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ASPIRATION GROWTH COURAGE RESPECT

3 NOVEMBER 2021



BRUNY ISLAND SCHOOL FAIR

**SAT 6TH NOVEMBER
10AM - 3PM**

MARKET STALLS

CRAFT ACTIVITIES

HOT FOOD

MUSIC

RIDES

GAMES

PRIZES TO BE WON

CAFÉ

FRESH PRODUCE

AUCTION

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Dear Families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

I would like to invite everyone to come and join us for our biannual School Fair this weekend. It will be a great day of good food, entertainment and a chance for us to come together as a community. Our P&F Committee have worked incredibly hard to prepare this event and I would like to acknowledge and say thanks to everyone that has helped prepare for this. There will be some plants and local produce for sale, handmade treasures from locals and a variety of market stalls with games and prizes. The auction has some incredible prizes and I'm sure this will be a very popular event.

This is one of our biggest fundraising events so please consider inviting your family and friends to join us and let's showcase our beautiful school. When you arrive, please remember to sign in using the Check-In TAS app and be mindful of physical distancing when lining up and participating at the Fair.

It is unfortunate that we will need to postpone our Athletics Carnival due to the recent weather. We have been informed by Local Council that we are unable to use the Alonnah Oval due to its level of saturation from recent rains and our School oval is the same. We have rescheduled the event for a couple of weeks time and moved it to a Friday so we can now include our Little Penguins at the Athletics Carnival.

Within the newsletter this week you will see some important end of year information for families and an update on our class structures for next year.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES:

3 NOVEMBER 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

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

Athletics Carnival

November 26 (NEW DATE)

Interschool Athletics Carnival

November 10

Remembrance Day

November 11

Circus Quirkus

November 14

P&F Event: School Fair

November 6 (THIS WEEKEND)

School Association Meeting

November 17 (4:45pm)

Melanoma Awareness Family Session

November 22

Year 6 High School Orientation Day

December 1

Celebration Assembly 11:30

December 8

Year 6 Dinner

December 9

Triathlon

December 10

Year 6 Big Day Out

December 15

Beach Day

December 16

REMINDERS

Hot Lunch

November 3: Potato and Leek Soup

November 10: TBA

Friday (each week)

School finishes at 2:30pm

TERM DATES 2021

Term 4 11 October—16 December

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Thursday November 11, we will be coming together as a community for our Remembrance Day Service at the Alonnah War Memorial on School Road.

We would like to extend an open invitation to the Bruny Island Community to join with us from 10:45 to acknowledge and pay our respects.

As in previous years, we will then invite those that would like to attend to come and join us for a light morning tea at the School.

Can I please ask our families to consider sending a flower with your child that can be placed at the Alonnah War Memorial site on Thursday.



END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY

To comply with COVID-19 restrictions, we will need to host our End of Year Assembly a little differently this year. With limited numbers in our MPR, we will stream a video of the Assembly for guests to watch. We are planning to set up a video streaming event in the Alonnah Hall for guests and then invite everyone to come together for a shared *outdoor* lunch back at the School. More details will be provided soon with regards to this.



Last week (October 26 and 27), Bruny Island District School were part of the External School Review process.

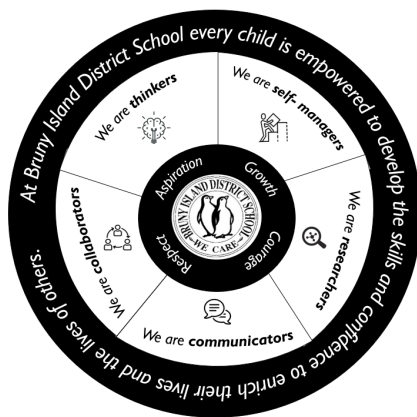
The purpose of the review is to support schools to raise student achievement and sustain high performance. The process is intended to support schools to strengthen their focus on learning and provides independent feedback about our strengths and areas to focus on. Principals then use the findings of the review to work with the community and Learning Services to develop clear actions to move the school forward.

The Commendations provide a clear line of sight from everyone involved: Principal, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, families, and students. Some of the findings:

- The school is driving a strong improvement agenda
- Significant positive changes in the school
- Leadership which is described as 'inspirational' and 'supportive'
- High levels of trust across the school community and beyond
- A united and committed team with authentic and positive relationships between each other and with community
- A school wide commitment to purposeful, successful learning for all (students, families, staff)
- Individuality is recognised and celebrated
- We are all part of professional learning community

These commendations are significant. We must all take a moment to reflect on this and be proud of the part we have each played to help us achieve this outcome. This is not the work of a few, this is the work of all of us. The final report will be prepared and shared with us before the end of term.

I would like to acknowledge and say thanks to everyone involved with the External School Review. It is an unusual process and it required flexibility with the number of changes that happened across the two days and a high level of courage to be observed and interviewed by the reviewers. Everyone did an amazing job!



Bruny Island District School Playground Redevelopment Project

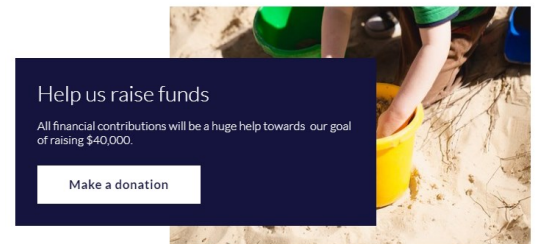
BRUNY INVITATION to SUPPORT



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?

Fundraising for the Playground Redevelopment Project has continued and last week we launched a new page on our website to inform the community about the project and to accept donations. We would like to acknowledge the work of Sarah Owen in preparing the website and supporting us to launch this public campaign.

Since launching the website last week, we have received donations of just over \$1,500 which takes our total money raised to approximately \$32,000.



We are getting so close to our target of \$40,000 and it is our hope that we can finalise our fundraising this year so that works can begin early next year to redevelop our Early Childhood playground.

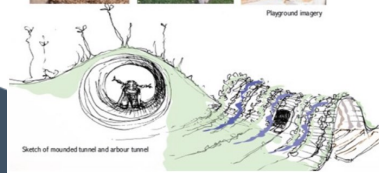
Please visit (and share) our website: <https://www.brunyislandschool.org/playground>



Playground imagery



Note: Numbering refers to descriptions on attached quotation



Sketch of mound tunnel and arbour tunnel

PRE-KINDER SESSIONS



Last week our Pre-Kinders joined the current Kinders and enjoyed some time in the classroom together.

Our students engaged in various hands-on activities around the classroom and on the deck but the main focus of this session was to encourage the students to spend time together.



We can't wait to see our Pre-Kinders next week at our next session!

CLASS STRUCTURES FOR 2022

Determining the class structures and staffing for next year has been a little more challenging this year with a number of new enrolment enquiries that have come to us in recent weeks.

To accommodate our growing school we are now progressing with a slightly new model to ensure we are providing a learning environment that caters to all students.

By changing to this model, we are also ensuring we have capacity to accept future new enrolments and maintain relative class sizes across the school.

In 2022 we will continue to have three classes:

- Kinder– Prep: Liz Hollanders and Claire Boost
- Year 1-2-3: Naomi Buczek and Brigitte Shelton
- Year 4-5-6: Rory Hamilton

P & F EVENTS

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.

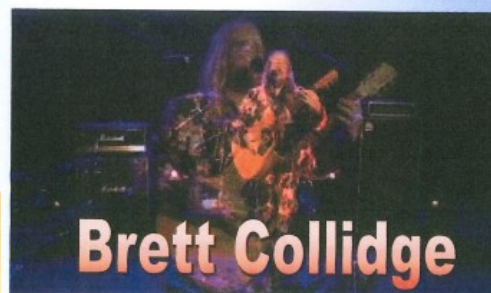
When: 27th November 2021

Where: Alannah 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



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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.

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



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Each term we apply for what is known as the Sporting Schools Grant. This provides our school with additional funding to engage with different sporting organisations to provide our students with rich new experiences and the ability to try new equipment and sports.

This term we have had Zane Patmore from Little Athletics Tas coaching our students in high jump in preparation for our upcoming Athletics Carnival. The students have also been practicing their shot put skills and hurdles.



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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

- 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



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

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LITTLE PENGUINS

Wednesday and Friday morning

From 9:00– 11:00