

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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ASPIRATION GROWTH COURAGE RESPECT

18 MAY 2022

Current Yearly Attendance: (Present In Class)

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
86%	85%	89%	82%	80%	85%	86%	70%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
86%	86%	90%	81%	78%	85%	86%	69%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

Wednesday 9:00-10:00 and Friday 9:00– 10:00

COVID-19: 5-11 Vaccination Clinic (RFDS)

June 9 (Dose 2)

NAPLAN

May 10-20 (Testing Window)

Cross Country

May 18 (Postponed due to weather)

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

May 18

Interschool Cross Country (Huonville)

May 25

National Simultaneous Storytime

May 25

Year 4-5-6 Excursion (Marine Discovery Centre)

June 14

REMINDERS

Friday (each week)

2:30 finish for students

TERM DATES 2022

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.

What a great start to this term we have had. Pirate Day last Friday was a really fun event that raised \$115.00 for Childhood Brain Cancer Research and was a day filled with *pirate-themed* learning. I'd like to thank the families for supporting your child to participate in Pirate Day with a costume and a donation. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Today we hosted Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Thank you to our families that once again provided a donation for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea— another important fundraiser for the Cancer Council. I'd like to acknowledge Ms. Hearn for helping our SRC bake scones this week for our students and to the staff for also donating funds and baked goods towards this as well. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We have had to postpone our Cross Country today due to the wet grounds and consistent rain. We will try to host this event when we can, but we will still be sending our Year 4-5-6 and some of our Year 3's to the Interschool Cross Country to represent our school.

Last week we sent home a P&F Uniform Subsidy Voucher which entitles each currently enrolled child to a \$65.00 discount off our new uniform items when used in one transaction and during Term 2, 2022. We have already had many families take-up this wonderful offer and it has been nice to see so many of our students wearing our new school uniform with pride. If you have any questions about the purchasing of new uniform items, please call us. We have a full range of sizes and uniform items available for purchase.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal



PIRATE DAY 2022



Pirate Day is a national day of dressing up to raise awareness and vital funds for Childhood Brain Cancer Research.

We would like to thank our SRC for organising this wonderful event and thank our families for helping their children to prepare an outfit and for giving them some 'treasure' to donate.

We had a fun 'pirate-themed' day of learning with:

- whole school treasure hunt (mapping activity)
- counting buried gold and silver treasure (money)
- storytelling and rhyming
- team work and collaboration

... and a walk-the-plank fashion parade!
To learn more about Pirate Day, visit the website: <https://www.priateday.com.au>



COVID-19 Update

keep it
COVID safe.

MANAGING COVID-19 IN SCHOOLS

This term, there will be some changes in how COVID-19 cases are managed in schools.

Our school will continue to work closely with Public Health to safely manage any COVID-19 cases, with a focus on testing students and staff who have symptoms.

The number of students and staff with COVID-19 will be closely monitored, and we will work with Public Health to respond as needed. If there's an increase in cases, Public Health will tell us what we need to do and what actions families will need to take.

Parents and carers will no longer receive a message every time there is an individual case in a class or grade – unless students or staff are medically vulnerable.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our school office.

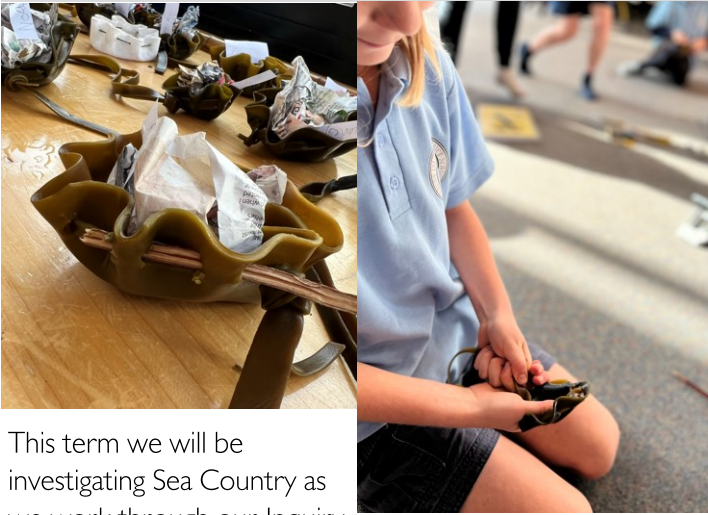
For more information about COVID-19, please visit the Tasmanian Government Coronavirus website or contact the Tasmanian Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738, or Department of Education COVID-19 Support Hotline at COVID19support@education.tas.gov.au or on 1800 816 057.



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

EXPLORE SEA COUNTRY



This term we will be investigating Sea Country as we work through our Inquiry based learning for NAIDOC Week.

Utilising the incredible resources on The Orb (theorb.tas.gov.au), and with the cultural knowledge and experience of our AEW Hayley, we have developed a sequence of learning opportunities to deeply engage and enrich the experiences and understandings our children need to authentically respect Sea Country. Throughout this learning we will explore Tasmanian Aboriginal People's continuing cultural practices of shell necklace making, kelp water carriers and muttonbirding.



This week our students discussed and then participated in making kelp water carriers. We listened to Hayley talk about the importance of this practice for Tasmanian Aboriginal People and why we need to care for Sea Country to enable this practice to continue.

We look forward to sharing more of our learning journey with you in the coming weeks.

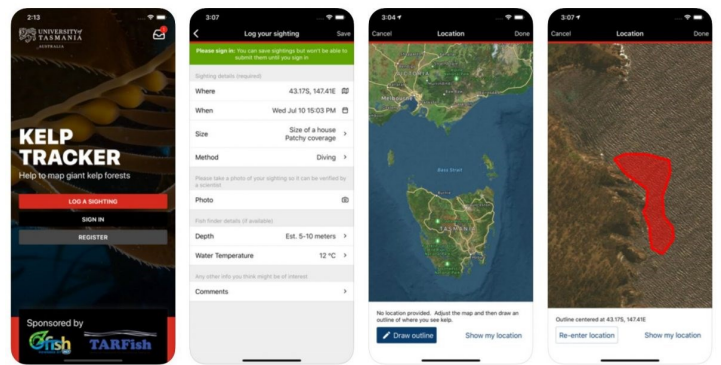


KELP TRACKING WITH YEAR 4-5-6

Our Year 4-5-6 class have been uncovering many new and exciting initiatives throughout their inquiry into Sea Country and recently they invited members of our community to join in our NAIDOC Inquiry.

To get started, we have invited students to bring in interesting marine items, objects or artefacts to go into the Sea Country display our Aboriginal Education Worker, Hayley, is building for us in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Also, preeminent kelp researcher, Dr. Craig Johnston from the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies, has agreed to help us to learn more about the ecology of kelp and what IMAS is doing to regenerate kelp. He has invited the all of us to become citizen scientists and help identify remnant kelp beds using an app called Kelp Tracker (available as a free download for Apple and Android).



For more info and a really quick read go here <https://scistarter.org/kelp-tracker?msclkid=b2040bc1cf6611ecbe1d53cc8c32f735>.

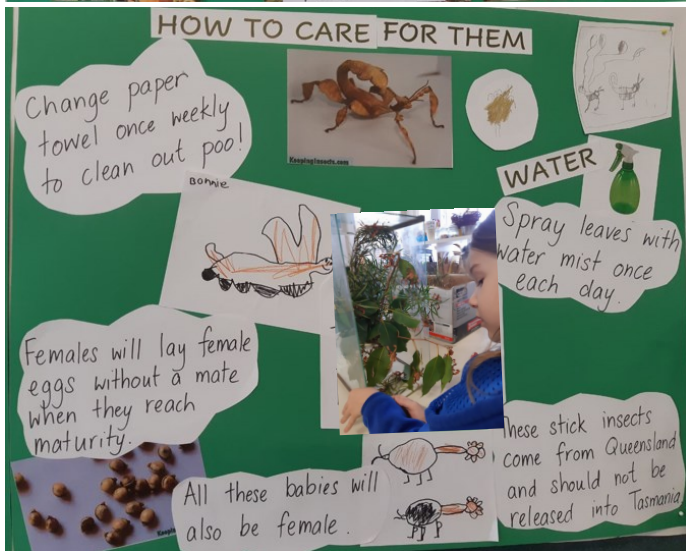
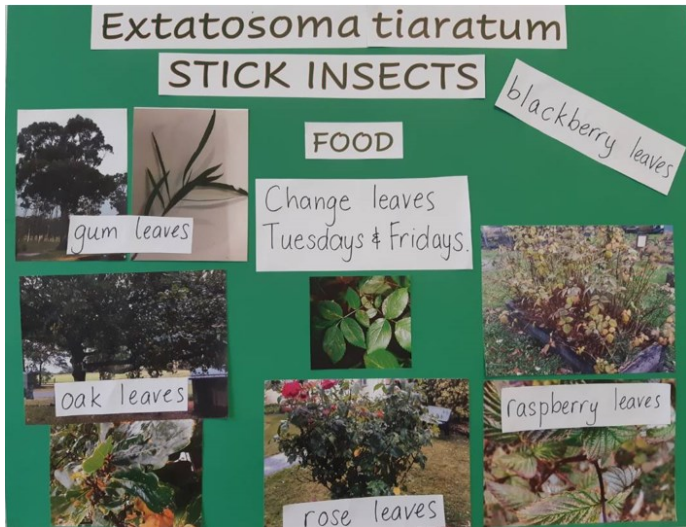
Mr Hamilton has also invited students to document and upload images of places in Bruny's Sea Country that are significant to your families, or of any respectful family activity in Sea Country - especially any instances of your family caring for Sea Country.



LEARNING IN K-P-1

To help us learn about life-cycles we have recently adopted some stick insects as our classroom pets. These funky creatures will give us something to care for whilst we learn about the various needs of living things.

Here are some photos:



GREETINGS FROM NURSE KATHERINE



The Australian Government eSafety Commissioner has another parent webinar this month!

This time it's for families of children aged 4-13 years, and it's about Parental Controls for devices and apps.

Haven't heard of the eSafety Commissioner? They are a government organisation that 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.

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>

Parental controls

Find out how to set up devices and apps to help keep young people safe online.

This webinar will include practical tips, demonstrations and advice - designed for parents and carers of kids aged 4 to 13 years old.

The presentation will cover:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to safely set up iOS and Android devices
- how to safely set up popular games and apps, like YouTube and Roblox
- family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help you when things go wrong.

Term 2 dates (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

Tuesday 10 May 7.30 - 8.30 pm

Thursday 19 May 12.30 - 1.30 pm

Tuesday 31 May 12.30 - 1.30 pm



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

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thank you for your support! To find out more, please visit the website: <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/>

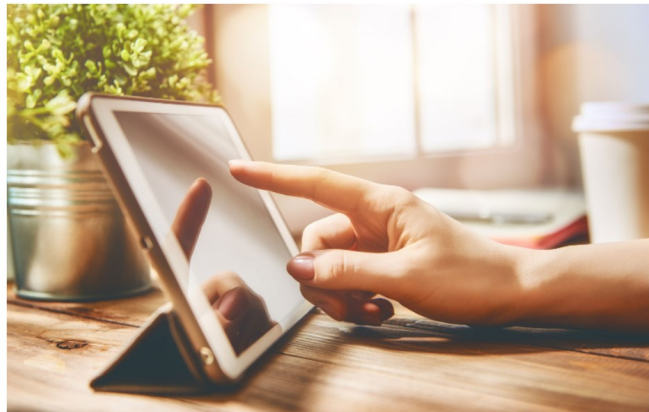


POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS: online family workshops

You may be interested in the family workshops being offered by *Positive Partnerships*. Please click on the link or visit the website for more information.

Online Parent/Carer Workshop - 4 sessions

This online workshop is 4 short sessions spread over 4 days. We encourage you to attend all 4 valuable sessions. It is for parents, full time carers and grandparents. Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.



positive partnerships

What is Autism Resources Workshops and Online Learning About us Get in touch Online Learning Hub →

<p>1 hour</p> <p>18 MAY</p> <p>Executive Functioning Online</p>	<p>1 hour</p> <p>30 MAY</p> <p>Talking About Sexuality Online</p>	<p>1 hour</p> <p>9 JUN</p> <p>Talking About Sexuality Online</p>
<p>1 hour</p> <p>14 JUN</p> <p>Understanding Behaviour Online</p>	<p>1 hour</p> <p>15 JUN</p> <p>Understanding Behaviour Online</p>	

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would like to say **thank you** to our wonderful P&F Committee for their generous support to families with the P&F Uniform Subsidy Voucher which helps our families to transition to our new school uniform.



Families can now use their Uniform Subsidy Voucher to purchase our new school uniform items and be given a discount of \$65.00 off the purchase when used in one transaction and if used before the end of Term 2.



We have really enjoyed seeing so many children start wearing our new uniform and many of them are telling us how comfortable and warm these new items are.

We have a full range of sizes in stock ready for purchase.

PRICES:

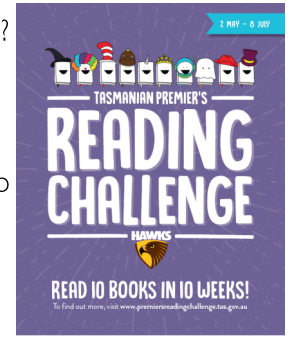
- Polo top: \$24.50 each
- Soft shell jacket: \$48.50 each
- Full zip fleece jumper: \$32.00 each

Our current hats, beanies, shorts, dresses and trousers will not be changing.

Thank you to our P&F for your generous support and to our families for supporting this exciting change to our uniform.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Can you read 10 books in 10 Weeks? Simply complete your **Read Together** booklet as normal when you read at home, but each week you can also ask someone at home to sign your Premier's Reading Challenge bookmark. In **10 weeks** time, we will be asking for you to return your bookmark so that we can organise your certificate of participation.



READ TOGETHER



Congratulations to Hamish in Year 1-2-3 who is our first person this year to read 100 reading sessions with our Read Together initiative.

For every 20 completed reading sessions, our students will be awarded a certificate for their effort but once they reach 100 reading sessions, our students are given a certificate and a book prize!

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