

# 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

11 AUGUST 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Little Penguins

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

### Excursion 4-5-6

August 13

### The Great Book Swap

August 24

### Book Week Parade

August 25 at 9:15am

### P&F Event: A Night With Justin Jones

August 19

### School Association AGM and Meeting

August 31

### K– 2 Swimming and Water Safety

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

### Hobart Show Day and Student Free Day

October 21 and 22

### Athletics Carnival

November 4

### P&F Event: School Fair

November 6

## REMINDERS

### Hot Lunch

August 11 (Shepherd's Pie and Garlic Bread)

August 18 (Indonesian inspired)

### Friday (each week)

School finishes at 2:30pm

## TERM DATES 2021

Term 3 20 July—24 September

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Dear Families,

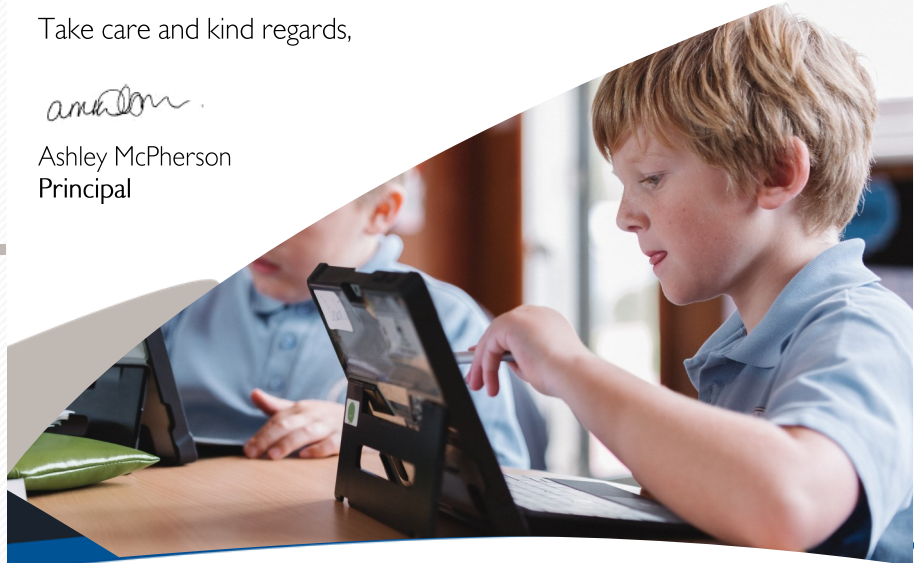
At a recent event I had the privilege of hearing Hugh van Cuylenburg from The Resilience Project talk about their mission to teach positive mental health strategies to help people become happier and more resilient. I was truly inspired by the stories Hugh shared and the three practices The Resilience Project advocate for that are supported by research to improve mental health and resilience. The three pillars to cultivate positive emotion are: Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM). So far this term our educators have participated in a workshop to better understand The Resilience Project and these three pillars and we have shared some strategies to support developing Gratitude with our students. We will continue to embed this work in our Values Assemblies across the rest of the year and support our students to build their Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness skills.

I would also like to take this opportunity to show my gratitude to our parents for ensuring our students come to school each day with their school uniform and healthy lunchboxes. We are consistently seeing our students come to school in their uniform and being part of our school team and I really appreciate your support with this.

I would also like to remind our community that we are very much looking forward to our upcoming event: A Night With Justin Jones and if you haven't yet booked your ticket, please consider this so that you don't miss out. Our capacity is limited and we would really like to see you there.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson  
Principal





## YOUNG ARCHIES 2021

Congratulations to all of our students for participating in the Young Archies art competition again this year and a special congratulations to our finalists that will be representing Bruny Island District School at the state-wide competition this year!

A special acknowledgment to our Art Teacher, Mrs Hearn, for an outstanding job supporting our students again this year. Based on the famous Archibald Prize, the Young Archies Awards is a portrait competition open to all students in Department of Education schools and colleges.



## BRUNY ISLAND VACCINE CLINIC



Free **Pfizer vaccine** clinic open to all permanent residents aged 16 years and over. Book an appointment online or call the Public Health Hotline on **1800 671 738**.



**25 and 26 August**

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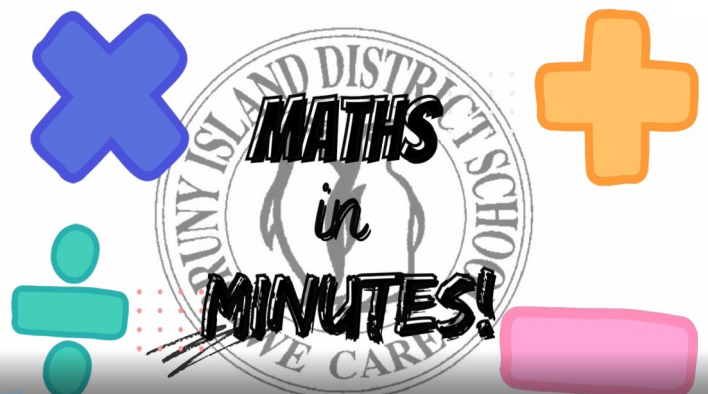
Public Health Hotline **1800 671 738**  
[www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/bookings](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/bookings)



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

**Call:** 62 93 11 47 or **email:**  
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Episode 1: Estimation

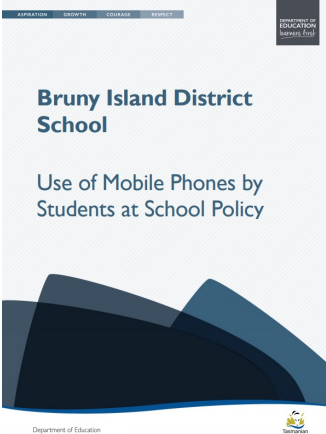
Have you watched our latest episode of *Maths In Minutes*? In an effort to support our families with ideas and activities to encourage more *maths talk* and opportunities to support your child to build their confidence with Maths, we are going to be publishing a series of short videos on our Social Media sites and via SeeSaw.

Mathematics is one of our School Improvement Priorities this year and we hope that these short videos will help our families to engage further with this subject area.

If you enjoyed this video and you would like to see more, please let us know.

The next episode will be released later this week!

MOBILE PHONE POLICY



In 2020 the Department of Education Tasmania released a new policy with regards to the use of mobile phones by students at school.

The policy stipulates that all students from Kinder to Year 12 must have their mobile phone switched off and put away for the full school day unless they have an approved exemption from the Principal.

We have just updated our Bruny Island District School policy to reflect this. You can find a copy of this on our website, under the For Parents tab and then within the Policies tab.

<https://www.brunyislandschool.org/policies>

While you are on our website, you will also see a copies of our other School Policies with more being added in the coming week.

If you have any questions about our policies, please contact our office.

We are so grateful to have had 3 Young Tassie Scientists come and visit our students at Bruny Island District School this week.

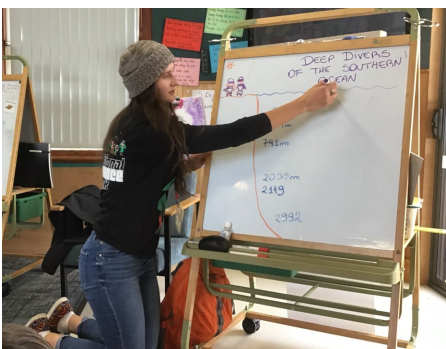
This initiative is supported by the University of Tasmania and engages schools with scientists to inspire and help students understand the role of a scientist.

We were lucky enough to have:

- \* Dipon Sarkar (Food Microbiologist)
- \* Alana De Luca (Medical Researcher)
- \* Natalia Ribeiro Santos (Marine Scientist)



Each scientist spent approximately 25 minutes with each class and both shared information and answered the many questions our students had for them.



To find out more about the program, click here: [Home - Young Tassie Scientists](#)

Thank you so much for coming to our school.





## SPORT NEWS ( NET SET GO )

This term we started PE with guest Coach Shane Fish from Netball TAS who facilitated netball clinics for all grades. Netball is a fantastic, inclusive, fast moving, high scoring game. The Dolphins have been participating in lots of ball handling drills and games; developing their gross motor skills, reflexes and hand-eye coordination and their improvement from the start of this year is amazing.



The Orcas have been fine tuning their throwing and catching by playing modified games and skill drills whilst the Stingrays participated in their first ever proper



Netball game. Learning about the positions, zoning, defence and attack challenged the older students but resulted in a game where every student was able to participate fully. It was awesome to see some great teamwork emerging,

One thing that we continue to work on throughout all of our PE lessons across all sports is learning the difference between 'doing our best' and 'being the best'. With all the buzz around the Olympics the past few weeks, it is easy to get caught up in Gold Medal fever and children often receive the message that winning is everything. I like to remind students, that although competition is a necessary and healthy factor in sport and in life, if we take it all too seriously then it is no longer fun for ourselves or the other people playing the game. The most important thing is to try our hardest, apply ourselves and do our best. My best will be different from your best and that is OK! Someone once told me: "The best surfer is the one having the most fun". I hope students can remember this message in PE- we aren't playing for Gold, Silver or even Bronze. We are learning about ourselves and others, developing skills, facing challenges, doing our best, being active..... and it should be FUN!

Speaking of FUN, lets go for a RUN! There are a small number of the population who find running fun! If that is you, then we invite you to Join the Bruny Island District School Team in the 2021 Bruny Island Ultra Marathon. This crazy event sees people running the full length of Bruny Island (64km), some solo but many in teams as a relay, with the run divided into 2km legs. It will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. If you or your child would like to join the team please follow the link below to register. <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=44486&TeamInvitelD=8394805> Please note, entrants must be over 10 years of age to register, and as places are limited it will be a case of first in..... The password to join the team is PENGUINS. The 10 years minimum age classification is in place to satisfy our insurance and permit requirements. A safely chaperoned younger competitor would have to participate at the discretion of those responsible for the child. No entry fee is required but all team members would be treated the same with awarding medals and would have to adhere to event rules and safety first guidelines. Please access the website for race information particularly pre race information for team members.

There will be at least 4 Teachers on the team who are happy to chaperone younger ones if permitted. We will also need a support crew to help us out with jelly beans, water, transporting runners between legs etc. so if you are willing to help out or have any questions please contact me.



Last but not least: The much-anticipated Schools Triathlon is back after a Covid break and we are seeking entries from students from Grades 3-6. Entry forms were sent home last week with all the details but if you have misplaced yours please contact me or the office and we will send another one home.

- Please note: parents need to be able to transport children to the event on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Bellerive.
- Children will need to provide their own bike if doing the cycling leg
- Children can enter one or both individual and team events. Entry fee is \$25 whether they enter one or both. Please pay the office when you return your form.
- I can sort out teams once all the forms are in if you just tick the Team box on the entry form. Teams can consist of 2 or 3 students.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above events or about PE in general don't hesitate to get in touch.

[Claire.boost@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:Claire.boost@education.tas.gov.au) or 0417460339



## LITTLE PENGUINS



*Interaction extends into collaboration for Little Penguins!*

Here is the first moment this year that two children worked out how to both tow and handle balancing on the little flat wheelie board so that the towing could happen.

Now lots of children have engaged with the skills. Interaction opportunities are a key value of our Launching into Learning (LiL) program. When interaction extends into collaboration, rich skills in language and thinking and ... patience and consideration and empathy start growing before our eyes.

So this term, we are continuing our often quite thrilling physical and musical experiences program on Wednesdays (now with a touch of STEM) and our glorious dramatic play and art responses to story and language explorations on Fridays.

Thank you LiL families, it's always great to see you!

Giselle and Hariklia

## MUSIC

I love how this snap of the Preps and Year Ones shows them climbing over their songbooks to read the text as they sing together. (It's our adaptation of Paul Kelly's "Pretty Place".)

It shows real focus and attention to word detail, as well as collaboratively coordinating three actions at once - pointing (physical), reading (visual) and singing (auditory and vocal).

This trio is good for brain development and for growing up with enthusiasm for the feeling of singing - an enthusiasm they can feel anytime they wish.

🎵 Giselle



## YOUNG TASSIE SCIENTISTS FROM K-P-1

On Monday we enjoyed a visit from Natalia, Alana and Dipon; young Scientists from UTAS. They came to talk to us about what they are studying.

Afterwards we discussed the question: "What is a Scientist?"

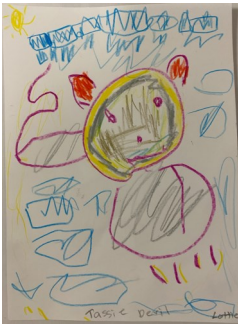
Lottie: *Scientists find out things.*

Bonnie: *There are all sorts of scientists, like mad scientists.*

Morgan: *I'm a scientist because I found some bones.*

Marin: *I studied crystals and bones. I am a scientist.*

Jupiter: *I found things outside in the ground.*



We also discussed the things that we learnt from their visit.

Silas: *We learnt that Tassie Devils can eat marshmallows / We learnt about how deep animals can swim.*

Mitch: *I was reminded that anything with seeds is a fruit.*

Tilly: *I learnt that elephant seals can swim deeper than people.*

Laney: *I learnt that Tasmanian Devils are extinct in Australia but not in Tasmania.*

## GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT CLASSES

**Growth and Development Classes - Parent Information Session: (NEW DATE)**

**When:** Monday 16th August 9.00 – 9.30am

**Where:** School Library with Nurse Katherine



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



## THE GREAT BOOK SWAP



The Great Book Swap is on again this year! This is a fantastic way to celebrate reading at home and to raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

The idea is to swap one of your old books for another book and purchase this book with a gold coin donation.

### How does it work?

- ◆ Everyone brings at least one book to donate for The Great Book Swap between now and **Monday 23 August**.
- ◆ All of the books will be put on display in the MPR for students to come and have a look at them
- ◆ Students can then exchange a gold coin donation for a book that they will keep
- ◆ Yes, students can buy more than one book if they have multiple coins to donate
- ◆ All of the money raised will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. You can find out more about this from the website: <https://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/>
- ◆ Thank you for your support.



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## BOOK WEEK PARADE 2021



Here are the details for this years **Book Week Parade**:

- ◆ When: **Wednesday 25 August at 9:15am**
- ◆ Who: Everyone can participate
- ◆ What: Please come dressed as your favourite book character and please bring the book with you
- ◆ Order of events:
  1. LiL Families
  2. Kinder
  3. Prep and Year 1
  4. Year 2 and Year 3
  5. Year 4– 5– 6
  6. Staff and adults!

Students might like to bring a change of clothes for after the parade, but they are welcome to stay in their costume if they are comfortable.

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