

Bruny Island District School

DEPARTMENT OF
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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

15 DECEMBER 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

Last session for 2021: Wednesday 9:00

Year 6 Big Day Out

December 15

Beach Day

December 16

Last day for 2021

Thursday 16 December

REMINDERS

Hot Lunch

Fish and Chips

TERM DATES 2021

Term 4 11 October—16 December

TERM DATES 2022

Term 1 9 February—13 April

Term 2 2 May—8 July

Term 3 26 July—30 September

Term 4 17 October—21 December

“Merry Christmas”



Have a safe and enjoyable break and a Happy New Year!

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Dear Families,

Welcome to our last newsletter for the year!

It is hard to believe that tomorrow will be our last school day for the year. What a year it has been! I shared as part of my Principal Address at the final assembly that we (Bruny Island District School), are known as a school that values learning, community and connection. We are known as a school that has a strong values base and teaching methodologies that connect learning to our beautiful surroundings and we are becoming known throughout the system as a school that is leading the way and for a tiny school on an island, off an island, that is very special.

It has been a pleasure to be your Principal for another year.

Together, by working in partnership with the staff, students and our community, we have achieved many things but the thing I am most proud of is the strong sense of community that has been cultivated and nurtured throughout the year. We have been described as the ‘heart of our community’ and that is comment that I believe is very special.

At the end of my Principal Address last week I invited everyone to take a moment between now and the end of the year to consider what they are most grateful for. What has happened throughout the year that has made you smile? What has been the most significant moment? What did you learn? How have you grown? I'd really like to encourage you to think about these questions and appreciate the moments of 2021 that have helped you to get to this point.

As we begin the summer break at the end of the week, I'd like to wish everyone a safe, enjoyable and memorable holiday period. Enjoy the time together with loved ones and take care.

I look forward to welcoming you back to our wonderful school in 2022. Thank you.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal





FINAL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



We are learners and last week we celebrated our learning with our Final Celebration Assembly and Year 6 Graduation.

Congratulations to all of our students for an outstanding Final Assembly. We celebrated student achievements and enjoyed

some wonderful performances by each of the classes. We thanked our amazing volunteers and said farewell to some important people who have made a huge difference to our school and to our community.

We are proud of our school, our achievements, our learners, our team and our community.

This year we were unable to all be in the one room due to the current COVID-19 restrictions. We simply could not find a room on Bruny Island that would be big enough for all of us to come together. However, it was important to us to find a way to bring our community together and to do this, we offered a live-streaming of our assembly to the Alonnah Hall and an outdoor shared lunch event back at the school.

We would like to thank the many people that attended our assembly and thank them for understanding the changes that we had to make to keep everyone safe and to comply with current restrictions. Your understanding of this was very much appreciated.

FAREWELLS

This year we have said farewell to Tania O'Meara. Tania has been an important part of our community for many years as a parent, volunteer, Teacher Assistant, School Business Manager and a member of the P & F Committee. Tania has had a significant impact on the lives of learners at our school and at our Celebration Assembly we shared a short video of our



students sharing their appreciation for the work Tania has done and the impact this has had on them as learners.

We would like to wish Tania all the best for the future and say **thank you** for all that she has

done for us. We will also be saying *farewell* to AJ who has been with us this term. AJ has accepted a teaching position off-island for 2022 but we are certain we will still see him around. We would like to thank AJ for a wonderful term with us and wish him all the best for the future.

P & F PRESIDENT



We also acknowledged the incredible support and influence Nicole Adams has had as President of the P & F Committee and the huge contribution she has made to the Committee over a number of years. We have been so lucky to have had Nicole's

leadership and influence with the P & F and we would like to wish her all the best with the many exciting projects and plans that she has ahead of her.

SOUTHERN SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

Congratulations to Team Bruny with an impressive performance at the Southern Schools Triathlon held under chilly conditions at Bellerive Beach last week. In the final schools sporting event of 2021, a record 14 BIDS students joined thousands to compete in both team and individual events.



Congratulations to everyone for once again representing our school with pride and for showing determination and resilience in what is a very tough event. The focus of this event is participation and camaraderie found in facing a challenge as a team, however we did have some spectacular results this year.



A special mention must go to Finlay for receiving fourth place in the Grade 3 Boys individual race and to the Grade 3 Boys team (Finlay, Noah T and Orson) for gaining sixth place in the team race.

The biggest mention of all, however, must go to the parents who transported and supervised the kids on the day, especially Nina and Tash for taking on all those extras! Without parents willing to support their children, none of these wonderful opportunities would be available to our very lucky young ones, and let's face it, it takes an extra special commitment to drive all the way over from Bruny and stand around all day in the wind and rain amongst thousands of other people. You guys are absolute legends and the stories and smiles are testament to the fact that it is all worthwhile!

We would also like to say a special 'thank you' to Aaron for helping with all of the training sessions over the past few weeks in preparation for this event. Thank you!

Claire Boost: PE and Prep-1 Teacher.



BRUNY ULTRA MARATHON

Congratulations to the staff and students that completed the Bruny Ultra Marathon this year. It was a team effort for us to complete the 64km run from Denness Point to the Cape Bruny Lighthouse.

We endured every element of weather possible from sunshine to hail! But we encouraged and supported each other to finish the race!

Thank you to Claire for organising the team and to the Bruny Bowls Club for the hire of the Community Bus to transport the team. Thank you also to the parents that helped us and supported their children to participate.



BREAKFAST THANK YOU

Every single school week, (and there are 40 of them), the students of Bruny Island District can enjoy their breakfast on a Friday morning at school. Over time, the popularity of scones with jam and cream, pancakes with maple syrup, cinnamon muffins, toasties with cheese, ham or plain, and the ever popular apple crumble may mark the occasion. This is almost always served with sweet, delicious fruit, and especially strawberries – indeed, they are a staple. Occasionally, crispy apples or sweet pears complete the meal.

Every single school week, Salamanca Fresh Kingston, supplies the fresh food, flour, cheese, bacon, Canadian maple syrup for instance, and all the other necessary ingredients to produce what the children enjoy so much. The menu changes every week. When weather permits, we also like to serve Greek yoghurt with honey.

Although we collect our ingredients from Salamanca Fresh, Kingston, weekly, the Behrakis Family has several stores around Tasmania. Its most famous one, is located at Salamanca, in a really lovely old building. Lately, it has been 'modernized' in keeping with the historical ambience of the place.

Recently, I had the good fortune to meet with Mr Behrakis, the founder of Salamanca Fresh, and once again, I was struck by his kind and generous manner. It is thanks to him, that our students can enjoy healthy, nutritious food - complimentary, every single week.

There are several reasons why enterprises are successful. For me, it is the relationships people build over time in respectful and generous ways. Every time I go to Salamanca on behalf of the school, or for my own personal needs, I am struck not only by the freshness of the food, the pleasure of finding rare and exotic foods, but also by that feeling of sincere 'relationship'.

On behalf of all the students at Bruny Island District School, thank you for our wonderful breakfasts, Salamanca Fresh!!! We hope the festive season is filled with joy and laughter for you, your families and all staff.

Sincerely,

Hariklia Hearn-Kokkinos



VACCINATION 5-11 YEARS OF AGE



Bookings now open for children aged 5 to 11 years of age
keep it COVID safe.

Bookings are now open for children aged 5 to 11 to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Special vaccine clinics will run exclusively for children aged 5 to 11 across Tasmania from 10 January 2022. Clinics will be held at community locations across the

state to give every primary school aged child the opportunity to get at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine before they return to school in February.

Vaccinations are not mandatory to attend school, but we would encourage parents to get their children vaccinated to protect their children, their families, and our school community.

Last week a smaller paediatric dose of the Pfizer vaccine was approved as safe and effective for children aged 5 to 11 by Australia's top medical experts. Children will get two doses, eight weeks apart – but they will only be available in special children's clinics and GPs. Bookings are essential for children's clinics and children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To find out more, including how to book, visit the [Tasmanian Government's coronavirus website](https://www.tas.gov.au/coronavirus)

YEAR 6 LEAVERS DINNER

It was a wonderful night as we celebrated our graduating students with their families at the Lunnawanna Store last week. We shared stories, memories and enjoyed an amazing dinner. We would like to wish our Year 6s all the best as they begin High School next year.





POSTING LETTERS TO SANTA FOR K-P-1

This week our K-P-1 class prepared some important letters to Santa and visited the Post Office to send them. Students talked about all of the wonderful things they would like for Christmas including one special request from a Dad who the student believed would like to “win the lottery!”



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BRUNYISLANDDISTRICTSCHOOL

LITTLE PENGUINS

Wednesday and Friday morning

From 9:00– 11:00

