

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

19 MAY 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

Wednesday 9:00—11:00

Friday 9:00—11:00

National Simultaneous Storytime

May 19 at 10:45

Strike4Climate

May 21 at 10:30

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

26 May: Beef or Veg Rendang

2 June: Tacos

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.

I could not be prouder of our students. Last week our Year 3 and Year 5 students confidently and courageously completed the NAPLAN testing and once finished, walked out of the room with a smile on their faces as they knew they had done the very best they possibly could have done with the testing. Regardless of the results of NAPLAN this year, I am proud of the way our students attempted this and did their very best—well done all.

I am also proud of the momentum which is being generated by our students for this year's Strike4Climate event. Our SRC have invited special guests to speak at the Climate Strike, prepared speeches about the key concerns they have for the Climate Crisis and encouraged students from across the school to prepare signs and placards to be used at the Strike4Climate on Friday at 10:30. Developing a generation that cares for the World, our environment, and that feel empowered to have a voice and be heard is a value that all of our educators wish to encourage in all of students. Student voice is welcomed, valued and celebrated at our school. If you are able to, please join us on Friday at 10:30 for this important event.

In recent weeks the Principal position for Bruny Island District School was advertised on a substantive/ permanent basis. In the coming weeks, those that have been shortlisted for the position will be interviewed and a decision about the successful applicant will be announced before the end of Term 2. I understand our school community will be interested to know the outcome of this process and I will do my best to notify everyone as soon as a decision is made.

Take care and kind regards,



Ashley McPherson

Principal





National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

The aims of this initiative are:

- promote the value of reading and literacy,
- promote the value and fun of books,
- promote an Australian writer and publisher,
- promote storytime in communities around the country,
- provide opportunities for the whole of the community to engage and enjoy this occasion.

This year has been even more exciting than others as this year a copy of the book *Give Me Some Space!* by Philip Bunting has been launched into space where it was read by NASA Astronaut Shannon Walker from the International Space Station. Doesn't that seem *out of this world*!?

JOIN US on Friday 21 May at 10:30 for the Strike4Climate right here on Bruny Island. We will be meeting as a community on the School Oval at 10:30 to show our support for Climate Change. We see this as an authentic opportunity to learn about the Environment, the Climate and the various ways we are contributing to the climate crisis or helping our environment to flourish.

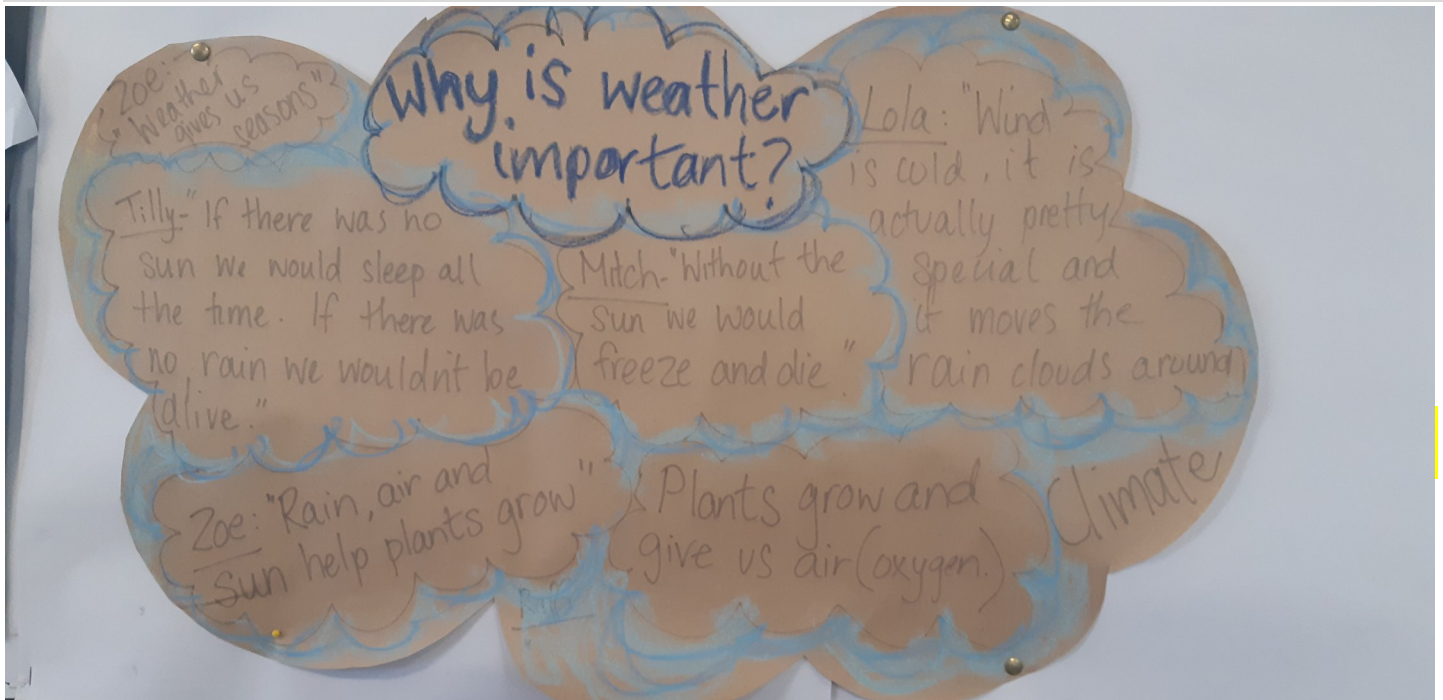
Our SRC will be making a short speech followed by a number of key speakers.

We will then culminate the strike with a walk around our school grounds.

You are very welcome to join us for the Strike4Climate, but please sign in using either the sign in book at the school office or using the TAS App QR Code which will be displayed on the oval.



If you would like a digital copy of your child's photo with the astronaut, please let us know and we will send it to you!



In Prep/I science we have been investigating weather.

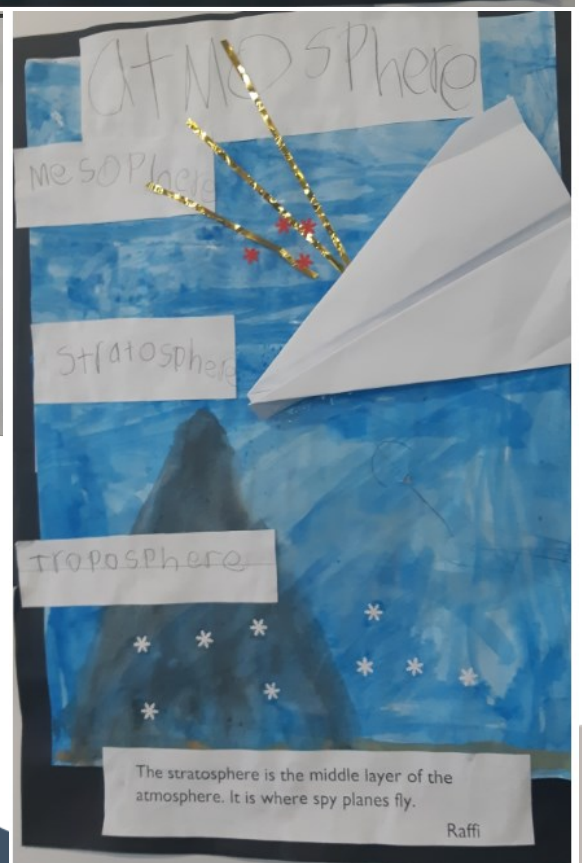
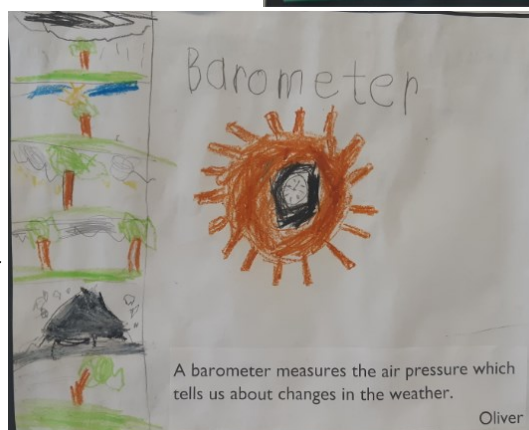
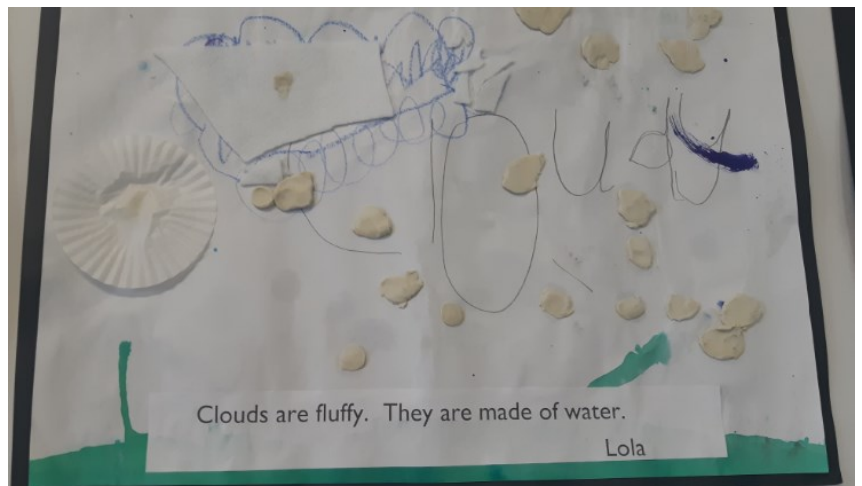
Students came up with a weather word list and then chose one to make a poster about to present in assembly.

Oliver came up with Barometer, explaining that barometers measure air pressure which tells us about changes in the weather. Lola chose clouds and explained that they are made of water. Raffi knew the word stratosphere related to weather but he didn't know it's meaning which led to him researching the layers of the atmosphere and creating this outstanding poster!

Never underestimate the wealth of knowledge these young people already have!

Recently, as part of our ongoing investigations, the Prep-I's were asked *Why is weather important?* which is part of the Science Inquiry the students are researching.

As you can see in the photo, the students came up with all sorts of amazing answers, such as: "Without the sun we would freeze and die" by Mitch and "Rain, air and the sun help plants grow" from Zoe.



AFL AT BRUNY ISLAND

It has been an exciting start to the Term in PE with Hollie from AFL Tas visiting to run AFL sessions for all our students. We learned how to mark, handball, kick, dodge and pick up a rolling ball. It was great to see every student get involved and really enjoy having an expert coach at School.



TEAM BRUNY SOCCER AND CROSS COUNTRY

We are also very excited to have entered a soccer team in the Channel United soccer Club. Team Bruny played their first game of the season recently and showed great courage, teamwork and heart! We can't wait to see the team improve as the season progresses. In June we will welcome an expert Soccer coach to run sessions during PE for all students and also offer an extra after school program for Grades 3-6, so watch this space for details.



The 2021 BIDS Cross Country will be held on Friday 21st May at 9.15am and students will be encouraged to achieve a new Personal Best. We then hope to take a team to the Interschool Cross Country on Wednesday 26th May so get those running shoes on and start training.



National Volunteer Week:

Monday the 17th-Friday the 23rd of May is National Volunteer Week. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the work volunteers do within our community here on Bruny Island. Not only is the Parents and Friends run by volunteers, but we also have volunteer paramedics, fire fighters, Librarians, various environment groups and community groups, volunteers who run events such as the Easter Carnival (woodchop) and social groups such as the Mens Shed and many more.

The P&F would like to extend our thanks as volunteers to all the other volunteers out there who give their time to make this fantastic community a vibrant and diverse place.

Mother's Day

We hope Mother's Day was enjoyed by everyone and you took time to thank a special woman in your life. Thank you to Meagan Porter and Joe Bennett for overseeing the pot painting so the children could take home something unique for a special carer, the Parents and Friends kindly donated the materials.

Calendar for 2022

The process to produce our 2022 calendar is well under way. We thank everyone who entered and please vote for your favourites either by scanning the QR code or by visiting our Facebook page. Voting is open until 31 May, 2021.

School Fair

FAIR YEAR!! That's right 2021 is a fair year. The bi-annual fair is a major contributor to the P&F bank account, please consider how you can get involved as planning will be starting in June.

Billabong Playground Redevelopment

We have decided to pursue fundraising for the Billabong Playground redevelopment, this will be in addition to the normal activities the P&F carry out. A billabong style visual indicator will be erected soon by the School roadside to show the funds raised so far, major sponsors will be publicised here too. If you or somebody you know wishes to make a large *donation* to this project please get in touch with either Nicole Adams 0428606255 or Ashley McPherson ashley.mcperson@education.tas.gov.au

Update your details today!

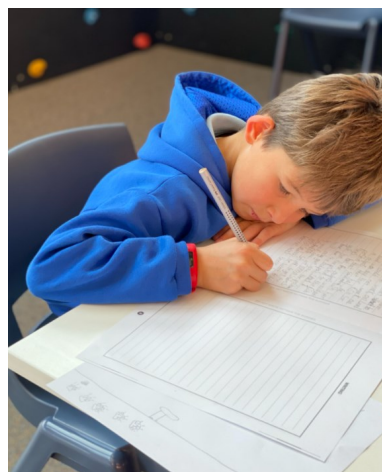
Want P&F updates such as hot lunch reminders as text? Put your name on the list by contacting Nicole 0428606255.



Scan me to vote!

CONGRATULATIONS- NAPLAN DONE

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students for successfully completing NAPLAN this year. The Year 3s had one test to complete on paper (the writing test) and then all other tests were completed online.



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Next Tuesday we will be hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Please pack something special for your child to enjoy as we will be eating together at a long table, special-occasion morning tea. Please, if possible, bring a donation to help support our fundraising efforts for the Cancer Council.

Your donation is very much appreciated.



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

DONATIONS



Thank you so much to the kind people that think to donate to our school.

Recently Willa and her family donated *The Floods* by Colin Thompson to the library and Liz donated two dinosaur books. These books are now processed and in our library for students to borrow.

STORYTELLING WITH JUSTUS NEUMANN

This week our students were treated by a beautiful retelling of the Roald Dahl classic: *The Enormous Crocodile* by enthusiastic storyteller, Justus Neumann.



students for a drama workshop in a few weeks time.

We are so thankful for Justus for sharing his expertise and time with us.

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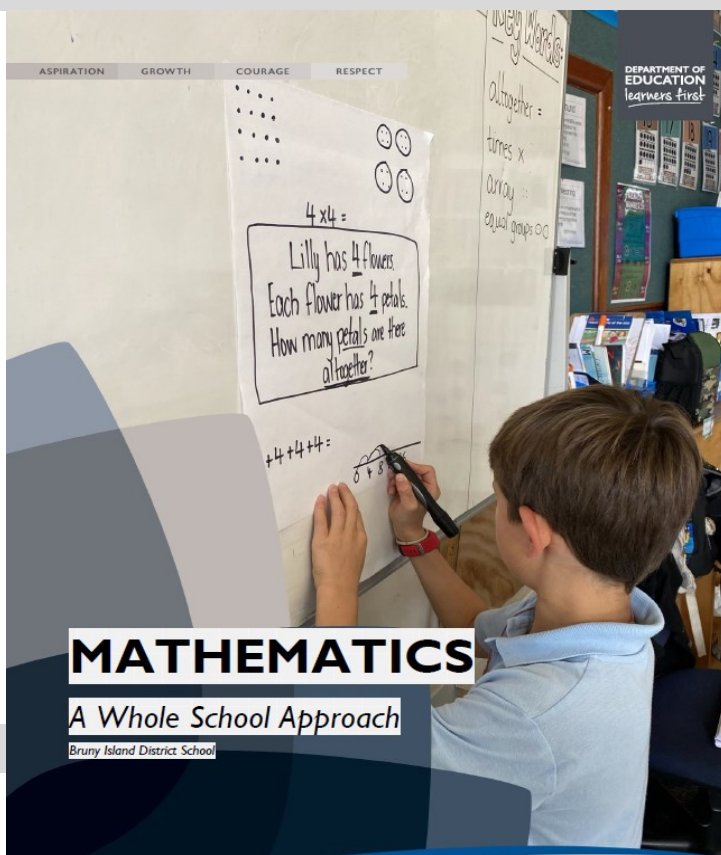
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MATHEMATICS



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A Whole School Approach

Bruny Island District School

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Our strong focus on Mathematics continues with many of our lessons designed around the *Mathematics Proficiencies*:

- Understanding, Fluency, Problem Solving, Reasoning

The proficiency strands describe the actions in which students can engage when learning and using the content of the Australian Curriculum.

As a teaching team, we have collaboratively reflected on our professional learning to this point and developed our shared *Statement of Beliefs* about how we teach Mathematics at Bruny Island District School. The belief is:

At our school we believe maths is everywhere, everyone is a mathematician and every child can be a successful learner. Connections are made between concepts and the real world. Understanding is demonstrated through making thinking visible. The thinking is as valuable as the answers and mistakes are celebrated as learning opportunities.

...and that's why you will see...

...opportunities for maths every day during dedicated blocks of time and embedded across all learning areas. Children playing maths games, using a range of materials to solve real life problems both independently and collaboratively. You will see students and educators engaging in rich conversations sharing and explaining their thinking.