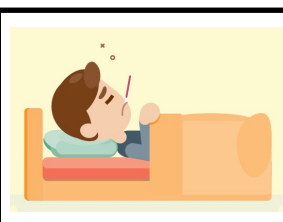
WELCOME TO THE TEAM

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Christy Grove to our team at Bruny Island District School.

Christy has accepted a position as Teacher Assistant working three days a week with Mr Hamilton and the 4-5-6 class.

Christy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from various roles across Queensland and has recently relocated to Hobart. We are very much looking forward to working with Christy and she is equally as excited to work with us.

Please, if you see Christy in our school, introduce yourself and say 'hello' - she would love to meet you.



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

Call: 62 93 11 47 or **email:** bruny.island.district@education.tas.gov.au

YOUTH ARTS SHOWCASE



you're invited
YOUTH ARTS SHOWCASE
ART DEMOS
MUSIC MARKET
SAT MAY 8 12- 4pm
'Stormwater to Sea' stencil art exhibition,
street art demos, buskers, youth market
KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY HUB 7 Goshawk Way Kingston
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SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesday is School Banking day and students can bring in their weekly deposit. If your child has lost their book, please contact the school office or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch.

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.



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RUN CLUB - STARTING SOON!

MONDAY, FUNDAY, RUNDAY

Want to join in some running fun with your friends on Monday mornings?

We are starting a RUN CLUB!



And the best part is anyone can come. If you run or run slow, if you run short or long, it doesn't matter. Even if you prefer to walk and talk, that's OK!

Every Monday morning Orson's dad Aaron Archer will meet with kids who want to join in on the school oval at 8:30am – 8:50am.

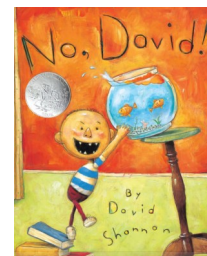
Just bring along your running shoes and join in. No registration required.

Starts on Monday 10 May. See you there.

LITTLE PENGUINS

There would not be a modern day educational theory that says play is not wonderful for children. In play, children create, design, explore and shape the world around them sometimes alone, and sometimes with others. Children immerse themselves with an abandon, spontaneity and curiosity that is simply put, a joy to observe. Last Friday, all the Little Penguins had an opportunity to play dramatically, in a Hair and Nail Salon. Fine motor skills were challenged as the children's nimble fingers painted nails using real polish. At the basin, hair was washed and dried. Then, hair was 'cut' and styled. This week, as an extension, the Day Spa will be added to the dramatic play. However, by Friday there will be a change of context. Dramatic play will centre on an Italian restaurant. Definitely, there will be tantalizing smells of pizza after the chefs' measure, mix and roll out their dough topped with tomato and salami toppings! In the background some fine Italian opera will add to our happy atmosphere. Over the term, we will do quite a lot of baking since two of our big 'ideas' centre on shape and a sense of number.

Further, there would not be a modern day educational theory that says stories are not wonderful for children. Even more than that, we want children to fall in love with stories and develop a love of reading. Children's writer, David Shannon, helps us fulfil these aims. Grounded in experiences of when the author was a toddler and pre-schooler, his stories show us a protagonist who is full of mischief. Who tips cereal all over the floor in the story 'Oh, David!' Who breaks the fish bowl in the story 'No David!' Why David, of course! After all his adventures, his mother's loving arms wait for him. So, is David naughty or an explorer? Unanimously, Bonnie, Dean, Maya, Niya, Banjo, Olivia, Essie, Darcy, Juniper and Lily, decide David is exploring the world around him. Who could disagree with their evaluation?





Last chance!

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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