

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

15 JUNE 2022

Current Yearly Attendance: (Present In Class)

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
85%	82%	88%	78%	80%	85%	86%	69%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
86%	85%	90%	83%	82%	85%	87%	71%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

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

Dark MOFO Ogoh-ogoh Event

June 19

All Schools Cross Country

June 21

Shorts Day

June 21

b kinder Day

June 22

Mid-Year Reports (Parent-Teacher Conversations)

July 4 to July 7

TERM 3

Student Free Day

July 25

School Photo Day

August 1

REMINDERS

Friday (each week)

2:30 finish for students

TERM DATES 2022

Term 2 2 May—8 July

Term 3 26 July—30 September

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the latest school newsletter.

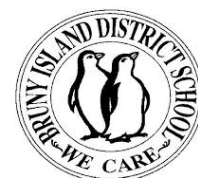
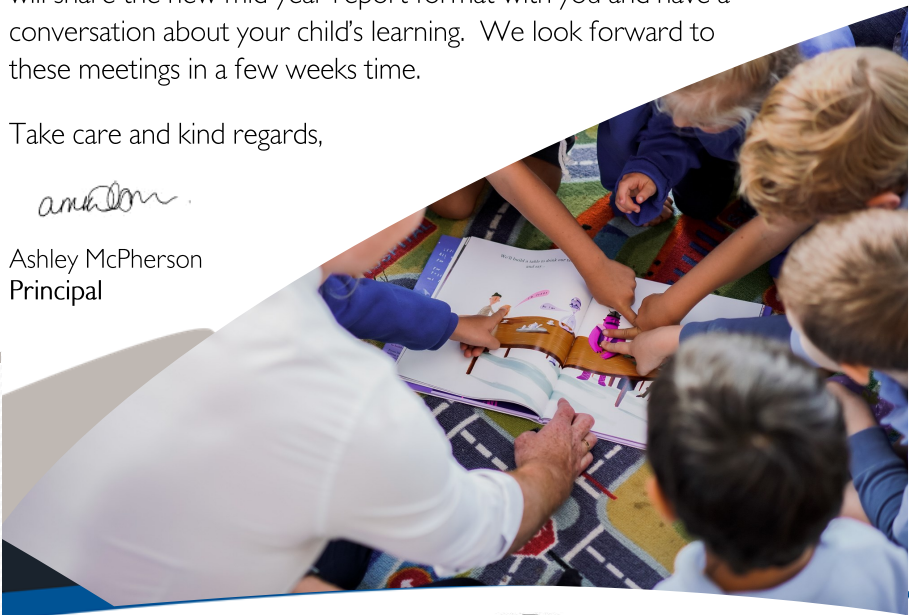
Recently I have been revisiting the important work of Hugh van Cuylenburg from *The Resilience Project* and his messages of practising gratitude, empathy and mindfulness on a daily basis. One simple way to encourage this in the home is to change the phrase “*how was your day today?*” to “*what went well for you today?*” This simple change in language turns an open-ended question into one that encourages us to think from a place of gratitude and acknowledging some of the positive aspects of the day.

This weekend we will be participating in the 2022 Dark MOFO Ogoh-ogoh event in Hobart. We are one of only three schools that has been invited to decorate the Balinese bamboo masks that will be used on Sunday as part of the procession. Students are invited to be part of the procession but they *must* be accompanied and supervised by a parent throughout this event. Details of this event have already been sent home, but another copy of this can be found within the newsletter this week. I would like to thank Bu Ingrid and Naomi Buczek for their tremendous effort with planning and preparing for this event, as well as SeaLink for supporting our families and the community with additional ferry services so that we can engage with Dark MOFO again this year. We hope many of you can make it to this event.

In the coming weeks our families will be invited to attend a parent-teacher conversation to discuss the mid-year report. This invitation will be for either a face-to-face or telephone appointment. At this time we will share the new mid-year report format with you and have a conversation about your child's learning. We look forward to these meetings in a few weeks time.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal



NAIDOC Week 2022 – *Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!*



**GET UP!
STAND UP!
SHOW UP!**

3-10 JULY 2022

This year we have an exciting NAIDOC Week community event organised by SETAC with participation from many schools across the Channel. Everyone is invited, and together we'll share a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, an Awards Ceremony, live music, dancing, food, art and creative contributions from students and community members.



This term we've been exploring the value of Sea Country with a focus on Aboriginal cultural heritage, natural resources and sustainability. We'll be sharing our learning as a poster campaign, displayed at this NAIDOC Week event as part of our mission to *Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!* for a sustainable future. We aim to create change by encouraging community awareness, responsibility and action for environmental conservation and respect for Aboriginal cultural practices, history and connection to Country.

This event will be a fantastic opportunity for people from all walks of life to come together and celebrate Aboriginal culture, history and the strong voices which empower our whole community.

When: Monday 4th July, 4pm to 7pm

Where: Kingborough Community Hub, 7 Goshawk Wy, Kingston TAS 7050

This year our students will once again be involved with the Dark MOFO Ogoh-ogoh by decorating Balinese bamboo masks that will be included within the Ogoh-ogoh procession on Sunday June 19.

Students and their families are invited to attend the winter solstice burning on **Sunday June 19** and carry their masks in the big procession.

Students must be accompanied and supervised by a parent throughout this event.

Date: Sunday June 19, 2022

A few reminders:

- this is not a mini-parade like last year, but the full parade with everyone. We will be walking for 30 minutes and asked to sit during the burning
- you can leave with your child at any time
- please bring warm clothing (it will be cold)

Timeline:

4:30pm: Children with their families meet at Parliament Lawns.

5:30pm: Ogoh-ogoh procession starts (child and one parent)

6:00pm: At Cenotaph children sit in allocated spot to view burning of big Ogoh-ogoh.

By 7.00 pm: Event has concluded but families are welcome to leave at any time after the procession.

Parking is available 24/7 for \$3/hr at Macquarie Point pay and display carpark, look for signs and enter adjacent to Hobart Brewing Co, 16 Evans St.

SeaLink: To support families, residents, landowners and accommodation providers with being able to access and enjoy this event, SeaLink will be offering additional ferry services for our community.

Additional Ferry Information: Departing Kettering at 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm and 10:00pm on Friday 17 June, Saturday 18 June and Sunday 19 June (subject to pre-booked sales).

To take advantage of this additional ferry, please contact SeaLink directly:

Phone: 1300 127 869 or Email: brunyevents@sealink.com.au

All ticket bookings should be purchased directly through the office by 12pm Friday 17th June. Please note: If a service receives zero pre-booked cars, service will not run.



YEAR 4-5-6 EXCURSION



On Tuesday 14 June, the Year 4-5-6 class attended the Marine Discovery Centre at Woodbridge.

This excursion was linked to our current Inquiry into Sea Country and to continue the important learning about why caring for Sea Country is so important.

The students were guided by Andrew Walsh– the Primary Schools Coordinator.



The students got to experience and learn about various animals and creatures with a pool tank exploration, touch tank experience, using microscopes to see plankton and used virtual reality goggles to explore local marine habitats.



To learn more about the MDC, have a look at the website: [Woodbridge School | MDC – Primary \(education.tas.edu.au\)](http://Woodbridge School | MDC – Primary (education.tas.edu.au))

GREETINGS FROM NURSE KATHERINE



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

The Australian Government eSafety Commissioner have another parent/carer webinar in June. Do you have children aged between 8 – 13 years old? Would you like to learn more about online gaming and keeping your kids safe online?

This webinar covers:

- the games young people are using and how they are engaging with them
- the benefits of gaming and how to mitigate the risks
- practical strategies to use at home and where to find help and support if things go wrong.

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>

On the topic of online games, have you seen The eSafety Guide? You can learn about the latest games, apps and social media, including how to protect your information, report harmful content and minimum recommended ages of use. Find it here:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

A promotional poster for 'Parent and carer webinars' in 2022. The main theme is 'Safer online gaming'. It includes the text: 'Help your kids stay safe by learning about the benefits and risks of online gaming.' Below this, it says 'eSafety's expert education and training team is running FREE live webinars in June 2022 exploring safe online gaming. Parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years are invited to join.' The dates are listed as: Thursday 9 June: 12.30 - 1.30 pm, Friday 17 June: 12.30 - 1.30 pm, and Tuesday 21 June: 7.30 - 8.30 pm. A 'Register now' link is provided: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars. The poster features an illustration of a child wearing VR goggles and holding a controller. Logos for the Australian Government and eSafety Commissioner are at the bottom, along with the website esafety.gov.au.

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eSafety Commissioner esafety.gov.au

SPEAK UP! STAY CHATTY SHORTS DAY

We would once again like to invite our students and staff to participate in this year's *Shorts Day* to raise awareness for Speak Up! Stay Chatty.

The idea behind this event is to acknowledge that talking about mental health can sometimes be uncomfortable... but just like wearing shorts in the middle of winter... we can be brave and have the important conversations that are needed to help someone who needs to talk.

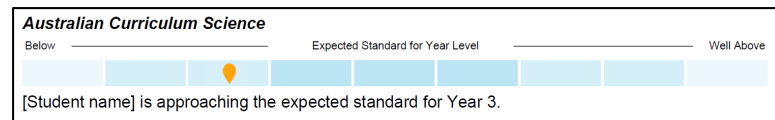


We won't be raising funds for this charity, but instead we will promote the important message of being brave and speaking up when you are worried, sad or not feeling yourself. This will be further supported by our focus the following day with **b kinder day**— a day to focus on all the ways you can be kind to yourself and to others.

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.

For example:



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.

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).

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**



REMINDER 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 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.

THANK YOU

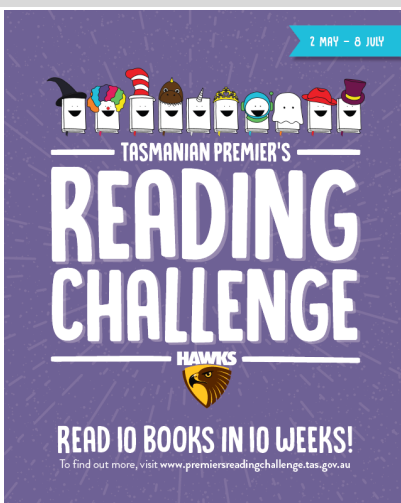


We have received a very generous donation from Jen at Island Home, Bruny Island. This donation will be used to purchase new seedlings and equipment for our School Garden.

We are very grateful for the support of our local businesses and families that contribute in many different ways to our school. Your support is always appreciated.



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.



Sick? Thanks for staying home! But please let us know so we can mark our attendance correctly.

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