

# 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

1 DECEMBER 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Little Penguins

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

### Year 6 High School Orientation Day

December 1

### Celebration Assembly 11:30

December 8 (RSVP: 28 November)

### Year 6 Dinner

December 9

### End of Year Reports (sent home)

December 10

### Triathlon

December 10

### Year 6 Big Day Out

December 15

### Beach Day

December 16

## REMINDERS

### Hot Lunch

TBA

### Friday (each week)

School finishes at 2:30pm

## TERM DATES 2021

Term 4 11 October—16 December

Dear Families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

In the coming weeks we have a number of exciting events and ceremonies prepared to celebrate the incredible year we have had together. This includes our Celebration Assembly, Year 6 Dinner, the Year 6 Big Day Out and our Beach Day on the last day of term. Each of these events is a chance for us to reflect on our aspirational goals and the amount of courage we have used to achieve them. Together, we can measure our growth and be proud of our efforts. This week I have submitted our Annual Review to the Department of Education. This document encourages us to review our various data sets, to reflect on the effectiveness of our actions and consider how this can inform our plans for the following year. I am incredibly proud of our Annual Review. I'm proud of what we have achieved, the significant improvement in student learning outcomes across the school and the clarity of where we are going next.

I am also proud to announce that we have reached our goal of raising \$40,000 for the playground redevelopment project. What a community! Together, we have raised the money needed to provide a dedicated early years playground space on Bruny Island for children between birth to age 5. We are now communicating with our contractor about the project with the redevelopment to begin in 2022.

I'd also like to acknowledge the positive feedback we have received about the Celebration Assembly. Our community have been incredibly understanding of the fact we have very limited seating due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. Although this is disappointing, we are thankful for everyone's understanding and we look forward to sharing with you a virtual version of our assembly in the Alonah Hall - December 8.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson  
Principal

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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

**SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES**   
 Better health for better learning

Last week was National Skin Cancer Action Week and we were lucky enough to have Di Mason and Ken Harris (volunteers from Skin Cancer Tasmania), come and visit our school. Di and Ken visited each class during the day and at the end of the day we held a special assembly for each class to share their learning with the rest of the school.



We recorded an important message from Di Mason which you can find on our Social Media pages. This one-minute video explains the importance of knowing the UV level each day to ensure we protect ourselves appropriately.



**UPDATES TO COMMENTARY**  
 We've made important changes to commentary on all Department of Education Facebook pages

You may have noticed that you are not always able to comment on a Facebook post by Bruny Island District School.

In response to a recent High Court defamation ruling regarding Facebook posts, some important changes have been made to

Department of Education Facebook pages. While we monitor comments closely, social media is a 24/7 medium and our ability to moderate is not. As a result, you will see that our posts now have commenting capabilities turned off or contributions restricted.

At this stage, comments are still able to be added to our Instagram account posts, but the ability to comment on Facebook will continue to be restricted at this time. Thank you for understanding and please continue to **like** our Facebook posts and show your support for great work we like to share with you.

**COLLABORATORS AND RESEARCHERS**



Our Prep-1 and Year 4-5-6 students collaborated last week to try and program a Bee-Bot to move in a particular way across a map or through a maze.



This task required the students to be *Researchers* to try new ways of programming the Bee-Bot, observe the movements, and then edit or change the programming based on this. They also had to be *Collaborators* to work together as a team to help program the Bee-Bot and work towards the desired goal.



## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last week we came together as a community for our annual Athletics Carnival. Although it was raining at the start, it turned out to be a beautiful day with plenty of sunshine.



Our Values were demonstrated to a high level at the Athletics Carnival. Courage and Aspiration were evident from the high levels of participation across the day and our focus on *Kind is Cool* was also very evident with kindness and caring between students really obvious.

Thank you so much to Claire (our PE teacher), for preparing another wonderful Athletics Carnival and to all of the community members that came to support us. Thanks also to Rosie for preparing and booking a BBQ lunch for us all after the event.

Congratulations to everyone involved. A GREAT DAY!



## GOOD LUCK TEAM

This weekend we will have a large group representing Bruny Island District School at the Bruny Island Ultra Event.

We would like to wish the Bruny Penguins luck as they compete in the 64km Ultra Marathon and Relay event.

Did you know that this event raises money to support those in need and to help generate awareness about those affected by Autism? The event has around 600 entries each year!

The runners start at different times with the course starting at Dennes Point and concluding at Cape Bruny Lighthouse.



## INDIGITAL MINECRAFT CHALLENGE PRIZE



As a result of the outstanding entry in this year's NAIDOC Minecraft Challenge the Stingrays won two prizes to the value of \$1000.

This has allowed us to purchase some very exciting STEM robotics kits based around the BBC Micro:bit mini computer, and the Australian-designed Edison educational robot.

There are over 40 separate STEM projects contained in this kit which will provide students with many new opportunities for collaboration, design thinking, communication, mathematical problem-solving and learning about electronics and programming languages.

All these new resources are compatible with Lego and we would greatly appreciate donations of Lego, if you could spread the word!

Congratulations to our Year 4-5-6 class.

To watch our entry video for this challenge, visit our website:

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

## A CHRISTMAS STORY

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Zeebar. She loved Christmas and Christmas was tomorrow! So today was shopping day. She got so many gifts and other stuff. She was so excited to see all her family members.

At the party they sang 'deck the halls with boughs of holly, 'tis the season to be jolly...'. After they sang that they all went to sleep, except Zeebar.

Zeebar heard a jingle bell noise. She looked out the window and there he was... he said "Keep the Christmas spirit going, ho ho ho". He was like everyone said, big and jolly and wearing a red suit. He even had a sled! Zeebar said "Merry Christmas Santa." He replied "I am the Christmas spirit here, I've never gotten any present in my life."

Zeebar threw a present out the window and Santa caught it. Zeebar said "Now go on Santa, you don't want to keep the children waiting. You can open it when you get home."

Santa felt he was where he belonged, but still had to be Santa.

Santa then rode off into the night.

By Arielle.



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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](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au)



## SCHOOL BANKING


**CommonwealthBank**



The last day for school banking will be December 8. This will be the last day for school banking for not only this year, but from now on.

Recent decisions by some state and territory government groups based on a review by the corporate regulator mean the School Banking program is unable to continue for all schools across Australia.

If you have been using the School Banking program, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information, please phone: 132 221 or visit your local CommBank Branch.



**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