

Bruny Island District School

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

ASPIRATION GROWTH COURAGE RESPECT

08 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

September 15 Fried Noodles

Friday (each week)

School finishes at 2:30pm

TERM DATES 2021

Term 3 20 July—24 September

Term 4 11 October—16 December

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Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we are already thinking ahead to 2022, but it's that time of the year when we are beginning to review our 2021 School Improvement Plan, drafting plans for 2022, inviting our 2022 Kinder class to attend Pre-Kinder sessions and planning for our end of year events. In the coming weeks we will begin our PAT Testing. PAT stands for Progressive Achievement Tests which is a tool we use to measure individual growth for students each year in the areas of: Mathematics, Comprehension, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. These assessments will be compared to our results in 2020 and this data will help to inform our plans for 2022. I am also very pleased with the overall results of our NAPLAN testing. We currently have access to a limited amount of data but from what we can see so far, we have excelled in the area of Reading and had strong gains in Numeracy for Year 3's and Writing for Year 5's. Individual NAPLAN results have been sent home to families of Year 3 and Year 5 students that completed NAPLAN.

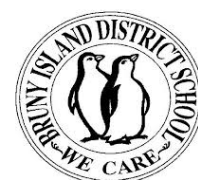
Recently we held our School Association AGM and I'm pleased to share the following people have been elected as office bearers: Chairperson— Scott Thornton, Deputy Chairperson— Natasha Daniels, Treasurer— Wina Forster and Secretary— Karen Davis.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank the families that have completed the *School Satisfaction Survey*. We really do value your feedback and I look forward to reviewing this when the survey closes on the 17 September. A copy of the link and a QR code can be accessed within the newsletter for families of Kinder to Year 6 students that wish to complete it.

Take care and kind regards,



Ashley McPherson
Principal



HATS ARE BACK



To ensure we are keeping our students safe and to comply with the recently updated Sun Smart Policy, students are required to wear a hat between September and April when the UV Index is 3 or above. Since the 1 September, the UV Index has been 3 every day. Can you please help us by making sure your child has an appropriate school hat that they can use at school? We will monitor the UV Index daily and remind students to wear a hat on the days when it is required.

CHANGE OF PLANS?



We know that sometimes your plans will change throughout the day and your child's arrangements for *home time* might be different to what they are expecting. When this happens, please contact our office and let us know.

We will then pass the message on to the teachers and make sure your child goes home as you need.

Please note, if someone different is picking up your child, we also need to know this by calling or emailing the office. We have a duty of care to ensure all students are picked up by their families or a nominated person as instructed by the parents.

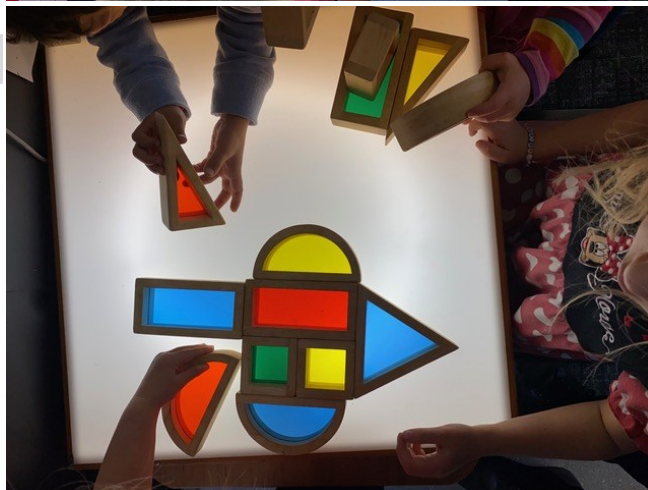
ULTRA MARATHON

There are still spaces for a few senior students and teachers in our Team for the Ultra Marathon in December, if interested please contact Claire Boost. Students younger than 10 will be able to run if accompanied by an adult (one of the adults in the team or an extra adult who doesn't need to enter). The more the merrier, get on board for a fun day being active.

LITTLE PENGUINS

It's always inspiring to see Little Penguins arrive at the realisation that sharing is actually more fun than hanging on to a set of play gear. Here's such a moment at the Lightbox where each child contributed their 'collection' to make one beautiful construction. This was a special moment, without words, independently taking turns to build the work one piece at a time. Early experiences in being absorbed in an activity bode well for later learning.

In awe, Giselle for the LiL team.



BRUNY ISLAND KNITTING CLUB

Do you like to knit, or would you like to learn how to knit? Then come and join our school knitting club!

Davina will visit the school one lunchtime each week, to host the knitting club in the Multi-Purpose Hall. Davina will try and schedule the club for the days when it is rainy, so the children don't miss the sunshine.

Together we will knit sample squares, which practice a new stitch, pattern, or skill.

Davina has plenty of knitting needles and yarn for the activities. However you are welcome to bring your own needles and yarn if you prefer. 8 ply acrylic yarn and size 8 (4mm) needles are recommended.

This is an activity best suited for 8 years and upward. If you have any questions, please contact Davina at freerangepiggins@gmail.com



MUSIC UPDATE



Ensemble work in music is an especially focussed form of both team-work and physical coordination. Here, our students are showing a composed work on two separate chord progressions that can accompany a class song.



On Thursday last week the school was treated to Blackmans Bay Marimba Band's first public performance and heard a set of jivey pieces from Jon Maddin's music.

The Year 4-5-6 class attended his amazing workshop at Woodbridge School last term so this performance was a terrific follow-up. It was lovely to have input from a group of their age peers and the Year 4-5-6 class are choosing which instrumental piece they'll put together to show you at the end of the year.

🎵 Giselle

TRIATHLON

Triathlon entries will close next week, so if your child is keen to enter please return the form asap. If you have entered but haven't paid, please send \$25 to the office per entry. I will be sorting out teams and sending in the entries next week so this is your last chance. Need a form? Contact Claire.

Claire.boost@education.tas.gov.au

PE UPDATE



Soccer season has officially finished for 2021, and what a season it was!! Team Bruny showed incredible courage, resilience and improvement throughout the season, starting with being regularly thrashed to ending the season with a few victories under their belts. Whilst I know that winning isn't everything (as I am always trying to teach the kids), a little taste of victory certainly boosted the confidence of the team and made every player strive to improve their skills and teamwork even more. We owe a massive thanks to Shane and Nina for their dedication to the team and their skilled coaching and managing of Team Bruny. Without volunteers like these two, weekend sports just wouldn't happen. We ended the season with a (not-so) 'friendly' parents versus kids match in which things got very competitive and hilarious as we watched parents and children battling it out at Dru Point whilst throwing the rules out the window! We hope to enter another team into the roster next year so stay tuned, and if there are other parents interested in coaching or managing a team of younger players please talk amongst yourselves and consider volunteering next year!

Meanwhile the Bruny Futsal Team (indoor soccer) is proving to be a strong little group, playing Friday nights at the Kingborough Sports Centre. A fast and furious game, Futsal suits lots of kids, as the excitement never stops. This group was once again put together by parent volunteers, thank you all for getting kids out there playing sport.

Please note: As most sports are now played in club competitions they have little to do with individual school bodies. All after school sports rely on parents to invest a lot of time: coaching, managing, driving, paying regos and sometimes umpiring. As PE Teacher I will do my best to get the information out there for parents but the organisation of this is up to parents and carers. If you have a particular interest in any sport for your child but can't find the right contacts or competition, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will see if I can help out in some way.

It has been nice to see some sunshine lately and witness a few kids (and adults) already getting into the water! See you out there, Claire Claire.boost@education.tas.gov.au



National Asthma Week is on 1-7th September – learn more about air nutrition!

Hey Australia, it's time to think differently about what we're breathing in. This Asthma Week (1-7 September) we're supporting a new campaign 'Air Nutrition' – you are what you breathe. Asthma Australia has joined forces with key players in respiratory, health and climate to present this campaign designed to encourage Aussies like us, to start caring as much as about the air we breathe as the food we eat.

In Australia, we may consider ourselves to have clean and healthy air, but this is not always the case. Many people may be shocked to learn that in 2015, air pollution was attributed to over 2,500 deaths (1.6% of all deaths) in Australia. Exposure to pollution can have a health impact both daily and over time. Consistent exposure can lead to developing serious long term health conditions like asthma, heart disease, lung conditions, stroke, and cancer. That's why reducing daily exposure can have immediate and lifelong benefits for all of us.

AIR NUTRITION YOUR COMMUNITY	
PM 2.5	5µg/m ³
PM 10	4µg/m ³
NITROGEN DIOXIDE	2.3PPM
OZONE	0.1PPM

WARNING:
THESE POLLUTANTS CAN BE
DANGEROUS FOR YOUR LUNGS

YOU ARE WHAT YOU BREATHE.
At school time, protect kids from breathing in harmful levels of car exhaust. Park your car and walk to the gate, or ride a bike to collect your children. Avoid car idling where possible. Scan to learn more Air Nutrition tips.

ASTHMA WEEK
1-7 SEPTEMBER
ASTHMA AUSTRALIA

Some tips:

When exercising outside avoid busy or main roads to reduce breathing in car and truck exhaust, a harmful pollutant to your lungs. Find green spaces, back streets, or places less travelled. When air quality is poor (high pollen count, smoky conditions), exercise indoors.

Make sure you're breathing healthy air when indoors. Harmful air pollution can be caused by gas cooktops, chemicals and woodfire smoke.

For more tips about Air Nutrition and how to get it, visit www.asthma.org.au/air-nutrition.

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

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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Pre-Kinder Starting Soon!

KINDERGARTEN 2022 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten for 2022.

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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

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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

COVID-19 INFO

- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cover your cough and sneeze with your elbow or a tissue, then dispose of the tissue in a rubbish bin
- If unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people)
- Clean high touched surfaces regularly
- Stay home if you are feeling unwell

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

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SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

Our families have now been sent a link to complete the School Satisfaction Survey for 2021. We really value your feedback and use this information to help inform our School Improvement Priorities. We want to know what we are doing well and areas we can improve. Thank you to the families that have already completed the survey. It will remain open until Friday 17 September and can be accessed using this QR code or here:



<https://ncv.microsoft.com/Ad7Lc2pfSa>

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