

Bruny Island District School

Where every child is empowered to develop the skills and confidence to enrich their lives and the lives of others.

STRIKE4CLIMATE 2021

No matter who you are or where you are from, Climate Change is a concern for all of us. But it is most concerning for our young people.

At Bruny Island District School, we want *every child* to be empowered to develop the skills and confidence to enrich their lives and the lives of others and that is why we have participated in the **Strike4Climate** event this year.

We gathered together because we are worried about our environment. We are worried about the future of our beautiful Island, our State, and our Nation. We are worried about our World. We want to see action to help our Earth recover from the damage that has been done and to make sure we have a bright future. We want to be part of the change.

We went on strike to learn more about how Climate Change is affecting our community, our homes, and our futures.

We were striking to learn about what we can do to help make a difference.

We are striking to unite our community.



STRIKE4CLIMATE

Bruny Island District School hosted the Strike4Climate event on the school grounds and welcomed many members of the Bruny Island Community to strike with us. Our SRC provided a short speech about various aspects of the Climate Crisis that they were concerned about and with information they have researched.

We welcomed Bob Graham (Bruny Island Environmental Network), Lillian Stewart (IMAS Marine Scientist), Scott Thornton (National Parks) and David Boyer (local resident) who each shared their unique perspective on the Climate Crisis and the effects this is having on Global Warming.



At the conclusion of the official speeches, we then marched around our school grounds to show solidarity for the cause and to come together as one community with a desire to enact change.

On behalf of Bruny Island District School I would like to thank our keynote speakers, our families and the community for their participation and our students who are leading the way towards a brighter future.

What can we do? "Save our environment!"

From the SRC:

Where did this start?

The Climate Strike is a series of international strikes and protests to demand action to be taken to address Climate Change.



In August, 2018, a girl named Greta Thunberg began protesting in front of the Swedish Parliament, rather than attending School. She chose to demand action to be taken on Climate Change. Her actions soon sparked a movement and led young people from all across the World to start to "strike from school" and to demand action.

Prytt

Why is Global Warming a problem?

Global warming is causing sea levels to rise in two ways.

First, glaciers and ice sheets worldwide are melting, and this is adding water to the ocean.

Second, the volume of the ocean is expanding as the water warms and this is also causing our sea levels to rise.

A study in 2019 predicated that by 2050 the sea level will rise by 30 centimetres if we don't help to stop it. This will mean that many small islands could be under water by 2050 due to climate change.

Callum

What is the Marine Impact?

Global warming is changing the temperature of the ocean- and it's getting hot.

Changes in water temperature can affect the environments where fish, shellfish, and other marine species live. Some marine animals may adapt by moving towards cooler areas.

Warmer sea temperatures are causing coral bleaching which impacts on the coral reef ecosystem that are home to many of the food sources for other animals.

Warmer sea temperatures are directly impacting on the development and growth of most fish and the causing fewer fish to be in the ocean.

Patrick

How can you help?

There are lots of little ways you can help save our environment.

1. Speak up. Talk about climate crisis and tell them all the things you have learned
2. Reduce waste. We waste a lot of water, food, paper, toys... only use what you need to use.
3. Walk, cycle or use a bus. The less we drive, the better it will be for the environment.
4. Turn off the lights you are not using

The best way you can help, is to consider all of the ways you can reduce waste.

Riley



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ASPIRATION GROWTH COURAGE RESPECT

2 JUNE 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

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

4-5-6 Excursion and Shorts Day

21 June

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

9 June: Chili Con Carne

16 June: TBA and 23 June: Spaghetti

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.

If you have been following us on Social Media, you will know how busy our past few weeks have been. We have: participated in the Strike4Climate event, hosted our Cross Country, participated in the Interschool Cross Country, hosted Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and had a very special performance with Ollie Nathan-Truesdale who collaborated with our students for an incredibly special musical event.

When I think about the experiences our students have had in recent weeks, I'm reminded of how our school is focused on providing our students with every opportunity to develop the skills and confidence to be connected to their community, resilient against challenges, creative with their thinking and curious about the world around them. Our students are provided with both targeted and intentional teaching at the point of need as well rich experiences that cultivate their lives and ensure they have every opportunity to succeed.

I must also acknowledge and show my appreciation for the staff at Bruny Island District School. The attention, time and energy given by all of our staff to ensure we can provide this incredibly rich education for our students is exemplary. Thank you for all that you do for our students.

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten for 2022. If your child is turning 5 in 2022, please talk to us about an enrolment form soon. We are now planning our pre-kinder classes and confirming staffing for 2022 so your enrolment form is very helpful for us to do this planning. Thank you so much for your support.

Take care and kind regards,



Ashley McPherson
Principal



**KINDERGARTEN
2022 ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN**

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CROSS COUNTRY

Courage and determination are two words that spring to mind when I think about the 2021 BIDS Cross Country. Running is such a fantastic and simple way to get fit and stay healthy and is something you can do anywhere, anytime, at any age, on your own or with friends with no special equipment apart from a pair of running shoes.



Believe it or not, running can be fun, and this year the students at BIDS proved that. The focus was once again for students to achieve their PB (personal best) either in time or distance (or both) and I am so pleased to report that every single student achieved a PB, with many students running much farther than they ever have before and with quite a few annihilating their previous times by up to 5 minutes! The effort and encouragement seen during the event made me a very proud PE Teacher! By far my favourite moment from the day was seeing almost the entire school get back up to run an extra lap to support the LiL students and families. Bruny Island School students, staff and community-YOU ROCK!



To follow up such a successful event, we sent a large team of 20 students to the Interschool Cross Country at Huonville on a blustery, wet, cold Wednesday.



Here they competed against students from multiple other schools and showed even greater courage, determination and team spirit. As usual the BIDS kids were outstanding ambassadors for our Island, showing the rest of the Huon and Channel region what Team Spirit really looks, sounds and feels like.

Every student I have spoken to had a fantastic day and should feel so very proud of what they have achieved as individuals and a school team. There were some spectacular results with the following standouts:

Grade 3 Girls: Annabelle 3rd

Grade 3 boys: Orson 5th

Grade 4 Girls: Ella Bennet 3rd

The Grade 5 girls gave us a trifecta with Isla 7th, Ella Martin 8th and Rosie in at 9th and Riley McQueen stormed home with a 2nd place.

Congratulations to every single runner and a huge thank you to Rory for taking the team and also to Tameka for driving the bus, Davina for helping with the marshalling and Nina and Emma for supporting our kids.



P&F: Q&A INVITATION

Do you want to make a difference and be part of the great Parents and Friends team at Bruny Island District School?



JOIN US P&F: Q&A EVENT

Join Ashley McPherson (Principal) and Nicole Adams (P&F President) at one of our Q&A events to learn more about how you can be part of the committee that makes a difference to the school- big or small.
No RSVP needed, just drop in and have a chat.

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY
8th June	9th June	9th June
7:30 - 8:30pm	8:45 - 9:15 am	3:30 - 4:00 pm
ONLINE	School Library	School Library

We have been received feedback that there are families that are interested in our P&F Committee but they are unsure how to get involved... so we have listened and we are offering a number of Q&A sessions for you to ask us any questions you might have or to discuss how you can be involved.

There is no need to RSVP, just join us either online on Tuesday 8th June (for a link to this session, email us: bruny.island.district@education.tas.gov.au) or in person on Wednesday 9th June.

We would love to see our P&F Committee continue to grow so that together we can achieve great things for our students.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS OPPORTUNITY: SOCCER

Starting today, Wednesday 2nd June, we are lucky enough to have experienced soccer coach, Alby Hooper coming to run a 4 week soccer program for all grades in PE.

He will also be offering a FREE AFTER SCHOOL Soccer clinic for all students from Grade 2 to Grade 6. The clinic will run from 3pm-4pm for 4 weeks and will be a tonne of fun, so if you haven't already returned the permission slips which were sent home last week, please contact the office to sign your child up. (Channel United Team Bruny Players: this clinic is in addition to our regular Thursday trainings with Shane. It is not compulsory but a fantastic opportunity for your young player to work on skills and fitness).



LITTLE PENGUINS

Last Friday's dramatic play centred on the 'Bruny Island District School Supermarket – Little Penguins'. Fresh mandarins, apples from our very own orchard, white seedless grapes from Salamanca Fresh, adorned our shelves. Other produce included dry biscuits (chosen intentionally for their shapes), and lunch delicacies. The check-out corner was sometimes managed by Maya, Julian or Nia. Without any instructions or directions from adults the 'shoppers' lined up for their daily and weekly shopping. Brown paper bags carried their produce instead of plastic bags. Children are very familiar with the behaviours expected in supermarkets and this was made evident in the dramatic play.



This Friday, a Cookie Shop will form the core of the dramatic play. To enrich the experience, students will be donning on their aprons and 'baker's hats' to make some of their own cookies to add to the shelves. Every week we do some baking and children enjoy it immensely. Scones and pizzas are all products the children have made – all popular – as was the Apple Crumble.

As the age group of our children varies, we introduced the idea of 'edible' necklace making last Friday too. Real beads can be hazardous with little ones in the space, whose first experiment with curious objects is to taste and put straight into the mouth, and we are highly cognizant of this fact. However, threading breakfast cereal onto wool to create a necklace provided excellent scope for young fingers to develop their fine motor coordination skills.

Some things stay pretty much the same each week. They are finite, like the construction corner. The Art table is always in the same place. It too, is finite. Children need this stability and repetition to be able to build on what they know. They need to be able to revisit their explorations and adventures. 'Pete the Cat' or 'No, David' are stories that will be repeated so language patterns become familiar.

At the same time, children need new stimulation and a sense of 'things' including change. This is why we introduce new materials and contexts – to fire their imagination and spur their curiosity.

INDONESIAN ACROSS THE CLASSROOMS

On Monday Bu Ingrid once again visited our school in her role as the Bahasa Indonesian Specialist Teacher.

She worked with all students from Kindergarten to Grade Six. She had an extended time in the K/P/I Class which gave her an opportunity to connect with our youngest students. Throughout their morning routines Bu Ingrid made natural links between English and Bahasa Indonesian during morning sharing time, news, fruit break and play time using authentic learning opportunities.

Ingrid's focus with all classes this year was centred around the 2021 Dark MOFO Ogoh-ogoh parade which is the final event for the Winter solstice parade and burning.

This 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.

This year the Ogoh-ogoh is the Mount Mangana Stag Beetle. The Balinese artists who have created the designs of endemic Tasmanian species for the festivals over the past years can't be here so they have created the frame for the beetle out of bamboo as well as a number of smaller bamboo insects for our students to decorate. These will form the 'swarm' for the mini procession.



Students will decorate the insects which were shipped from Bali, and have them ready for the Winter Solstice Parade.

The University of Tasmania have collaborated with the artists from Bali and

over the years they have visited our school. As the Mt. Mangana Stag Beetle is pertinent to Bruny Island UTAS were keen for our students to be involved.

Please read the following information on the 2012 Dark MOFO Ogoh-ogoh Bruny link.



2021 Dark Mofo Ogoh-ogoh Bruny link

This year's Dark Mofo, Balinese inspired, Ogoh -ogoh is the Mt Mangana Stag Beetle. To celebrate the Bruny connection,



the Balinese artists have made framed bamboo insects for the children to decorate.

Children are invited to attend the winter solstice burning on Sunday June 20th and carry their insects as part of a 'swarm

'in the mini procession beforehand. Numbers for the general public are limited but children with insects (with their families) are guaranteed a spot.

Timeline for Sunday June 20th Dark Mofo Ogoh -ogoh burn

4pm Children with their families arrive at Regatta Grounds, parking may be available at the Goods shed 41 Evans St.

4.30 pm Children with insects in place in 'swarms' at Regatta Grounds

5pm Mini procession starts

5.30 Burning

Please contact me at school with any questions or queries. The decorated bamboo insects will be used in the parade whether carried by Bruny students or other children.

Naomi Buczek

SHORTS DAY

SPEAK UP! STAY CHATTY
SHORTS DAY

Brave the cold... brave the conversation.

When: Monday 21 June

What: Wear your favourite pair of shorts and bring a gold coin donation for Speak Up! Stay Chatty.

What: Discuss that it's ok to speak up about your worries and ask for help.

REMINDER: MONDAY FUNDAY RUNDAY CLUB

I hope this love of running continues and we would like to encourage all students to have a go at the Monday Funday Runday Club every Monday on the school oval at 8.30am with Aaron.



We still plan to enter a team into the Bruny Ultra Marathon in December and the best way to prepare for that is to just keep running.....and smiling!

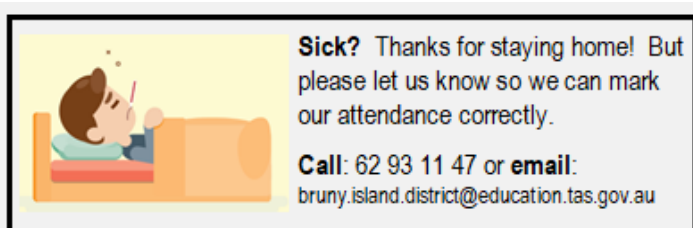
READ TOGETHER

Congratulations to all of the students that are continuing to focus on improving their reading with our Read Together programme. We are so impressed to see the improvements our students are making due to their continued practice and effort to read on a regular basis.

Read Together encourages students to both read more often and to be deliberate with their comprehension and analysis of their reading. The Read Together questions encourage both simple comprehension and a deeper level of reflection about 'me as a reader' as a way to set goals and celebration success.



When students have read for 100 reading sessions, they will be given a new Read Together booklet, a certificate in our assembly and a book prize to acknowledge their effort.



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SINGER, SONGWRITER, PERFORMER

On Monday afternoon the 2/3 and 4/5/6 classes came together to work with singer, songwriter and performer Oliver Nathan-Truesdale. Oli, Giselle's son was on Bruny for a rare visit during Term time.



The children recorded their singing of harmony lines to one of his songs "Take Me Home" and suggested a looping arrangement for him to create to accompany their singing of Ruby Hunter's song "Kurong Boy Kurong Girl" as part of their acknowledgment of Reconciliation Week. The children were fully engaged as he demonstrated and explained his strategies as a musician for taking audiences on story journeys through song using voice style and accompaniment choices. He spoke about the well-being effects of life-long musical exploration and the benefits of families playing and singing songs together. A number of children asked for his "Ole Falco" Spotify address to listen to more of his songs so you may hear his work at home!

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thank you to all of our students, staff and families for supporting this year's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

Together, we raised close to \$300 for the Cancer Council.

We celebrated by coming together at recess time for a very special long table morning tea in the MPR. We listened to music, enjoyed conversations together and connected as a whole school.

Thank you for your support.

