

Bruny Island District School

DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
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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

09 FEBRUARY 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

Postponed until further notice.

Public Holiday

February 14

Clean Up Australia Day

March 4

Public Holiday

March 14

Swimming and Water Safety

March 24 and 25

Swim Camp

March 28, 29 and 30

Student Free Day

April 14

Good Friday

April 15

REMINDERS

Hot Lunch

TBA

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

Dear Families,

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2022. It is a privilege to welcome everyone back to our school for the start of a new school year. I'd like to especially like to welcome our new families that have joined us on Bruny Island and acknowledge the first day of formal education for our Kindergarten students— although anyone would think they have been attending for years with how comfortable they have been today. I would like to warmly welcome all of you to our school and to the Bruny Island community.

It goes without saying that this year has started like no other. The impact of COVID-19 throughout the world has affected all of us. I would like to assure our community that we will do everything possible to ensure we continue to provide a safe learning environment for all. I would like to thank our families for your understanding of the changes we have had to make and for supporting us with this. It is our hope to bring our community together again, in person, as soon as it is safe to do so. For now, we will continue to implement many different ways to keep our families and the community connected to the school, even if it's not physically on site with us.

We are so very excited to be with you for another year and for us to continue to work in partnership for the very best educational outcomes for your child/ren. We have an incredible team, a focused School Improvement Plan and the support we need to help us work towards our school vision, that *every child is empowered to develop the skills and confidence to enrich their lives and the lives of others.*

Thank you.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal

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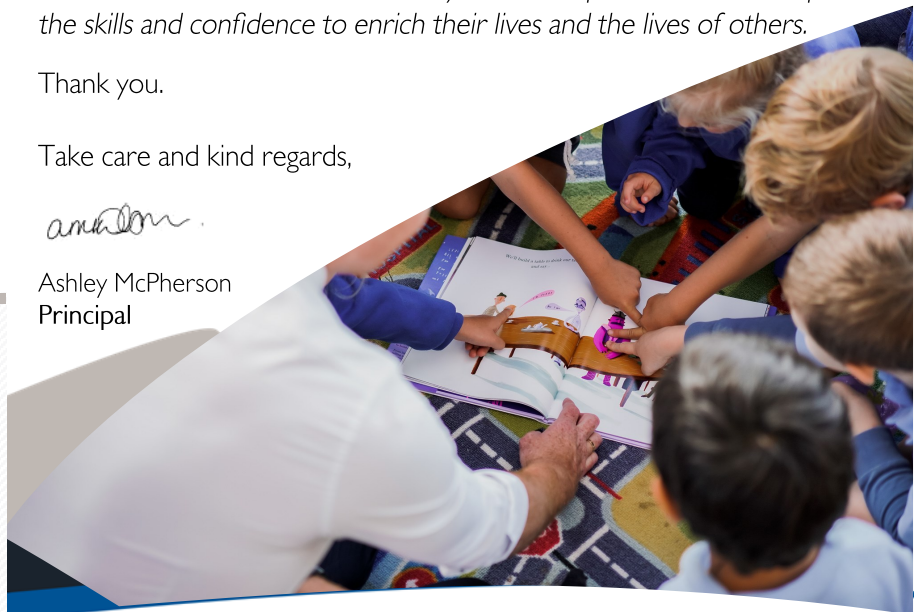
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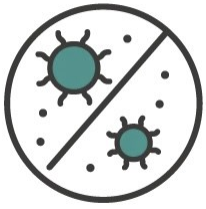
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ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL



Last week we sent home information to families with regards to our Allergy Aware Policy. We would like to thank our families for supporting us with this very important policy to keep our students safe.

The only way to manage a food allergy is avoidance; however, elimination of certain foods in a school environment is impossible.

We have initiated several strategies to lessen the risk – it is never totally possible to eliminate the risk of an anaphylaxis.

We currently have two students attending our school who are at risk of **anaphylaxis**.

Triggers for these students include: **nuts and kiwi fruit.**

Anaphylaxis is the **most severe** form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. A severe allergic reaction to any of the foods listed above could rapidly become life threatening for these children.

For more information, please view our [Allergy Aware Policy](#) on our website: <https://www.brunyislandschool.org/policies>

Peanuts are the leading cause of severe allergic reaction, followed by tree nuts, shellfish, fish and milk.

Parents are asked to also help us eliminate the risk in the following ways:

- Remind children to not share food and drink;
- Parents to send up-to-date information about their child's allergies;
- Parents identify on hot lunch orders if their child has allergies;

Parents do not send nuts or kiwi fruit.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL

To align to both our *Move Well, Eat Well Policy* and our *Allergy Aware School Policy* we would like to ask parents to please **not send or supply** cakes and treats to school for your child's birthday.



At Bruny Island District School we feel it is in the best interest of all children at our school if we limit our 'sometimes' foods and ensure we are only having food on site that is safe for everyone. Our staff have planned many alternative ways to celebrate your child's birthday whilst they are at school which do not include food treats but will be equally as special.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

COVID-19 Update

keep it
COVID safe.

A safe learning environment is our top priority. The most important action you can take is that if your child is unwell, please keep them home and test for COVID-19. If you use one of the school supplied RAT test, you can request another to replace it. Please keep 2 RATS within the home for each child. If you become symptomatic and require a RAT test, please contact Public Health. Our school is currently operating as per public health guidelines and advice. Families can read more about the COVID-19 safety measures on the [Department of Education](#) website.

FAMILIES AT SCHOOL

Working together in partnership with families is one of the most important aspects to your child's education. It is when we work together that we can support each other to ensure the very best learning outcomes are achieved.

At the moment we need to follow the advice of Public Health and limit the number of visitors we have on site. We still want to be connected with you, but we just can't do it in person at this stage.

Where possible, we are asking for families to please Stop, Drop and Go at the start and end of the school day. Whilst waiting, please consider physical distancing with other families and consider wearing a mask.

If you need to come to school for any reason, please try to make your stay brief and following the following Public Health guidelines:



Only enter if you're
feeling well



Wear a face mask
(exemptions apply)



Frequent handwashing
and hand sanitising



Check in using
Check in Tas app



Physical distance of 1.5
metres between adults



Welcome back!



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



It is my great pleasure to introduce you to our Year 6 Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2022.

The SRC play an important leadership role at our school, supporting the Principal and our P&F to improve our school for the students and the community.

Our SRC will meet with Mr. McPherson each week to discuss projects, concerns and to provide suggestions for how we can work together to improve our school. The SRC provide a high level of student voice to the decisions we make and the direction we go in.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Leaders and welcome to the Student Representative Council.

SCHOOL RULES

This week our classes are building positive relationships, getting to know each other and reminding ourselves of our school rules and expectations.

Our educators discussed our School Rules before school started and we have developed this graphic to share our school rules and expectations with everyone.

You will see copies of this graphic on display around our school and classes will be unpacking these throughout the week to discuss what specific behaviours we would be expecting to match these rules.



UNIFORM

We apologise that our uniform order from November last year has not yet been delivered. We have a selection of uniform items (new and used) for sale at the Office, but sizes are limited. We will let you know as soon as our order has been delivered. Thank you.

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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

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

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