

Bruny Island District School

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

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EDUCATION
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ASPIRATION GROWTH COURAGE RESPECT

23 MARCH 2022

Current Yearly Attendance:

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
84%	88%	90%	79%	86%	87%	72%	80%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
88%	90%	92%	74%	92%	89%	91%	80%

Little Penguins

Weekly Excursions (contact us for more information)

Swimming and Water Safety

March 24 and 25

Swim Camp

March 28, 29 and 30

P-2 Excursion (Neck)

March 25

K-P-1 Excursion

April 5

Student Free Day

April 14

Good Friday

April 15

REMINDERS

Hot Lunch

TBA

Breakfast (Postponed due to Swim Camp)

March 30

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.

Tomorrow we begin our Swimming and Water Safety lessons for students in Years 3-6. This is an important time for our students as they further develop their skills with how to be safe near water (boat safety, survival swimming, reach to rescue, entering aquatic environments safely) and develop efficiency and stamina with their swimming. This section of the curriculum also focuses on the following learning areas: personal, social and community, movement, and physical education. I would like to acknowledge and thank our amazing team of educators for their time and preparation for this learning experience. They have each volunteered many hours to provide our students with the opportunity to participate and I thank them for this.

This week is also the start of the Bruny Island Bird Festival. On Friday our Year Prep to 2 students will be participating in a short, local excursion to The Neck where they will be working with a Discovery Ranger to learn about the Short-Tailed Shearwaters and Penguins that live in this area. This experience is aligned to the current inquiry focus with regards to the environment, nature and habitats. You will also see examples of our students' learning around the Island this weekend—something to look out for.

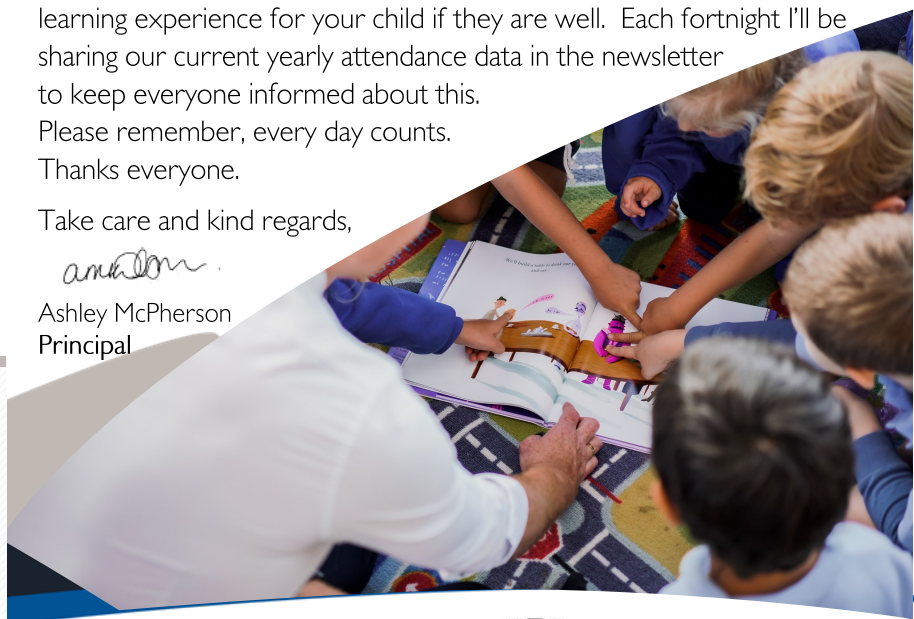
With high levels of COVID-19 across our community and the start of the cold and flu season it is important we do all we can to keep our community safe. It is a requirement to stay home if you are unwell, but please consider how we can work together to ensure a continued learning experience for your child if they are well. Each fortnight I'll be sharing our current yearly attendance data in the newsletter to keep everyone informed about this.

Please remember, every day counts.

Thanks everyone.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal



This year, you will notice some changes to reporting in Tasmanian Government Schools.

Firstly, you won't see A-E reporting any more for Prep to Year 10 students. Most families in Tasmanian Government Schools have told us that A-E reporting isn't meaningful enough for them. So, the Department is introducing a new 9-point visual scale.

Along with the visual scale a worded description will be included to help you understand how your child is going against the expected standard for their year level. The 9-point scale will show more specifically where your child is at with their learning. This change won't apply to students in Years 11 and 12.

The second main change you'll see is that teachers will be communicating with you more regularly throughout the year, instead of providing written comments on reports.

This more regular communication might be through online communication, telephone calls, or face-to-face conversations. By having more regular information about your child's learning progress you'll get a better understanding of how your child is going across the entire school year (not just twice a year).

What you should expect across the school year:

Term 1	Mid Term	Communication focussing on application to learning Or conversation about learning plan goals with families and students
Term 2	Week 6-9	Opportunity for a two or three-way conversation focussing on learning progress, application to learning and wellbeing and/or learning plan goals.
Term 2	Week 10	Mid-year report of learning achievement
Term 3	Weeks 6-9	Opportunity for a two or three-way conversation focussing on learning progress, application to learning and wellbeing and/or learning plan goals.
Term 4	Week 9-10	End of year report of learning achievement

Families will be supported to understand the new reporting requirements and the changes to mid and end of year report as they are implemented.

Watch the video introducing the changes: [**Changes to reporting in 2022**](#). If you'd like to know more about why these changes are occurring, visit [**Review into Reporting to Families - The Department of Education Tasmania**](#)



COVID-19 Update

keep it
COVID safe.

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES 
Better health for better learning

VACCINATION IS THE BEST PROTECTION

**Vaccination is the
best protection for
your child.**



coronavirus.tas.gov.au/vaccine



Our school has many COVID-19 safety measures in place, but vaccination is the best way to protect your child from COVID-19.

As per Public Health advice, vaccination is safe and helps to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Your child will need two doses (eight weeks apart) to be fully vaccinated.

If you haven't already, please book your child aged 5+ years in for their initial vaccination or second dose vaccination. It's easy to [book your appointment online](#). Alternatively, call the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

Please know that all children, regardless of whether they've been vaccinated or not, are welcome to attend school.

For more information, please visit the [Tasmanian Government Coronavirus website](#) or contact the [Tasmanian Public Health Hotline](#) on 1800 671 738, or Department of Education COVID-19 Support Hotline at COVID19support@education.tas.gov.au or on 1800 816 057.

If you need support translating or interpreting this information, please contact the [Translating and Interpreting Service](#) on 131 450.

Friday the 18th of March was World Sleep Day!

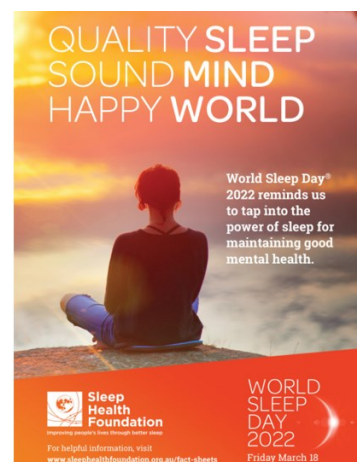
The theme was...Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World.

Sleep Well to Learn Well

Did you know that most of us spend 30% of our lifetime sleeping!

Just like your phone, your body and mind need to be recharged each day – for us it's through a good nights sleep!

When we sleep our bodies have time to repair and grow. This helps us manage our mental health, helps us learn better, boosts our immune system, and improves our memory.



How much sleep do our learners need?

Primary school aged: 9-11 hours

High School and College age: 8-10 hours

For sleep tips and further information, visit:

<https://www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au/fact-sheets.html>

<https://www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au/fact-sheets.html>

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/toddlers/sleep/sleep-problems/sleep-problems-solutions>

<https://headspace.org.au/assets/Factsheets/HSP225-Sleep-Fact-Sheet-DP3.pdf>

School Health Nurse Katherine can help our learners with sleep concerns – contact through the school office.



**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

AFL IN P.E. AT BRUNY ISLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL



With thanks to the Sporting Schools Grant initiative, we welcomed AFL Tasmania to our school a couple of weeks ago to offer our students a number of AFL workshops during P.E. lessons.



We will have 4 workshops between now and the end of Term 1.

Thank you to Miss Kestle and Karen for organising.

AED AT BRUNY ISLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL



The chance of survival after a cardiac arrest decreases by up to 10% every minute, and the most effective intervention is the use of a defibrillator as soon as possible after this happens.

Bruny Island District School applied for a Tasmanian Government Grant in 2021 and we are one of 180 successful applicants to receive an AED this financial year through the AED

Community Defibrillator Fund.

The AED is located next to the front door of our office with easy public access at all times for those in need.

To see the locations of all AED's across Tasmania, please use this link: <https://maps.thelist.tas.gov.au/listmap/app/list/map?bookmarkId=59843>

OUTDOOR LITTLE PENGUINS



Last week we hosted our first Little Penguins (Launching Into Learning) session for 2022.

With the current Public Health restrictions guiding the Department of Education, we have been unable to welcome families to our school site for LiL. But we have been given permission to host outdoor LiL sessions and this has worked perfectly to support our Term 1 and Term 2 inquiry into the Natural World.

We were so happy to be able to bring our families together again in a COVID-19 safe way. Thank you to all who joined us. Here is a table of our upcoming LiL Excursions. Please remember to complete an enrolment form and to check Facebook for any updates or cancellations due to the weather.

LITTLE PENGUINS EXCURSION TIMETABLE:

DATE	Time	DAY	MEETING POINT:	INFORMATION:
25 March	9:00-10:30	Fri	Adventure Bay Beach	Bird Walk (Bird Festival) and picnic Contact Giselle: 0418 600 920 on arrival
30 March	9:00-10:30	Wed	The Neck Camping Ground Beach	Follow the little path to the beach from the carpark.
8 April	9:00-10:30	Fri	Cemetery Beach	Meet on the beach.
13 April	9:00-10:30	Wed	Miniature Farm	No cost involved. Meet in the carpark.



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

conservation
science
creativity
community

Bruny Island BIRD FESTIVAL

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

School Holiday Activities

YOUTH ARTS SHOWCASE

Saturday 9 April
Come and celebrate Youth Week Tasmania at the Youth Arts Showcase featuring a Makers Market, art exhibition and live performances by local young people. Food trucks on site.



Cost: Free
Age: All ages
Time: 11am - 3.30pm
Place: Kingborough Community Hub

WHITE CARD TRAINING

Thursday 21 April
Certified training with Select Safety. A must for entry into the construction industry.

To book this training go to <https://hubyouthprogram.eventbrite.com.au>

Cost: \$50
Age: 16+
Time: 9am - 3pm
Place: Kingborough Community Hub

SEED TO STARTUP

Tuesday 26 April
Do you want to start a business or side hustle? Then this creative and hands on workshop is for you! Learn how to brainstorm, plan, pitch & launch your idea. Ely from The Propagators helps budding entrepreneurs launch an idea.

Cost: Free
Age: 12-24
Time: 9am - 1pm
Place: Kingborough Community Hub



HYPERDRIVE GO-KART RACING

Wednesday 27 April
Get onboard and feel the rush in the electric go-karts at Hyperdrive! Participants must wear closed-toe shoes.



Cost: \$15
Age: 12-18
Time: 10.30am - 11.45am
Place: 22-24 Mertonvale Circuit, Kingston

BLACKMANS BAY SKATE PARK EVENT

Thursday 28 April
Be part of the fun at this Tas Skate Park League event. Competition for scooters, skate boarders and BMX or just come along to spectate.

Registrations open at 11am.
Free BBQ
Cost: FREE
Age: All ages
Time: 11am - 4pm
Place: Blackmans Bay Skate Park



Bookings and payments can be made at <https://shp-april-2022.eventbrite.com.au> Priority will be given to young people who reside in the Kingborough municipality. For more information, please contact Council's Youth Officer on 6211 8200 or email kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact Council's Youth Officer to discuss support options.

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