

# Bruny Island District School

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

DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION  
*learners first*

ASPIRATION GROWTH COURAGE RESPECT

9 MARCH 2022

## Current Yearly Attendance:

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
88%	90%	92%	74%	92%	89%	91%	80%

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Little Penguins

Weekly Excursions (contact us for more information)

### Public Holiday

March 14

### Swimming and Water Safety

March 24 and 25

### Swim Camp

March 28, 29 and 30

### K-P-1 Excursion

April 5

### Student Free Day

April 14

### Good Friday

April 15

## REMINDERS

### Hot Lunch

March 15 (Tuesday) Chicken wings and salad

March 23 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 latest school newsletter.

The Bruny Island Bird Festival (25—27 March), is an exciting event for the Bruny Island community. We have set the challenge to our families to build a sculpture to be displayed at the front of our school as a way for us to participate in the Gatepost Sculpture competition. Entries close on Friday and I have included some more information about this within the newsletter.

Last week our school participated in Clean Up Australia Day. This provided us with an important reminder of how we must work together to care for our environment. We collected a large amount of rubbish from the area between Hotel Bruny and School Road, including the Alonnah Oval. The students were disappointed with the large collection of rubbish and our SRC have begun thinking of ways to put into action some of their concerns.

Have you read the latest Bruny News? In the March edition of Bruny News you will find our first *Student News* page. Each month our students will work together to prepare an article for the Bruny News. We are currently preparing an article for the April edition and I think you will really enjoy it.

This week the Department of Education have released our COVID-19 Safe Schools Operational Plan for the remainder of Term 1. Unfortunately due to the relatively high numbers of COVID-19 still present within the community, our current restrictions will remain in place until the end of Term 1. One thing that has changed in this new plan is our ability to provide regular Launching Into Learning excursions. Each week we will be meeting families at a different location around Bruny Island. Information has been sent home to LiL families, but please contact us if you would like to know more.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson  
Principal

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## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY



Last week we participated in the Schools Clean Up Australia Day. This was a great way to inspire students to learn more about the impact of rubbish within our local environment whilst also playing an active role within our community.

Students worked in two teams to collect rubbish from around Alonnah. The Year 5 and Year 6 students went with Mr McPherson and Senior Constable Leonie to clean up the area between Hotel Bruny and along School Road. The rest of the school worked together to collect rubbish around the Alonnah Cemetery, Alonnah Oval and the surrounding areas.

Together, we collected a lot of rubbish! Too much rubbish. We were very disappointed with the amount of disposable masks, bottles and plastic bags found within our community.



# COVID-19 Update

keep it  
COVID safe.

## CHANGES TO HAY FEVER ADVICE

Public Health has reviewed their advice about hay fever in the current COVID-19 environment.

Hay fever symptoms are similar to COVID-19 symptoms, so it's important families know what they need to do if their child experiences hay fever symptoms.

If your child has hay fever symptoms, please keep them at home and test for COVID-19 using a rapid antigen test (RAT).

If your child tests negative on a RAT and symptoms continue, Public Health advises that you must do a second RAT 24 hours later, or seek a PCR test.

If the second RAT or PCR remains negative, this is sufficient evidence for your child to return to school if they feel well.

If symptoms change or increase in severity, please see your treating medical practitioner for review.

Please know that Public Health advice can change at short notice, and we appreciate your patience as we respond to these changes as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. For more information, please visit the [Tasmanian Government Coronavirus website](#) or contact the [Tasmanian Public Health Hotline](#) on 1 800 671 738, or Department of Education COVID Support Hotline at [COVID19support@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:COVID19support@education.tas.gov.au) or on 1 800 816 057.

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES   
Better health for better learning

1 in 6 Australians experience some form of hearing loss in their lifetime.

For 1 in 3 Australians with hearing loss, it could have been prevented.

From: <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/ear-health>

**To prevent damage to your hearing:**

Keep your music, TV and radio down — you should be

able to easily talk to someone 2 metres away

If you use headphones or earphones, limit use to an hour at a time then take a break

If you can, use headphones or earphones that block outside noise

wear earplugs or ear protection equipment, such as earmuffs, in noisy workplaces

At live music and other loud events, wear earplugs, take frequent breaks and give your hearing 18 hours to recover afterwards

Don't listen to music at more than 60% of the maximum volume

From: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/hearing-loss#prevented>

World Hearing Day  
3 March 2022



**To hear for life,  
listen with care!**



**Hearing loss due to loud sounds can be prevented**

LEARN MORE



#worldhearingday | #hearingcare | #safelistening

Make Listening Safe

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.

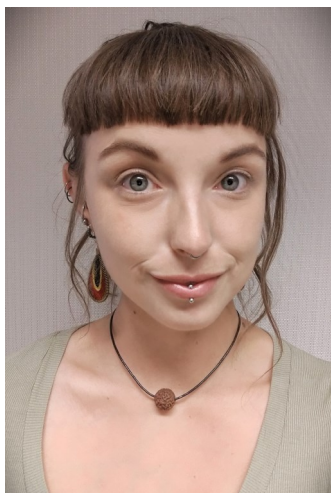
If you have any questions or concerns please contact your local Oral Health Services Tasmania dental clinic on 1300 011 013

0121 651111



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

## WELCOME AEW HAYLEY MCCLURE



Dear learners, families and staff

Thank you for welcoming me into your school community.

I am a Nyikina woman, I've lived most of my life in Adelaide and moved to Tasmania just over a year ago. I have a background in community and individual support services and I'm looking forward to collaborating with our teachers to offer an Aboriginal perspective to our curriculum and learning pathways this year.

Our 2022 NAIDOC theme 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!' is an exciting opportunity for us to explore how we celebrate and advocate for what we believe in and I'm grateful for the opportunity to platform our school values of Aspiration, Courage, Growth and Respect through this lens.

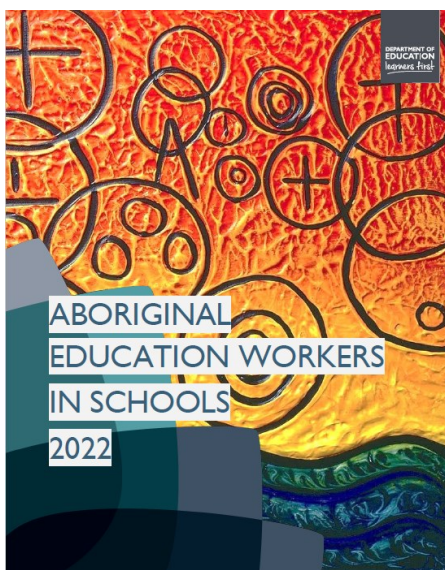
*Nayri nina-tu* (thank you)! Hayley McClure

In 2021, we applied for an *Aboriginal Education Worker* to join our team. We have collaborated with Woodbridge School to share the AEW across both schools.

Hayley has been appointed as the successful applicant. She will work with us each Monday for the rest of the year, and spend a day each week at Woodbridge School. Hayley is also the AEW at Margate Primary School.

Aboriginal Education Workers provide advice, support and assistance in schools to support improvements in the educational outcomes of Aboriginal learners and to raise awareness and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.

Throughout Term 1, Hayley would like to talk to any families that identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. If you would like to have a phone call with Hayley, please let Ashley know and we will arrange for this to happen.



## SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES

Better health for better learning

Do you know about the Australian Government eSafety Commissioner?

In this age of rapidly changing technology, it's so important for us to know ourselves, and then teach our children, how to navigate the online world. The eSafety Commissioner works to help Australians have safer, more positive experiences online.

This includes helping people who are **experiencing online bullying or abuse, running programs and training on internet safety and helping organisations maintain the safety and rights of their online users.**

This month there is a webinar for families of children aged 11-18 years on cyberbullying and online drama (I'll keep you posted about other webinars throughout the year)

### eSafety's parent guide to cyberbullying and online drama

This Term 1 webinar will provide parents and carers with the tools to support young people to have safe and respectful online relationships. It will also offer advice about what to do when things go wrong.

It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old.

It will cover:

- starting conversations with your child about their online friendships and positive ways to deal with changing relationships
- understanding the rights, laws and community expectations that govern social media use
- where to seek help if your child is involved in a cyberbullying incident.

**REGISTER NOW** →

#### 2022 dates (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

Thursday 10 March 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Tuesday 15 March 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Wednesday 23 March 7.30 to 8.30 pm

You can register here:


<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

They also have great general eSafety resources online:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources#videos>



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



**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](mailto:bruny.island.district@education.tas.gov.au)



It is time to start thinking about the soccer season with the roster starting in early May. We will once again enter a team into the Southern Region Junior Football Association with the Channel United Club. If you have a child in Grades 3-6

who wishes to play Soccer this year please send the following details to myself at [laboosta@gmail.com](mailto:laboosta@gmail.com)

Childs name, date of birth, parent/guardian name and contact details. Preference will be given to students in Grade 3-6 as we have secured an experienced and awesome coach and manager duo for this age group (thanks in advance to Shane and Nina).

If there are children in younger grades interested in playing and any parents willing to take on the Coaching and Managing roles we may be able to create a team/teams for the younger grades as well.

There are rosters for U/6, U/7 and U/8 and the youngest teams start at 4-a-side, so you only need to find a few friends to form a team. Please contact me if you are interested in organising a Mini-Roos team and I can help with the registration process. Please note that the season begins at the beginning of Term 2 and runs almost every Saturday until the end of August with games being played at grounds anywhere between Margate and Hobart.

See you on the soccer field,

Claire Boost

**GATEPOST BIRD SCULPTURE**

Every year our community has created spectacular sculptures using upcycled materials that are displayed on their gateposts and enjoyed by festival attendees, as well as the whole community.

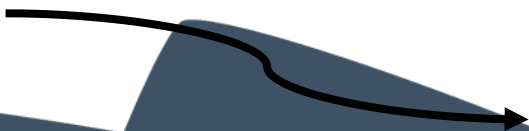
We would like to invite our families to participate in this fun and creative activity at home and then have your sculptures displayed at the front of our school.

The sculpture simply needs to be of a bird theme. It could be a bird shape, a silhouette, a feather, an egg... think outside the nest.

Once completed, please bring your sculpture to school for us to display in our front garden.

Entries close on Friday March 11.

For more information or to see past entries, visit: <https://www.brunybirdfestival.org.au/program/gatepost>



Passenger conduct code for school bus services



Department of State Growth



The Department of State Growth (DSG) has released a Passenger Code of Conduct (the Code) for School Bus Services.

The Code sets out the expected standards of behaviour for students when using a bus.

The document has been developed by the Department of State Growth in consultation with the Tasmanian Bus Service and the Department of Education.

You can view a copy of the [Passenger Conduct Code for School Bus Services – Transport Services](https://www.transport.tas.gov.au) with this hyperlink or via <https://www.transport.tas.gov.au>



2014 - Children's Category Winner

2016 - Adult Runner-up

## 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/>



### Bruny Island Tour

The Australian Army Band Tasmania  
9 April 2022

Lunawanna Market, Lunawanna Memorial Hall  
Army Pep Band 11am - 1pm

Bruny Island Cork Club Meat Raffle and Easter Egg Draw, Alonnah Hall  
Featuring the Army Concert and Rock Band 5.30 - 7.30pm

Contact: Trevor Adams 0427 931 225; Army Band WO2 S Jefferis 0428 938 587

## ATTENDANCE

On the front cover of our newsletter I have included our current attendance data. This shows the % of students from each year level within our classrooms from the start of the year until now. Priority 3 of our School Improvement Plan is to consider ways that we can improve our attendance across the school and we know that information is key to this.

Each fortnight we will publish our current attendance data and we are working on other ways to support families with regular student participation at school. I look forward to continuing this conversation in the weeks ahead.

Thank you.

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