

# 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

22 SEPTEMBER 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Little Penguins

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

### K– 2 Swimming and Water Safety

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

### The Reaching Out Festival Y4-5-6 Excursion

September 24

### School Review

October 18, 19

### Athletics Carnival

November 4

### Interschool Athletics Carnival

November 10

### P&F Event: School Fair

November 6

### Celebration Assembly 11:30

December 8

### Year 6 Dinner

December 9

### Triathlon

December 10

## REMINDERS

### Hot Lunch

Would you like to cook in Term 4?

### Friday (each week)

School finishes at 2:30pm

## TERM DATES 2021

Term 3    20 July—24 September

Dear Families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter and to the final week of Term 3. We have now completed all of our PAT Testing for 2021 and in the coming weeks we will analyse this data to look for what the students are doing well, areas to focus on, and how this data could inform our School Improvement Priorities for 2022. From an initial scan of the data, I can see many areas of improvement and growth.

Last week the School Satisfaction Survey closed and I'm pleased to say that our school has had the highest percentage of parent responses compared to similar schools and a very high staff response too. This will ensure we are interpreting a rich data set once this is sent to us in October so I'd like to extend my gratitude to all of you that responded to the survey.

One of our wonderful Teacher Assistants will be taking leave for Term 4 to spend time with her family in WA. We would like to thank Shellee Alexanderson for her outstanding professionalism and support to our students and wish her all the best for the rest of the year. We look forward to welcoming Shellee back in 2022. It is also my great pleasure to welcome AJ Kennedy to our team who has accepted the Teacher Assistant position for Term 4 in Shellee's absence.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank all of our families and students for your support this term. It has been another busy term but we have lots to celebrate and be proud of. We have a wonderful school, an engaged and connected community and a truly amazing team that are all here to ensure the very best outcomes for your children. Have a wonderful term break and I look forward to working with you all in Term 4.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson  
Principal

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## INDIGITAL MINECRAFT CHALLENGE 2021



Congratulations to our Year 4-5-6 class for representing our school and sharing their recent Indigenous Perspectives and Intercultural Understandings learning through the Indigital Minecraft Challenge for 2021.

The Indigital Minecraft Education Challenge invites Indigenous and non-Indigenous students from Foundation to Year 10 to discover and explore their local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural knowledge, histories and languages and represent this learning through the Minecraft Education Edition.



This year's Challenge saw over 200 teachers and 6500 students across 160 schools take up the Challenge to build Minecraft Worlds, celebrating the 2021 National NAIDOC theme Heal Country.



We are proud to announce Bruny Island District School was named:

- National Finalist Best Narrative 2021
- National Finalist Best Minecraft World- Primary 2021



Our prize is a \$1000 voucher for new technology with thanks to Microsoft.



But what are we most proud of?

The amazing teaching and learning experience our students have had which was guided by Mr Hamilton and from the authentic Indigenous experiences we have had with palawa man Jason Smith, Danny Gardner, Todd Sculthorpe and Michelle Synnott.



Well done Mr Hamilton, the Year 4-5-6 class, Claire Gorman (for amazing photos and video) and to everyone at Bruny Island District School.

We will be sharing more of our learning journey in the coming weeks.

Undeniably, Chess is both a popular activity amongst students and academically rewarding. Children that play games such as Chess develop skills with regards to sportsmanship, respect, fairness, patience, decision-making, time-management, analytical thinking, and this all leads to an improved ability to sustain learning and therefore improved academic outcomes.



Recently we were invited to participate in a workshop to improve our Chess skills and then put them to the test with a Chess Tournament at the end of the day. Our students thoroughly enjoyed spending the time to improve their Chess skills and the challenge of the tournament against each other.

Thank you to Miss Shelton for organising our Chess Day and to James from Black Square Chess for facilitating.



Reminder: **CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL**

**NUT FREE CLASSROOM**



Please do not bring any peanuts, tree nuts or foods containing nuts into this area. Thank you for keeping our students safe.



To align to both our *Move Well, Eat Well Policy* and our *Allergy Aware School Policy* we would like to ask parents to please don't send or supply cakes and treats to school for your child's birthday.

Our staff have many alternative ideas to celebrate each child's birthday whilst they are at school which do not include food treats, but will be equally as special.

Thank you for your understanding and for your support with this.

**1990's—A decade to remember**



Were you associated with Bruny Island District School between 1990-2000? If so, we would like to invite you to reunite and celebrate those years.

When: 27th November 2021

Where: Alonnah Hall, Bruny Island.

Cost: \$50 p.p (includes a drink on arrival, food and entertainment). Partners welcome, over 18's only. There will be an open bar to purchase additional drinks.

All money raised will go to Bruny School Parents and Friends Association for school improvements.

Tickets available at [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au), for further info contact event organiser Rosie Bennett 0429933954



- Market stalls
- Plants and poo
- Craft activities
- Hot Food
- Music
- Kids rides
- Games
- Prizes to be won
- Café
- Fresh produce
- Auction
- And more

**BRUNY ISLAND SCHOOL FAIR**

**SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
10AM - 3PM**

**School fundraising event**

Come along and enjoy a day full of good food and community spirit as this small rural school hosts its biannual fair. Pick up some bargains at the plants stall or some handmade treasures from local artisans at the market stalls. This is the Bruny School Parents and Friends committee's biggest fundraising event, bring you friends and family and support our school.



## VOLUNTEER AUCTION: P & F FUNDRAISER

Do you have a skill or knowledge you are willing to auction off at our school fair?

We are holding an auction this year at the school fair as a way of raising funds and you, the parents, are being auctioned!!

You might consider donating: 4 hrs babysitting, 2 hrs specialty cooking lessons, 2x1 hr yoga session for 2 people, handy man jobs for 3 hrs, a welding lesson for 2 hrs, a car detail and wash.

The idea is to have a bit of fun, strengthen community connection and not take ourselves too seriously. Please see below for an example form about Old Mate and what he is offering.

If you are interested in taking part please contact Nicole 0428606255 or [joeysnickers@hotmail.com](mailto:joeysnickers@hotmail.com) and she will help you think through your offer and provide you with a form to fill out.

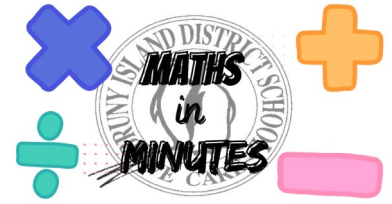
## MATHS IN MINUTES- A HOLIDAY ACTIVITY?

This week we have released our final episode of Maths In Minutes. The six part mini-series was designed to support families with ideas and strategies to engage with mathematical concepts and dialogue at home.

Perhaps the term-break is a great time to reflect on the videos and try some of these strategies.

The videos are available via Facebook, Instagram and SeeSaw. We are also planning to develop a videos page on our school website. The videos discuss the following topics:

- Maths is Everywhere
- Estimation
- Multiplication
- Number Splitting
- Problem Solving
- Time



We hope you have enjoyed our Maths In Minutes videos!

We would very much welcome your feedback.

Please complete a short survey with this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/va7tsU5BVP>

Or using this QR Code:



Or you can email Ashley: [Ashley.mcpherson@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:Ashley.mcpherson@education.tas.gov.au)

Or call our office and speak to him:

62 93 11 47.

## Bruny Island School Fair 2021 Volunteer Auction.



Name: Old mate.....  
Offering: Garden work.  
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Time fame: 4hrs.....  
Number of people: 1 property .....

**EXAMPLE**



*Specifics: Old mate is offering 4 hrs of general gardening work including weeding, mowing, brushcutting, mulching and pruning. He is not a professional gardener but has a lot of experience with the basics. Will bring and use his own tools. Not available Sunday, Monday, Tuesdays. On Island service only. \$40 per hour if additional work is required. The 4hrs work must be undertaken in 1 day and must be used before March 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 unless otherwise arranged.*

*This service is to be treated as if enqaqing any other professional for such a role.*

*In entering into this agreement both purchaser and volunteer agree to communicate with each other openly and honestly regarding times, timeframes, and expectations. The volunteer agrees to carry out their role in a professional manner within the limitations of their abilities and the space/equipment provided. The purchaser agrees to respect the volunteers' abilities and time and only request of the volunteer that which is stated on this form unless otherwise arranged and agreed upon before the agreed date on which the volunteering is to take place. Both parties are held by common law to not engage in unlawful activities such as abuse (verbal, physical or otherwise) and will be held accountable through legal processes if an allegation of incident occurs. In signing this agreement both purchaser and volunteer release the Bruny School P&F of any further involvement or responsibility.*

Name Purchaser.....

Signed Purchaser..... Date..... phone.....

Signed Volunteer..... Date..... phone.....

**TELLING THE TIME**



## PRE-KINDER SESSIONS

Recently we provided families with information about our Pre-Kinder sessions for Term 4, 2021 in support of the transition to Kinder in 2022.

We know that starting school is a big step for both children and their families and so we are offering the following sessions to all of our Pre-Kinder families to support your child's transition to formal schooling.

Week:	Date and Time:	Session Details:
Week 1	Wednesday 13 October Time: 10:00-11:00	<i>In the Kindergarten classroom without the rest of the class. Both parents and children are invited together. Please note the 10:00 start for these two weeks only.</i>
Week 2	Wednesday 20 October Time: 10:00-11:00	
Week 3	Wednesday 27 October Time: 9:00-10:00	<i>In the Kindergarten classroom with students from our current K-P-1 class. Parents are encouraged to leave their child with the class if they can as this will help build their independence and supporting with transitioning to formal schooling next year. You are welcome to attend our Little Penguins program and collect your child at 10:00.</i>
Week 4	Wednesday 3 November Time: 9:00-10:00	
Week 5	Wednesday 10 November Time: 9:00-10:00	
Week 6	Wednesday 17 November Time: 9:00-10:00	
Week 7	Wednesday 24 November Time: 9:00-10:00	

If your child will be turning 5 in 2022 and you have not yet enrolled for Kindergarten next year, please contact our office.

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Protecting yourself and others from coronavirus

# Protecting Yourself from Coronavirus

Following this advice and practising hygienic respiratory etiquette can help slow the spread of COVID-19

Practising good hand and sneeze/ cough hygiene is the best defence against most viruses

Coronavirus is most likely spread from person-to-person through direct or close contact

For more information visit [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au)

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO SOME OF OUR READERS



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## EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW

Dear Families

As part of our continuous school improvement, we will be involved in an External School Review with a Review Team in Term 4. The purpose of External School Review is to support schools to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build public confidence in Government Schools.

All Tasmanian Government Schools will be externally reviewed every four years. The focus of the review is to evaluate school performance. The Review Team consists of a Review Chair and at least one trained Review Principal. Our review will occur on **Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 October, 2021**.

We will find out the aspects of the school's improvement that have been verified through the review processes as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future.

During the External School Review, some students, parents, School Association members and staff will be asked to provide information to the Review Team in a number of ways. These include:

- individual interviews
- Group discussions (with students or staff or parents)
- Meetings (usually School Association, staff meeting)
- Visits into classrooms

We appreciate your support and time in helping us with this External School Review process.

Please complete the reply slip below and return to the front office **if you do not want** your child to participate. If you would like more information, please contact us on 62 93 11 47.

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson

Principal

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### EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW

NAME (child): \_\_\_\_\_

I **do not** want my child in (class) \_\_\_\_\_ to be involved in the External School Review discussions.

Signed (parent/ guardian): \_\_\_\_\_