

# 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

24 AUGUST 2022

Current Yearly Attendance: (Present In Class)

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
83%	83%	84%	77%	83%	83%	86%	83%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
85%	82%	85%	78%	83%	86%	87%	84%

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Little Penguins

Wednesday and Friday 9:00– 10:45

### K-P-1-2 Learn to Swim

August: 3, 10, 17 and 24

### Visiting Writer: Emily Conolan (incursion)

August 26

### Terrapin Puppet Theatre (incursion)

August 29

### Excursion Year 4-5-6 (Kingston)

August 30

### Fire Education

September 5– 8

### RFDS Simulator Tour (incursion)

September 16

### Year 6 Transition Day

September 19

## REMINDERS

### Friday (each week)

2:30 finish for students

## TERM DATES 2022

Term 3 26 July—30 September

Dear Families,

Welcome to the latest school newsletter.

Book Week is a wonderful opportunity to focus on the joy that can come when we find a book that evokes our emotions. When we read or hear something that triggers one of our emotions, we are encouraged to think, read more, and reflect. Reading and enjoying good quality literature is both a joy and a skill that we need to work on together to support our young readers to develop. Supporting your child with our *Read Together* programme is just one of the ways you can support your child. We have deliberately focused on two aspects of reading with this approach. The first is regular reading and the second is regular discussion (comprehension) about the reading. We are celebrating with many 100 Reading Certificates and Book Prizes each week and it's pleasing to see many students engaging with this. Thank you for your support.

The Book Week parade is always a joyous occasion and this year was no different. We would like to acknowledge the time and effort our families have taken to prepare the incredible costumes that our students were dressed in this week and for finding a book to go with them. The feedback we have received about our Book Week assembly has been overwhelmingly positive.

Later this week we will be welcoming *Emily Conolan* to our school. Emily is a writer and a teacher, who is known for her humanitarian work. She has been awarded Tasmanian of the Year, Hobart Citizen of the Year, and the Tasmanian Human Rights Award. Emily has hosted many writing workshops across the state and she will be with us on Friday to host a writing workshop with each of our classes. This opportunity has been organised to help us celebrate Book Week and our focus on engaging an audience.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson  
Principal

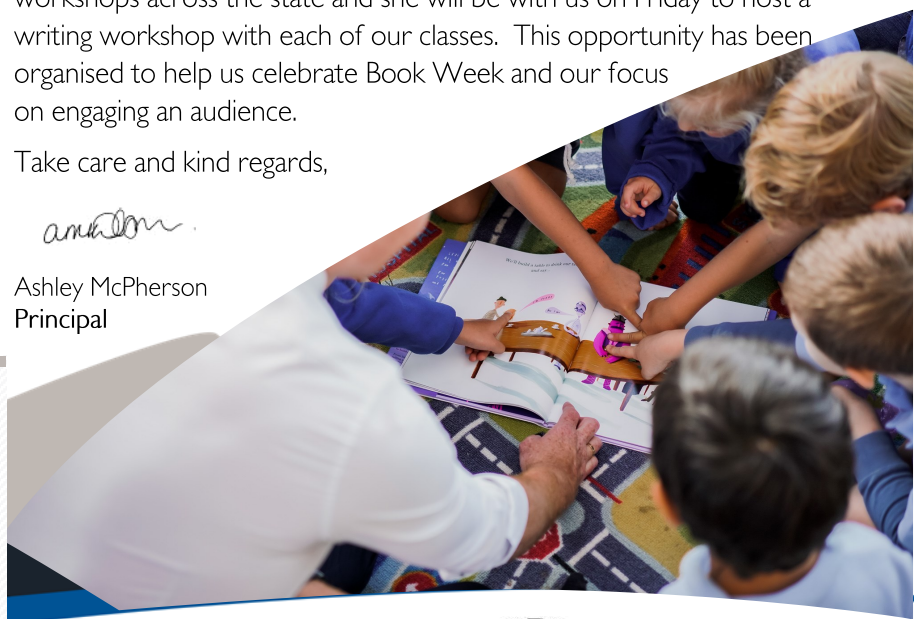
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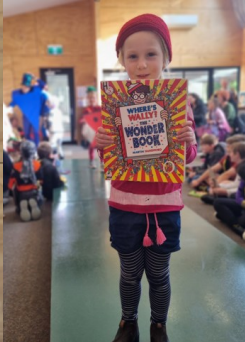
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BOOK WEEK



## KITCHEN / GARDEN LEARNING



Thanks wholly to an incredible bunch of ladies who decided it would be a good idea to get their kit off and jump in the icy waters of Hanssons Beach as a way to raise money, we are able to enrich the experiences of every child here at Bruny Island District School with our very own 24 Carrot *Seed to Plate* kitchen garden program.

The program is now well underway and is already ticking many culinary and educational boxes. Such programs are renowned for their ability to teach healthy eating, to engage the disengaged, to provide opportunities for teamwork and problem solving and for students to learn about sustainability. Our students are learning how to grow food, harvest it, cook it and enjoy eating locally grown food.

Within the kitchen our students have been utilising all of the learner assets to create and share delicious, fresh, homegrown meals. We have worked together to make home-made pasta, garden green pesto, freshly baked buns with home made butter and a freshly harvested green garden salad.

When making home made pasta, the students work as collaborators to carefully create fettuccine or spaghetti. Failure to work as a team results in a stodgy, inedible mess, so the real consequences make for excellent teamwork.

When making the bread rolls the students work as thinkers, finding ways to evenly divide the dough into 24 equal portions so that the bread is shared evenly.



They become researchers trying to determine which is the tastiest pesto; sunflower seed and kale or silver-beet and pepita?

They become communicators through every stage, solving real problems together and reaching agreements: *How shall we set this table? Which flowers shall we pick? Do we need spoons? Who will we invite to lunch today?*

Lastly, self-management skills are tested constantly as the children move around a very tight space using specialised equipment. It's also observed when they sit down to dine together and practice gratitude and good manners— this is when we see them really shine.

Dining together each week we feel like royalty sitting at a white linen tablecloth with glass tumblers, white plates and perfectly placed cutlery.

Knowing that every child will have this experience multiple times before the end of the year is an exciting prospect. We watch students who would normally scoff their lunch in 30 seconds to get more playtime sit calmly engaged in rich conversations. They linger for seconds, asking politely and sampling foods they may otherwise have been reluctant to try. We see human seagulls hovering around for leftovers, we hear laughter and chatter between staff and students - a delightful pause in our hectic school days, a chance to sit and enjoy the company of the wonderful staff and students of BIDS, whilst eating some of the freshest, tastiest food - ever.

Thanks must go again to the *Ladies Who Jump*, to Bob for growing the food, to the Bruny Co-op for supplying us with wholefoods, to the students for being awesome MasterChefs and the invited staff for being gracious guests.

Kitchen Specialist: Claire Boost



## SCIENCE WEEK

Last week we participated in the Young Tassie Scientists initiative to welcome some Scientists to our school and hear about their specific field and research. We were researchers and communicators as we listened to their stories and asked them many, many questions!

The Young Tassie Scientists program involves early career researchers and professionals who are passionate about their work and who connect with a range of audiences in a variety of ways. They present talks and activities based on their work to schools around Tasmania.

We really enjoyed hosting the Young Tassie Scientists at our school and we hope they can come back again next year!



## KITCHEN/ GARDEN LEARNING: MENU

Our seasonal menu is set to change next week but for now here are some recipes in case you want to try the dishes at home.

**FRESH PASTA:** 700g plain flour (we use a mixture of spelt and unbleached plain) plus 7 farm fresh eggs, mixed in a food processor to form a smooth, stiff dough. Use pasta machine to process into the best pasta you've ever eaten.

**BREAD ROLLS:** 8 cups plain flour, ¼ cup olive oil, 1 tsp salt, 2 tsp sugar, 3 cups lukewarm water and 4 tsp yeast. Mix together and knead patiently for 10 minutes, let rise for 1-2 hours.

Divide up into buns and sit on trays and let rise for another half hour before brushing with egg, sprinkling with sesame seeds and popping into a 200 C oven until golden brown.

**PESTO:** ½ Cup seeds (toasted), 1 cup garden greens (anything edible: parsley, basil, coriander, silverbeet, carrot tops, kale or a mixture of any), ½ - ¾ cup olive oil, juice of ½ a lemon, 1 ½ tablespoons nutritional yeast (could substitute with parmesan cheese), 1 clove garlic. Blend all together and season with salt and pepper to taste.

We hope you enjoy and please share with us any photos of you trying these menu items at home.

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## INDONESIAN NEWS



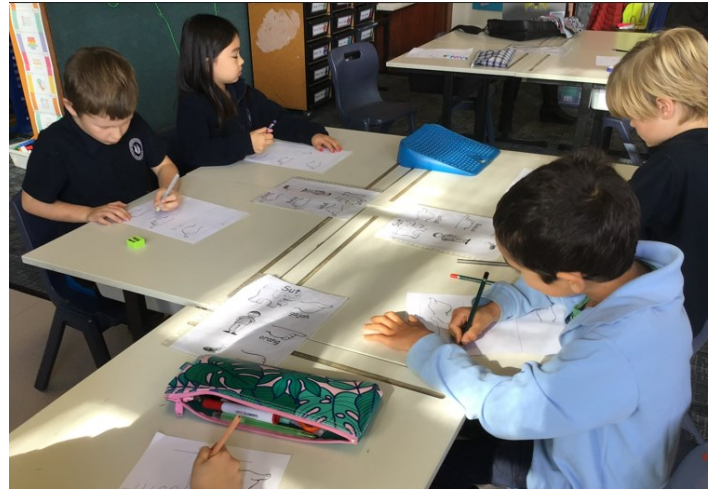
On August 16<sup>th</sup> we were treated to an authentic Indonesian meal of yellow rice, which is always served as the basis for dishes for birthdays, ceremonies, and special days.

Students were offered fried chicken, salad and egg all cooked in delicious spices. This was to acknowledge and

celebrate Indonesian Independence Day which is held every year on the 17<sup>th</sup> August.

An enormous thank you to Wina for preparing, cooking, and serving the meal.

This year marked the 77<sup>th</sup> year since Independence. One can only imagine the excitement across the entire country, after two years of cancelled celebrations, due to COVID restrictions. It is a real-life experience for our students to further their understandings of a different culture and special celebrations in Indonesia.



Ingrid Colman worked with all students at the beginning of week four. Her focus with each class was to highlight the significance of Indonesian Independence Day and to introduce and immerse our students to popular games which the children play on that day. Each class learnt a variety of games and participated in them.

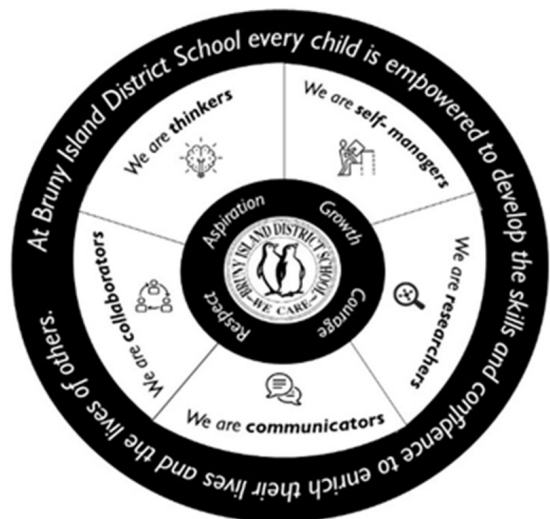
Until next time  
Naomi Buczek



## WE ARE... LEARNING ASSETS

This graphic is on display around our school. It reminds us that we are focused on developing the skills that will support our children to be successful in all areas of their lives.

We are determined to empower our students with the skills and confidence to enrich their lives and the lives of others and the Learner Assets are just one way we are working towards this. We look forward to sharing more about the Learner Assets with you in future newsletters.



## FACE MASKS



Although not currently a requirement, we are *encouraging* all adults to wear a face mask when on site. Thank you for your support.

## THANK YOU



It goes without saying that we have an incredible bus service here for our students at Bruny Island District School. Tameka and Wade are always happy to help us with transport to excursions and activities both on and off the Island. With the rate at which our school is growing, we are sometimes unable to all fit on one of our school buses and for the past 4 weeks with Learn to Swim (K-2), we have needed a second vehicle to transport all of our students.

We would like to acknowledge and say **thank you** to the Bruny Bowls and Community Club for allowing us to borrow their community bus each week to help transport our students to the Kingston Pool. This has been a tremendous help to us and enabled us to continue with our Learn to Swim program for all students without disruption.

We would also like to thank Ashley Kestle for collecting and returning the community bus each week and for transporting some of our students to the Kingston Pool for their swimming lesson.

**JUST A REMINDER:**  
*Don't Miss the Bus!*  
**KINGSTON**  
12 September - 7 October  
Kingston Community Health Centre  
6 Goshawk Way, Kingston  
**13 20 50**  
Call now to make a **FREE** appointment

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**KINDERGARTEN 2023 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**  
We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten for 2023.  
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**LITTLE PENGUINS**  
Wednesday and Thursday morning  
From 9:00 – 10:45

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