



# Bruny Island District School

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

## THANK YOU FOR THE DONATION



Last week we launched a brand new collection of new books with thanks to the very generous donation from Tasmanian author; Heather Rose and the Jetty Café on Bruny Island.

Heather Rose also arranged for her publishing company, Allen and Unwin to provide us with a 55%

discount on all of the books we purchased with her donation exceeding our buying power for many more books for our students and families.

We have purchased both picture books and novels for our general library collection (available to students for

borrowing), and many new reading sets which will be used by teachers and small groups of students in the classroom.

We invited Heather Rose to come to our school for a special assembly to launch our collection of books and to speak to the students, but unfortunately Heather was unwell and had to cancel her trip to our school. We have extended an open-invitation to Heather to visit us when she is next visiting Bruny Island.

We would like to thank Heather Rose, Allen and Unwin and the Jetty Café for this incredible donation and for their support.







We would also like to thank Anne, our wonderful librarian, for her many hours of researching, purchasing and preparing these wonderful books for our students and our families to use.

At our special assembly, we also celebrated the many students who have reached 100 Reading Sessions with our Read Together programme. Each student was awarded with a special certificate as well as a book prize for their effort.

The assembly finished with a Q&A session with Ella and Mr McPherson. Ella asked Mr McPherson many questions related to reading and why being a reader is so important. We talked about the importance of finding a good book, places to enjoy reading and how for some, reading can be challenge.

Congratulations to all of our students who have been regularly reading and to our families for your support.





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EDUCATION  
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16 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 Conversations

June 28, 29, 30

## REMINDERS

### Friday (each week)

School finishes at 2:30pm

### Hot Lunch \$4.50

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.

It was with great pleasure that I announced to our families and the school community last week that I have been successfully appointed to the Principal position of Bruny Island District School in a permanent capacity and the response has been overwhelming. I'd truly like to thank everyone for your kind words, acknowledgement and well wishes. It has been a pleasure working with each of you and I very much look forward to continuing that work into the future.

On Monday we will be participating in the very first *Speak Up, Stay Chatty Shorts Day*. All staff and students are encouraged to wear shorts to school on Monday 21 June and bring a gold coin donation for *Speak Up, Stay Chatty*. The idea of this day is the *Brave the Cold. Brave the Conversation*. We all know that talking about mental health can be uncomfortable (just like wearing shorts in the winter time), but there are some simple things you can do to make sure everyone knows that you are willing to brave the conversation if someone needs you. Please read over the 6 useful tips to help brave the conversation in this week's newsletter and remember, I am always available if you need someone to talk to.

Our teachers have been very busy in recent weeks gathering data and writing your child's mid-year report. The reports will be sent home on June 25 and parent-teacher conversations will be held in the final week of Term 2. Information will be shared shortly about available days and times, but please (if possible) join us for parent-teacher interview. This is an important part of us working together in partnership for your child.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson  
Principal



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**KINDERGARTEN**  
2022 ENROLMENTS  
**NOW OPEN**

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten for 2022.  
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## NEW FLAG POLE



A few weeks ago we installed a second flag pole at the front of our school next to the Australian flag. We did this to acknowledge and pay respects to the Nuenonne people, elders and ancestors, who; just like us, lived here with their families and friends, raising their children and teaching them how to care for this rich island we call home, lunawanna-alonnah.

We are proud of our beautiful school and the

grounds that it is built and it is important for us to acknowledge the traditional and original owners of this land.

## SHORTS DAY

**WHEN:** Monday 21 June

**WHAT:** Wear your favourite shorts and please bring a gold coin donation

**SPEAK UP! STAY CHATTY**

# SHORTS DAY

**TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH CAN BE UNCOMFORTABLE, SO HERE ARE 6 USEFUL TIPS TO HELP YOU BRAVE THE CONVERSATION:**



**S – SHOW UP:**  
Whether you are the listener or the sharer, it is important to show up and be active and engaged in conversations.

**H – HONESTY:**  
Always remember that being honest and upfront in a conversation is powerful.

**O – OPPORTUNITY:**  
Recognise that a conversation around mental health creates opportunities for connection, care and change.

**R – RESPECT:**  
Show respect by empathising with different perspectives and acknowledging the emotions that are being felt.

**T – TAKE YOUR TIME:**  
Whether you're opening up yourself, or supporting a friend, patience is the key to letting the conversation flow.

**Y – YOU MATTER:**  
Your well-being is important! Be kind to yourself when opening up or being there for someone else.

**BRAVE THE COLD. BRAVE THE CONVERSATION.**

## THANK YOU P&F


We had a wonderful group of volunteers collecting 165 bags of sheep manure recently and would you believe, it was sold out within a matter of days!

Thank you so much to everyone that volunteered their time and to Nicole for organising. We would also like to extend our thanks to the Weetapoonna Aboriginal Community for access to the site and to the Murryfield Team for their ongoing support.

Last week we also hosted a series of Q&A sessions to support parents and friends that would like to get involved with our fundraising efforts, but would like to know more. From this we have welcomed a new member to the committee– Davina, who has taken on the role of Secretary for the P&F. Welcome Davina and thank you for your support.

## DATES TO KNOW

TERM:	DATE:	EVENT:
2	20 June	Dark MOFO Ogoh-ogoh event.
2	21 June	4-5-6 Excursion to Woodbridge Shorts Day!
2	22 June	Be Kinder Day
2	25 June	Mid-Year Reports sent home
2	28, 29, 30 June	Parent– Teacher Interviews
3	19 July	Student Free Day
3	20 July	First day of Term 3
3	26 July	School Photo Day
3	30 July	School Disco



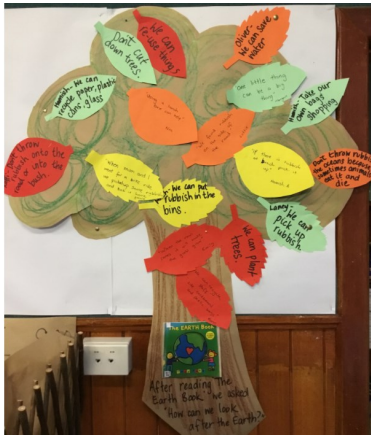
**Sick?** Thanks for staying home! But please let us know so we can mark our attendance correctly.

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## SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

After the climate strike march on May 21st, the Dolphins class have been digging deep about what "SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT" really means and how we, as a class, can do this. We had lots of suggestions and some great discussions.

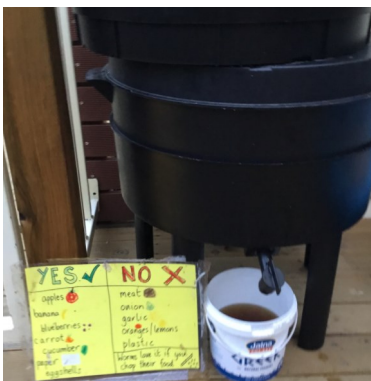


**MARIN** "Don't throw rubbish away or it will end up in the ground".

**MORGAN** "Each little thing makes a big thing"

We asked Bob to leave the rubbish bins in the classroom for a couple of days and then we took a look at what we throw away to landfill. We noticed almost all our garbage is

paper and avoidable - either paper towels after washing our hands, or waste paper that can be recycled. We already have a worm farm on our deck in which we put all our fruit scraps, so there is no food waste in our bin.



As a class we have decided to use cloth towels as much as possible and we now have a classroom paper recycle bin in which we throw any paper that has been used on both sides. We are planning to use that paper to make more paper next term. We also noticed that the bins are all lined with plastic bin liners

and these liners are thrown away with the rubbish each day. After reflecting on this point, Liz spoke with Bob to suggest that the bins didn't need to be emptied each day and she was told that Laney and Morgan had already approached him and asked him to stop using bin liners at all. Well done Laney and Morgan!

The Preps and Year 1's had a look at what we can do outside of school to help reduce our waste when we are out and about and these are the things they came up with:

**Henry:** Use a cloth bag instead of a plastic bag.

**Lola:** Use a water bottle, don't buy bottles of water.

**Hamish:** Bring your own bags for fruit and vegetables.

**Laney:** We are making the world hotter. We can stop using

cars. We can start using buses and bikes.

**Mitch:** Don't use disposable cutlery. Take your own to the shop.

**Zoe:** Use bees wax wraps instead of plastic.

**Oliver:** Use metal or wooden cutlery, not plastic.

**Tilly:** A keep cup is useful for take away coffee.



Last week we collected some recycled cotton material and made some wax wraps to avoid using plastic wrap in lunch boxes etc. We are planning to make more of these to sell at the school fair in November, but in the meantime, if you need a wax wrap for your sandwiches, let us know, we would love to make one for you if it helps us to "Save Our Environment".



Huon Valley Theatre Inc. presents

# The Wizard of Oz

Young Performers' Edition

Huonville Town Hall  
 2pm @ Tuesday 13 July  
 2pm @ Wednesday 14 July  
 2pm @ Thursday 15 July  
 2pm @ Friday 16 July  
 2pm @ & 7pm @ Saturday 17 July

Tickets available at the door  
 or book online at [HuonValleyTheatre.com](http://HuonValleyTheatre.com)  
 Adults \$15, Children and Concession \$10, Family \$50

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is a children's book written by L. Frank Baum and was first published in 1900. A modern fairy tale with a mid-west American setting, a delightfully level-headed and assertive heroine, and engaging fantasy characters, the story was enormously popular and became a classic of children's literature.

As well as being a wonderful and exciting adventure for children, the novel shows that each of the travelers already possessed what they had thought they lacked.

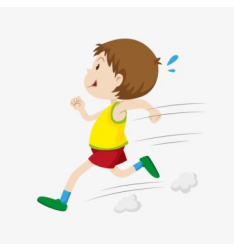
By the late 20th century the 1939 film The Wizard of Oz had become more familiar than the book on which it was based. Since then it has enjoyed enduring popularity, with many film and stage adaptations having been made.

Huon Valley Theatre has staged the Wizard of Oz twice previously, first in 1993, and then in 2004. This junior edition is its third appearance in the Huonville Town Hall, and provides a wonderful opportunity for the youngsters of the Huon to demonstrate their talent on stage.



## 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!

## DARK MOFO EVENT

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 students of Bruny Island District School to decorate. These insects will then be used as part of the procession and at the public Dark MOFO event.



Students and their families 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 public are limited but children with insects (with their families) are guaranteed a spot. The timing of the procession and burning is earlier than past years to

accommodate families from Bruny Island.

**Date:** Sunday June 20, 2021

**Time:** Before 4:00pm: Bruny families to meet at Good's Shed 41 Evan's Street. There is guaranteed parking for Bruny Families. Students to collect their insect and walk with family on the bike path towards the Cenotaph.

### Timeline:

4:00pm: Children with their families arrive at Regatta Grounds via bike path.

4:30pm: Children with insects in place in 'swarms' at Regatta Grounds

5:00pm: Mini procession starts

5:30pm: Burning of big Ogoh ogoh-Mt. Mangana Beetle.

Children and families can then move back to cars via bike path and head for Ferry or alternate arrangements as you wish.

## THANK YOU SEALINK

To support families with being able to access and enjoy this event, we have negotiated with Sealink for an additional ferry to be added to the timetable for our families. This service has been added as overtime specifically to support the school and our families and so we would very much like to thank Sealink for their generous support.



**Additional Ferry Information:** Departing Kettering at 7:30pm.

To take advantage of this additional ferry, please complete and return the registration form sent on Friday last week to our families. We will then book the ferry service for you. Sealink will make contact before the night to arrange pre-



payment as the pay booth will be closed at this time on the night. The cost of the ferry will be as per the normal payment structure.

Please remember, attendance at this event is not compulsory but simply an invitation if you would like to attend.



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