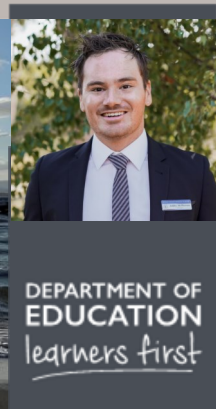


Bruny Island District School

Where every child is empowered to develop the skills and confidence to enrich their lives and the lives of others.



ASPIRATION GROWTH COURAGE RESPECT

23 FEBRUARY 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

Postponed until further notice.

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

March 2: Fried rice (Veg and GF available)

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

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the latest school newsletter. Thank you to all of the families that connected with us last week for our *Meet the Teacher* phone calls. This was an important time for us to connect and hear important insights from you about how we can best support your child.

Our focus for the first few weeks has been to develop classroom cultures that are inclusive and supportive of varying learning styles and individual learning goals. We were reminded of how vital classroom culture is when I shared this quote with the staff at the beginning of the year professional learning day before the students returned:

"Choosing to be curious is choosing to be vulnerable because it requires us to surrender to uncertainty." Dr. Brene Brown.

This quote reminds us that for our classrooms to be places that value risk-taking, question-asking and to be inquisitive hubs of learning; we must create a culture that values a sense of wonder and uncertainty.

We have also begun our important work towards achieving our School Improvement Plan goals for 2022. Our 3 priority areas are:

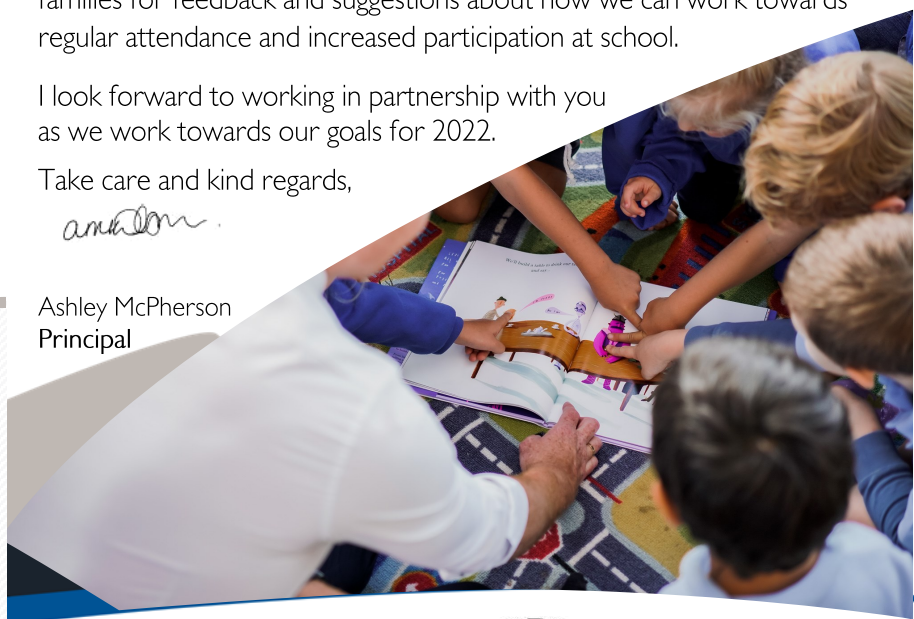
1. Mathematics; 2. The Reading, Writing and Spelling Connection for Learning and; 3. Greater Access, Regular Participation and Positive Engagement for All.

The third priority has been informed by a number of data sets, but in particular our attendance data. Throughout Term 1 we will be asking families for feedback and suggestions about how we can work towards regular attendance and increased participation at school.

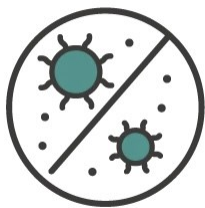
I look forward to working in partnership with you as we work towards our goals for 2022.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal



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



Physical distance of 1.5 metres between adults



Sick? Thanks for staying home! But please let us know so we can mark our attendance correctly.
Call: 62 93 11 47 or **email:** bruny.island.district@education.tas.gov.au

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?



Our Year 1-2-3 class are learning about living things in Science and last week they were asked to show their understanding of a specific animal's habitat with a model and an explanation of the key elements of this habitat.



Later this week our Year 1-2-3 students will be learning as researchers as they have an exciting conversation with a Parks and Wildlife Educator who will be answering all of the students' questions and wonderings.

We look forward to sharing more about this soon!

We are working on some exciting ART projects! Here are the Kinder-Prep's working on a special piece for a collaborative art project. We look forward to sharing this with you when it's complete!



Each week Miss Kestle will be working with a small group of students to focus on their Mathematics skills.

You will also find Miss Kestle providing PE for all of our classes each Wednesday!



Welcome to the team, Miss Kestle!

BREAKFASTS ARE BACK!

When: Every Wednesday
Time: 8:25– 8:55am
Where: School Kitchen
Why: To enjoy breakfast with your friends!
Cost: Free



A very big thank you to The Bruny Baker for supporting our breakfast programme every week.

Both staff and students enjoy the excellent and nutritious sourdough bread.

As we are expecting it to be hot today, we are serving Greek yoghurt, honey, fruit and toast for breakfast.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Do you have any Bruny Island District School short sleeve polo tops or long sleeve tops that are in good condition?

We are still waiting for our new uniform order to arrive and we are running very low with sizes. If you have any school uniform items you could donate to the school, we would really appreciate your support. Thank you!



ORAL HEALTH SERVICES TASMANIA



The Fissure Sealant and Fluoride Varnish Program is coming to your school!

If your child is around 6 or 12 years of age they will be invited to take part in a program to help prevent tooth decay.

Sealants protect the chewing surface of the back adult teeth



Fluoride varnish protects the smooth surfaces

The invitation for your child to take part in the program will provide more detailed information about fissure sealants and fluoride varnish applications.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your local Oral Health Services Tasmania dental clinic on 1300 011 013

CHECK-IN CHANGE

Check in TAS App changes



You no longer need to 'check in' using the Check in Tas app when you visit our school but you are still required to sign-in at the school office if you are visiting for longer than a few minutes.

Please continue with your usual COVID-safe behaviours, such as regular handwashing and sanitising, and adults maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 metres between others and wearing a face mask if you are 12 years of age or older.

BRUNY ISLAND BIRD FESTIVAL

Our school will be participating in a number of the Bruny Island Bird Festival events. We would strongly encourage all of our families to 'get involved' with the many great activities and learning opportunities available between March 25-27. For more information, visit the website: <https://www.brunybirdfestival.org.au/>

25th - 27th March 2022

Birdwatching Guided Walks
Birdwatching Tours
Talks and Workshops
Social and Community Events
Creative Arts
Evening Events

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See full program and book events online www.brunybirdfestival.org.au



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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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