

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

20 OCTOBER 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

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

School Review

October 26 and October 27 (new dates)

P & F Pizza Dough Session

October 28: 5:00-7:00pm

Athletics Carnival

November 4

Interschool Athletics Carnival

November 10

P&F Event: School Fair

November 6

Melanoma Awareness Family Session

November 22

Celebration Assembly 11:30

December 8

Year 6 Dinner

December 9

Triathlon

December 10

REMINDERS

Hot Lunch

27 October: Chicken Wings + Asian Noodle Salad

Friday (each week)

School finishes at 2:30pm

TERM DATES 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. I would like to start by celebrating the excellent first week of Term 4 we have just had. It was great to see students excited about returning to school after the term break, focused with their learning and including each other in the playground as they each engaged in creative and safe play.

I would also like to acknowledge our families for responding so quickly and positively to the snap Southern COVID-19 Lockdown. Although the decision for this Lockdown came with minimal notice, we were able to successfully communicate this to families and I appreciate your support with this. As a school we have developed a Lockdown Response Plan which will be enacted if we are required to lockdown again in the future. The document clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of our team and how we would respond if a lockdown is called. (Let's hope we don't need to use this, but it is there if we need it).

Given the Southern COVID-19 Lockdown our External School Review was postponed late on Friday afternoon. It has now been rescheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

This week brings us to the end of our K-2 Learn to Swim program. I'd like to thank our families and staff for supporting this incredibly important program.

Thursday 21 October is a public holiday followed by a Student Free Day on Friday 22 October. Our educators will work with me to undertake professional development aligned to our School Improvement foci.

I hope everyone can enjoy the rest of this week and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal

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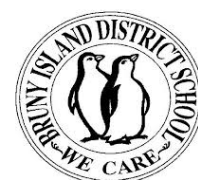
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SHARING OUR LEARNING JOURNEY

In the last week of Term 3, our senior class held an open classroom session to share the learning journey of Term 3 with the families of the Year 4-5-6 students.



Thank you so much to all of the families that joined us today to hear about the incredible learning journey of our senior students since starting our inquiry into how we can Heal Country from an Indigenous perspective.

We are also proud of our parents for being courageous enough to try and navigate the Minecraft World themselves (with some child support) which captures the learning that has occurred this term.



HEALING COUNTRY: OUR LEARNING

As part of our submission for the Minecraft Challenge, the Year 4-5-6 class documented their learning and this was captured by Claire Gorman from Liquid Pictures. The video goes for about 7 minutes and shares the learning that occurred as we responded to the NAIDOC Theme of Healing Country.

Thank you so much to Claire for her work capturing and editing this piece as it is an outstanding illustration of the learning that occurred during Term 3.

I hope you enjoy it. You can watch the video from our website: <https://www.brunyislandschool.org/videos>

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Our Response to Healing Country (2021)

PRE-KINDER

Last week we had our first Pre-Kinder session for our class of 2022.

We explored the classroom, completed some activities, went on a scavenger hunt, read a story and discussed the contents of our 'welcome packs' to help our students and families prepare for next year.

Pre-Kinder is an important part of the transition to formal education for children.

During these sessions we will:

- Learn and play
- Get to know the routines of Kindergarten
- Meet the teachers
- Meet the children and families who will also be in Kindergarten



SAVE THE DATE: MELANOMA AWARENESS

On Monday the 22nd November we are having a skin cancer awareness day at Bruny Island District School.

Di Mason and Ken Harriss (volunteers from Skin Cancer Tasmania) are coming to visit our school and together we will be running activities in each class and having an assembly at the end of the day to showcase what our students have learnt.

To round off their visit to Bruny we thought it would be great for Ken and Di to also be able to present to their stories to our families too. They have a very informative talk they deliver to high school/college students in schools around Tasmania about their own personal experiences with melanoma.



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

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES 
Better health for better learning

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 and she will help you think through your offer and provide you with a form to fill out.

PIZZA PREPARATION FOR THE FAIR

Can you help? We are seeking volunteers to help make pizza dough for our upcoming School Fair.

If you can help, please contact Claire Boost: 0417 460 339. We will meet in the School Kitchen from 5:00–7:00pm on Thursday 28 October.

Thank you for your support!

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 30th 2022 unless otherwise arranged.

This service is to be treated as if engaging 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.....

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, 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 6TH 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.



PLAYGROUND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT



Imagine a playground designed specifically for children from only a few months old, to age 5.

Would you like to help and be part of the **first** Early Years playground development for Bruny Island?

I am really excited to finally share our plans for a playground redevelopment at Bruny Island District School that has been purpose designed to meet the needs of children in the Early Years. A playground that will provide a safe and engaging **learning environment** for our youngest students and those that attend our Launching Into Learning: *Little Penguins*.

Our vision is to provide Bruny Island with an age-appropriate playground which will be used both by our students and families, and also become a community space for families and children to come together and interact within a safe and engaging learning space.

We have asked our community for financial support and they have responded. At this point in time, we have received donations to a total of **\$32,000** for this project with a goal of reaching \$40,000 to complete this redevelopment.

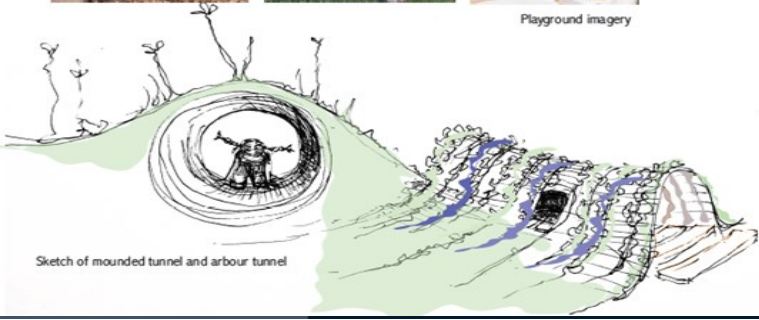
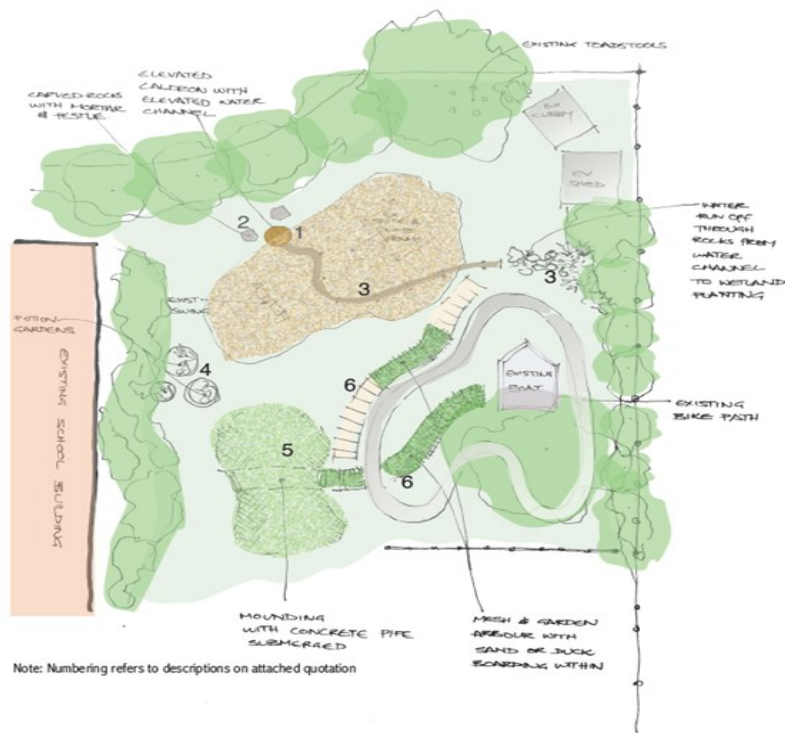
We have been overwhelmed by the support of our local businesses and we will begin thanking all of them individually via social media in the coming weeks.

We are now asking you, our incredible community if you are able to support us to raise the final \$8,000 needed for this project. Soon we will be sharing with you the different ways you could support us but for now, please consider how you could contribute to this project and be part of this exciting redevelopment project for our children and the Bruny Island community.

I would like to thank **Nicole Adams** and **Tesiha Archer** for their incredible support with this project as well as our **major donors**: BrunyIsland.au, BICA, Bruny Island Cork Club, TASSAL, Hotel Bruny, Bastian Seidel, Rodney Hopwood and the Bruny Island CWA.



Playground imagery



Sketch of mounded tunnel and arbour tunnel

INDONESIAN BRIDGE PROGRAM 2021

Bruny Island District School are participating in the Australia – Indonesia BRIDGE school partnerships program. Mrs Buczek and past school Principal Steve Robinson, first pioneered the partnership in 2014 and have built strong foundations within this program which connects cultures, educators, and school communities across the Asia – Pacific. This year to continue the tradition, Miss Shelton has risen to the challenge by taking on this role. This program aims to build relationships through intercultural dialogue and growing engagement, Miss Shelton has so far participated in online calls which have connected her with our partner school in West Java.

The conversations between Miss Shelton and our partner, Pak Ahmed, have seen development in a deeper understanding of The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. These goals, developed in 2015, have set out to end poverty, protect our planet and ensure prosperity. Together, a common goal for our two schools is a stronger focus on quality education. We will look to achieve this by combining our school's wealth of knowledge and resources to aid in improving our teaching and learning practices. Taking practices from both cultures and creating a space where we all feel included in the educational process.

Pak Ahmed teaches at SD Karapawulang in West Java. This school has over one thousand students and he teaches across all years from grades one to six. He speaks about his school with passion and emanates enthusiasm to create a stronger bond for cross cultural diversity with Bruny Island District School.

The hope is that this professional learning program will be delivered virtually in 2021 and in-person delivery is scheduled for 2022 with school and homestay visits for both schools. We look forward to meeting Pak Ahmed in 2022 and the cultural insight he can provide for our school.

To date Miss Shelton's highlights have included an Indonesian Cultural exchange evening, where the participants learnt traditional dances from different locations across Indonesia. We learnt the dances ourselves and then participated in a great zoom dance off! It is such a wonderful opportunity to be a part of and really shows how engaging online learning can be for all ages. This Thursday Miss Shelton will be partaking in another cultural exchange, and will participating in a cooking demonstration making a full sized pavlova.



EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW

Due to the Southern Covid-19 Lockdown the External School Review was postponed. We can now confirm the External School Review will occur on **Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 of October.**

If you would like to be interviewed as part of the External School Review, please respond to the letter that has been sent and indicate your preferred time for an interview.

I would welcome all of you to be part of this process. Thank you, Ashley.

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Protecting yourself and others from coronavirus

COVID-19 INFO

Protecting Yourself from Coronavirus

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


- 1 Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- 2 Cover your cough and sneeze with your elbow or a tissue, then dispose of the tissue in a rubbish bin
- 3 If unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people)
- 4 Clean high touched surfaces regularly
- 5 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

Tasmanian Government



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

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