Bruny Island District School

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



ASPIRATION

Dear Families,

21 SEPTEMBER 2022

Current Yearly Attendance: (Present In Class)

GROWTH

К	Р	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	year 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
84%	84%	85%	79%	84%	85%	85%	84%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
84%	83%	85%	78%	83%	84%	85%	84%

COURAGE

RESPECT

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Public Holiday Thursday 22 September

Little Penguins Wednesday and Friday 9:00– 10:45

Rockjama Day Thursday 29 September

Hobart Show Day (Public Holiday) Thursday 20 October

Student Free Day Friday 21 October

School Association Meeting October 24

Athletics Carnival Wednesday 26 October

# REMINDERS

Friday (each week) 2:30 finish for students

# **TERM DATES 2022**

Term 3 26 July—30 September

Term 4 17 October—21 December

## Kindergarten enrolment forms for 2023 are now due.

Please contact our office to be included in our Pre-Kinder communication for Term 4.

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Welcome to the latest school newsletter.

We are fast approaching the end of another school term and as always, I would like to invite our families, students and staff to reflect on the term we have just had and celebrate the success and growth we have each experienced. We have a lot to be proud of here at Bruny Island District School.

We have almost concluded our Parent-Teacher Conversations for Term 3. Thank you to each of the parents from Prep-Year 6 that engaged in these conversations with our educators. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the learning that has happened across the term and to discuss our goals for Term 4. We value the opportunity for us to talk about your child's learning progress and to work in partnership to help your child to progress to the next stage with their learning. Recently we invited our families to participate in the annual school satisfaction survey. The 2022 School Satisfaction Survey is your formal opportunity to provide us with feedback about the things that are working well at our school and the areas we can improve on. We have currently only received a handful of responses and with the survey closing this Friday (23 September). I'd really like to encourage more families to participate. Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey. We are now finalising our plans for Pre-Kinder to begin in Term 4. If your child is turning 5 in 2023, please contact our office for an enrolment form so that we can contact you with all of the information you need to attend our Pre-Kinder sessions in readiness for next year.

I hope you enjoy your public holiday tomorrow and we look forward to seeing students return on Friday.

As this is the last newsletter for Term 3, I'd also like to wish everyone a safe and happy term break in October.

Take care and kind regards,

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Ashley McPherson Principal





#### INDONESIAN NEWS ACROSS THE CLASSROOMS



Our school is going to host an Indonesian teacher from our BRIDGE partnership School in Bandung, West Java. Bandung is a very cosmopolitan city with a very progressive mayor. The city has been undergoing a huge transformation with the city being planted out with many trees. Bandung is elevated and is an amazing area for growing tea and many other agricultural crops. It is often referred to as The Paris of Indonesia because of its sophistication. This is exciting news as the program has been on hold over the last two years due to COVID.

Ibu Novi, who teaches a grade four class, is arriving on the 28th October and will stay on Bruny Island until the 5th November.

During her stay she will visit and work with all classes, sharing information about her school and culture and working with our teachers.

Miss Shelton is our partnership teacher, and she will have the Until next time, Naomi Buczek opportunity to visit Bandung in 2023.

Our partnership school is SD Karangpawulang, the school population is 1000, so there will be many differences but also many similarities. We have had two exchange visits in the past with Mr Robinson and Mrs Waldon both travelling with myself to Bandung and hosting teachers from Indonesia in our homes.

There will be further information regarding Ibu Novi's visit closer to her time of arrival.

Last week Ingrid Colman once again worked with all classes, sharing her knowledge, language skills and enthusiasm for the teaching of Bahasa Indonesian.

She was impressed with the participation, courage and thinking from all students in the K/P/1 class, as they learnt traditional songs about The Family, in Indonesian.

The grade 1/2/3 class and the 4/5/6 class revised and consolidated their learnt vocabulary for this year. Students in both classes were thinkers and researchers as well as communicators sharing their information.

The 3/4/5/6 students are going to test their language skills through participating in a Poster Competition. The Year 3/4 topic is about themselves, including facial features, things they like and their family, all in Bahasa Indonesian. The Year 5/6 topic is Sekolah saya- My School. Students will use a comic strip style to share their information. They will impress the judges with correct spelling, word order, including interesting adjectives and illustrations which enhance the meaning of the text



### **ROCKJAMA DAY**



We would like to invite all staff and students to participate in **Rockjama Day** on Thursday 29th September.

What is Rockjama Day? It's a day where you come to school wearing your pyjamas and style your hair a little crazy and a little rock'n'roll inspired.

Why Rockjama Day? To help us raise money for our School Band. The funds raised will help us to buy new band equipment. Please bring a gold coin donation.

Morning Tea: The P&F are helping us to raise extra money by making savory muffins that can be purchased for morning tea. Please bring some extra money to buy a yummy muffin.

Thank you, the SRC.

## **REMINDER: SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Each year the Department of Education conducts School Satisfaction Surveys in Tasmanian Government schools, to gain feedback on what you think <u>our school</u> does well and where you think we may improve.

We encourage you to complete the survey about Bruny Island District School. <u>Your feedback is very</u> <u>important</u> to help us inform our school planning and decision-making. It is based on your feedback that we have attempted new ways of sharing information and



working in partnership, so I thank you for providing us with that feedback.

Survey link: https://ncv.microsoft.com/5fPIP45NZ7

You can complete the online survey at any time until Friday 23 September 2022.

## GARDENING—WORKING IN COLLABORATION

We recently received a very generous donation of seedlings from Jo Smith to add to our school garden. Here are some photos of our Year I-2-3 class preparing the garden beds and planting some of the seedlings.



Our whole school participated in planting these seedlings and together we will look after them so that when it comes time to harvest, we will have an abundance of fresh produce to use in our kitchen.

Thank you Jo for your generous donation to our school.



If you would like to help us in the garden, please contact us:

62931147 or bruny.island.district@education.tas.gov.au

We are seeking a couple of adult volunteers to support our students to complete tasks in our garden. The times are: Friday 10:15-11:00 and/ or Friday 1:30– 2:15.

Our volunteers are required to have a current Working With Vulnerable People card (WWVP).



## **RFDS SIMULATOR EXPERIENCE**

Last week we welcomed the Royal Flying Doctors Service simulator to Bruny Island District School.

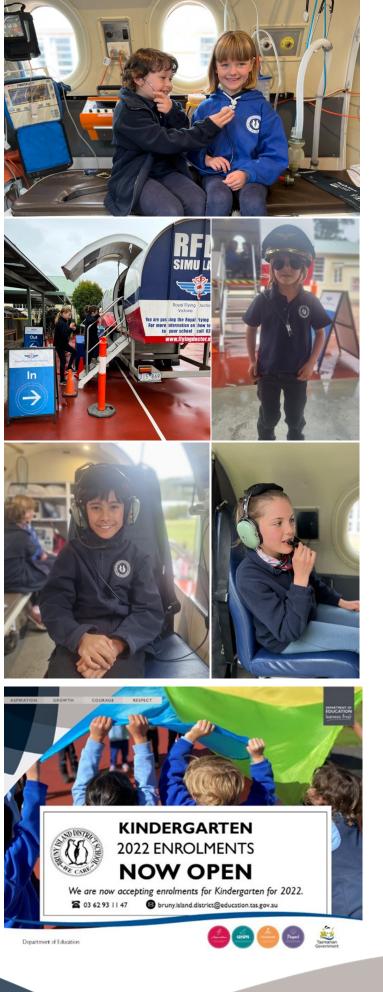


The simulator has visited us all the way from Melbourne and gave us the opportunity to step inside and experience what it is like inside a RFDS aircraft. We were able to sit in the cockpit, lay on the patient bed and sit in the seats that a Flying Doctor or Flight Nurse would use when treating someone that needs their help.



Our students listened to an informative information session, spent time exploring the aircraft simulator and some of us even experienced some flying with some virtual reality (VR) headsets.

I think it's safe to say, it was a great experience!



# 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.

**CROSS COUNTRY 2022** 

Congratulations to all students that participated in the 2022 School Cross Country. It was a beautiful day and we had excellent running conditions. Here are just a few of the photos we took.





## HATS ARE BACK

As per our <u>SunSmart Policy</u>, school hats are required in Term 3 once the UV Index reaches 3 or more. We have been monitoring the UV Index closely in for about two weeks now, it has consistently been between 3 and 4. All students are now required to wear their school hats at recess and lunch time (and during outside activities). If you need to purchase a school hat, you can buy one from the school office for **\$12.00**.



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