

# Bruny Island District School



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

8 APRIL 2023

## CURRENT ATTENDANCE

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
82%	75%	80%	89%	80%	86%	100%	100%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
93%	94%	87%	93%	87%	88%	92%	90%

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Last day of Term 1

Wednesday 5 April

### Moderation Day (staff only)

Thursday 6 April

### First day of Term 2

Wednesday 26 April

### First Aid in School (FAIS)

Monday 1 May

### OHST Dental Health Checks

Tuesday 2 - Thursday 4 May

## TERM DATES

### Term 1

8 February 2023— 5 April 2023

### Term 2

26 April 2023— 7 July 2023

## REMINDER

School finishes at 2:30 each Friday

Dear Families

Welcome to our latest school newsletter.



I would like to wish all of our students, staff and families a wonderful term break and a Happy Easter. It's been an incredibly busy term and I would like to acknowledge and say thank you for your kindness and support. I am proud of our educators who have continued to provide a rich, stimulating and engaging teaching and learning programme for our students and young people. We have a school of staff that are dedicated to providing the very best educational provision and learning environment for our students to thrive.

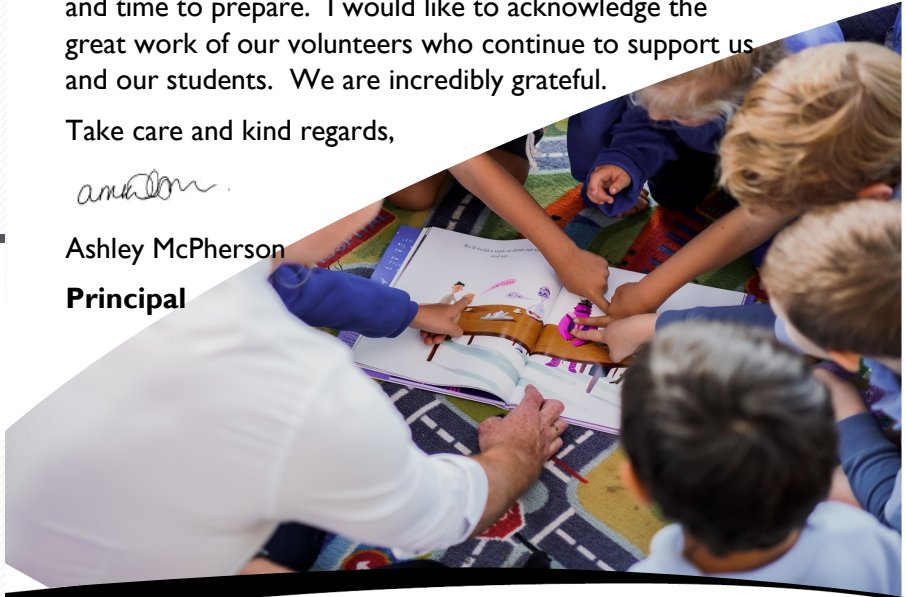
I would like to thank Mr Hamilton and Claire for their outstanding leadership and effort to prepare and facilitate our Swim Camp for Year 3-6 students this year. The many hours required to prepare and facilitate an event like this are volunteered by our staff and because of this, our students are invited to engage in a very special learning activity that otherwise would not be possible.

Our Parents and Friends have also worked hard this term as they continue to support us in many ways. The regular Hot Lunches and preparation for the upcoming Easter Woodchop Festival have required a great deal of planning and time to prepare. I would like to acknowledge the great work of our volunteers who continue to support us and our students. We are incredibly grateful.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson

Principal



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## MATHS TOGETHER: FEEDBACK



**Maths together** has been in homes for a couple of weeks now and we are really enjoying hearing our students talk about this.

We would like to hear from you about the first couple of weeks of **Maths together** and what you think.

We would like to know:

- What do you think of the activities?
- Does your child enjoy Maths Together?
- Have the instruction videos helped?
- What would help you to further engage with this?

If you have time to send us an email, we would love to hear from you. We would also love to see any photos of your child engaging with this program at home.

Next term we will begin handing out certificates for every 10 **Maths together** sessions completed, so don't forget to record each day that you complete an activity.

Thank you for supporting your child with **Maths together**.



## COMBINED SCHOOLS NETBALL TEAM



This term a group of our students have been collaborating with students from Woodbridge School to participate in a weekly Southern Schools Netball roster.

Our students are often practising at recess and lunch time and working together to improve their passing and goal shooting.

Congratulations to our students who are clearly enjoying this experience, and thank you to their families for supporting this to happen.

## MATHS IS EVERYWHERE



The Prep-I students have been learning about mathematical concepts during weekly cooking lessons with Claire. Cooking is an excellent way to explore numbers, fractions and mass... and it's fun!

Here are the hot cross buns we made last week.





### FIRST NATIONS PERSPECTIVES

Recently we welcomed Paul Mabb from Aboriginal Education Services to our school. Paul spent some time with Hayley and our students to engage in learning about First Nations perspectives and culture through storytelling and experiences on Country.

### AEW VISIT TO LITTLE PENGUINS

On **Thursday 23 March** LiL was joined for the first time by our Aboriginal Education Worker, Hayley.

Hayley shared a brand new picture book called *We Love Country* which has been written by members of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community.

The story focuses on walking through Country with Nana and using all our senses to explore and appreciate the Land.

Aboriginal Education Services have generously gifted every LiL family their own copy of *We Love Country* to take home and keep forever. This book is really special because it focuses on Lutruwita/Tasmania, while most First Nations picture books are about Country and Culture on mainland Australia.



Our students cooked damper around the fire and spent time exploring our outdoor spaces to make environmental bracelets. Importantly, the activity is just one part of the learning during this time. The main learning happens during the conversations and from the questions our students ask as they are learning as researchers.

We thank Paul and Hayley for guiding our students through this wonderful learning experience.







Towards the end of this year, we will be hosting our biannual **School Fair**. It is time for families to start preparing cuttings for our very popular plant stall.

We will start talking about the School Fair at our next P and F Meeting. We hope you can join us.

**P & F Meeting:** 2nd May, 9:15 in the staff room at school.

### ASSEMBLY: OUR APPRECIATION

Each week we have a short assembly to share *whole school* messages, to celebrate and acknowledge the effort and participation of our students as learners and to develop a deeper understanding of our values.



Each week we invite students to share a piece of their writing with the school. This is an authentic opportunity to write for an audience and to receive that immediate feedback from others as they respond to what they hear you share. To volunteer to share your writing takes **courage** and we are thrilled to see so many students rise to this challenge.



Our **Certificate of Merit** recipients are students that our staff have recognised each week as living our school values and displaying our learner assets.



Each week we also focus on developing our understanding of one of our school values.

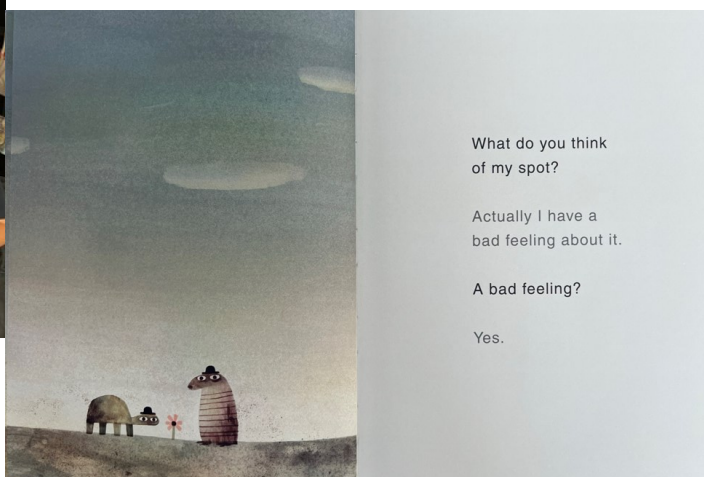
Last week we looked at a story called: *The Rock From the Sky* by Jon Klassen.

This excellent story gave us the opportunity to discuss the value of **courage** and our school rule of *We are Safe*.

After reading the story we discussed what if **feels** like in our bodies if we don't feel safe, and what we **can** do about it.



**Read Together** certificates for regular participation.



What do you think of my spot?  
Actually I have a bad feeling about it.  
A bad feeling?  
Yes.





## KITCHEN-GARDEN LEARNING NEWS

Time for another update from the Kitchen!

It was like Junior Master Chef in the kitchen this week as I really bit off more than we can chew. It is that time of year in the garden though!

Autumn serves up a bounty of fruit and veg which then has to be eaten or preserved so as not to let all that hard work go to waste.

We made home made pasta with eggs from our beloved school hens, tossed that through some sauteed leek, zucchini and baby silverbeet.

We then added basil pesto made with basil generously donated by Jo Smith and Jen Creighton. This was all served up with a fresh green salad from the school garden and yummy bread rolls and butter.

In the background the mini chefs worked hard to make rhubarb relish thanks to a big donation of the fattest rhubarb from Rosie Bennet and Nicola Hubbard, which will be added to the ever growing stock of preserves to sell at the School Fair.

Here are two of the recipes from this weeks menu, we hope you enjoy them.

**Here is a recipe:**

### **Pesto (nut and cheese free)**

- 1 cup greens (basil, pesto, coriander, silverbeet-any leafy green will do)
- ½ cup sunflower seeds, lightly toasted.
- ½ cup olive oil
- Juice from ½ a lemon
- 1 ½ tablespoons nutritional yeast (this is a super healthy alternative to parmesan cheese but obviously not everyone has this in their fridge so substitute it with parmesan or pecorino or you can leave it out altogether)
- 1 clove garlic
- Salt and pepper to taste

...and blend!

### **Rhubarb Relish**

- 2kg rhubarb cut into 2cm pieces
- 4 large onions diced
- 16 tsp curry powder
- 8 cups sugar
- 3 cups white vinegar
- 4 tsp salt
- 2 tsp pepper

Combine all ingredients into large pot and bring to the boil. Simmer for 40 minutes and then pour into sterilised jars. Delicious immediately or will keep for up to a year if unopened.





## A GREAT START TO JAPANESE CLASSES

This term has seen the start of Japanese classes throughout the school and what a great start it has been! Students have embraced this new language very enthusiastically, with many parents being reminded of the Japanese they learnt at similar ages. With the older students, we started the term as thinkers and researchers; brainstorming everything we know about Japan and looking at lots of images. We then worked on greetings, ways to say our names and numbers 1 – 10. This will continue into Term 2 with the aim of students being able to confidently give a self introduction. Naturally this will look different at each class level. The K/P/I class have been enjoying songs about animals and learning various animal names.

As March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Girl's Day in Japan, students learnt a little about the activities and meaning behind this. The I/2/3 class worked on origami dolls and the K/P/I class made the Emperor and Empress using paper plates. Next term, May 5<sup>th</sup>, is Boy's Day and I look forward to finding ways to make this both interesting and meaningful with each class.

Japanese words are very different to English words and one of the best ways to help the students remember them is through song, so we have been using lots of songs and videos in the class. The other day I heard some of the Kinder students singing a song that I had never played in their classroom. When I asked them about it, they told me that they had learnt the song from their siblings in other classes. This made me really happy to think that the students are using the words they are learning at school, at home.

To conclude the term, both Mrs Hearn and I have been collaborating on a Japanese art competition in which the students have made 2023 posters of the year of the rabbit. This competition is Tasmania wide, for all schools that have Japanese as their Language Other Than English. We look forward to sharing more about this in the weeks to come.

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## SCIENTIST VISIT TO BIDS

Our Year 4-5-6 welcomed scientists, Dr. Lisa-ann Gershwin to their classroom recently.



The workshop was titled *Things That Glow in Nature*. The students were learning as researchers as they asked questions and recorded notes about interesting facts about the Aurora, marine bioluminescence, glow worms and ghost mushrooms.



Our students got to experience hands-on learning experiences with UV light torches and listen to Lisa-ann describe both bioluminescence and biofluorescence.

Thank you so much to Lisa-ann for spending the time with us and for this incredible learning experience.







## CYBER SECURITY INCIDENT- TASMANIA

### What happened?

The Tasmanian Government is responding to the theft of financial data from the Department for Education, Children and Young People.

### What we know

The information that has currently been released is over 16,000 records, the information includes names, addresses, business names and addresses, and invoices.

### How we are responding

The Tasmanian Government is analysing the information that has been released, this may take a number of days to complete. The Department for Education, Children and Young People will contact the affected individuals and businesses directly.

The Tasmanian Government is continuing to work with relevant State and Federal authorities, including the Australian Cyber Security Centre.

### What do you need to do?

Members of the community are to remain alert to any suspicious financial activity or attempted scams. Please contact your financial provider with any concerns.

You can also report to law enforcement via ReportCyber at <https://www.cyber.gov.au/acsc/report>

You can call the Tasmanian Information Service on 1800 567 567 between 9am-6pm and they can provide you with the available support information.

If you are concerned for your immediate safety, contact Tasmanian Police on 000.

### Support available

We understand Tasmanians may be concerned and have question about this situation, there are a number of support and advice service available:

- If you would like more information on data security, you can access Australian Government advice from the Australian Cyber Security Centre website at [www.cyber.gov.au](http://www.cyber.gov.au)
- If you have concerns regarding financial transactions, please contact your financial provider.
- You can also report to law enforcement via ReportCyber at <https://www.cyber.gov.au/acsc/report>.
- ID care advice can be accessed at <https://www.idcare.org/tasmania-incident-response>

You may wish to visit the following sites pertaining to scam and identity protection:

- <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>
- <https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/scams>
- <https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au>

Other support and advice options available to you include:

- Lifeline on 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
- Department of Health Mental Health Hotline - 1800 332 388
- Anglicare Tasmania - 1800 243 232

### Additional important information

- Scammers may use your personal information to contact you by phone, text or email. Never click on links or provide personal or financial information to someone who contacts you out of the blue.
- If you are concerned that your identity has been compromised or you have been a victim of a scam contact your bank immediately and call IDCARE on 1800 595 160. IDCARE is Australia's national identity and cyber support service, to get expert advice from a specialist identity and cyber security service.
- The Australian Federal Police has expanded Operation Guardian to protect Medibank private customers whose personal information has been released online by criminals
- Services Australia has put in place additional security measures to protect your information. It is important to note that people can't access your Medicare details with just a Medicare card number.
- If your Medicare card number has been exposed and you are concerned, you can replace your Medicare card for free. You can do this using your Medicare online account through myGov, the Express Plus Medicare mobile app, or calling the Medicare program.
- If you believe there has been unauthorised activity in your Medicare account, you can call the Services Australia [Scams and Identity Theft Help Desk](#). They can help secure your account if it's been compromised. For more information, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au).

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## LOTS OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED OVER EASTER 2023



### FRIDAY 7TH APRIL Opening of the Centenary Display

followed by a performance "Hundred Years of Stage Fright"

Combining stories told of the hall and current community talents. Come One, Come All with your skits, songs, poems, instruments, dances, yarns, magic tricks ..... to share!

You are invited to be a part of this show.

Contact: Barb on 0405 761 938 or Sally on 0431 962 728.

From 6:00pm Free Entry. Bar open. Delicious snacks available.

### SATURDAY 8TH

Woodfired Pizza & Movies of the era. Fun for the whole family.

5pm Childrens films. Pizzas for sale from 6pm. Bar open from 6pm.

More films 7pm. Dress up 1920's style if you fancy!

### MONDAY 10TH APRIL 100th Anniversary Day

Free games and fun for kids - 1920'S style - with prizes!

Refreshments provided. - From 11.00am - 2:00pm

Centenary Afternoon Tea and Anniversary cake catered by Bruny Is. CWA. Music from local singers and musicians. All welcome.

Free event. 2:30pm - 4.30pm

**Let's Dance!** - live music - Dave Elliston & The Wallaby Track Bush Band  
Lucky Door prize! Lucky spot prize! Other prizes during the night.  
Bar open no BYO. Bring a plate supper. Starts 7.30pm

For more info phone  
Marg 0476 373 422 or  
Bernd 0429 931 369

Hall Fundraiser - Tickets \$10ea under 18 free.

Bookings required - pay on the night.

Book at Adventure Bay Store or Jill Weeding mob. 0438 921 119

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