

Bruny Island District School



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

19 OCTOBER 2022

Current Yearly Attendance: (Present In Class)

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
84%	84%	85%	79%	84%	85%	84%	84%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
84%	84%	85%	79%	84%	85%	85%	84%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

Wednesday and Thursday 9:00– 10:45

Hobart Show Day (Public Holiday)

Thursday 20 October

Student Free Day

Friday 21 October

School Association Meeting

Monday 24 October

Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 26 October

Triathlon

Friday 2 December

Final Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 13 December

TERM DATES

Term 4

17 October — 21 December 2022

Dear Families

Welcome to the latest school newsletter, to the start of Term 4 and to our new Department; the Department for Education, Children and Young People.



This term we will see the official opening of our beautiful, new Early Years Playground. This is a culmination of many generous donations, hours of planning and consulting, and with thanks to the incredible contribution of our P & F Committee. Together, we have built something we can all be proud of and developed a space that our children will enjoy and learn from for years to come.

This term we will also begin our inquiry into the concept of *permanency*. The big question we will investigate is *What lasts? What is forever? Does everything have to last a long time? Will it change or stay the same? Does knowledge and do words last forever?* We have a lot of questions to explore and I'm sure we will have a lot more once we start learning as researchers. We look forward to sharing more about this inquiry as the term continues.

Next week we will be hosting our Athletics Carnival (weather permitting). We look forward to sharing this event with families that are able to join us.

Have a wonderful public holiday tomorrow, student free day on Friday and we look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson

Principal



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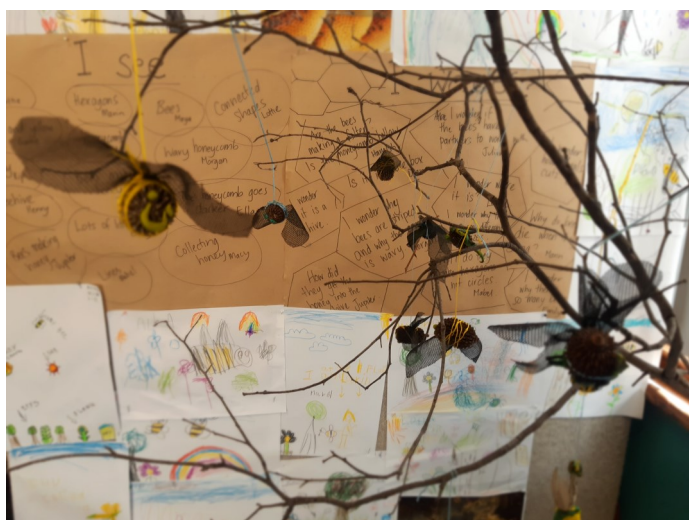




BUSY BEES IN K-P-1

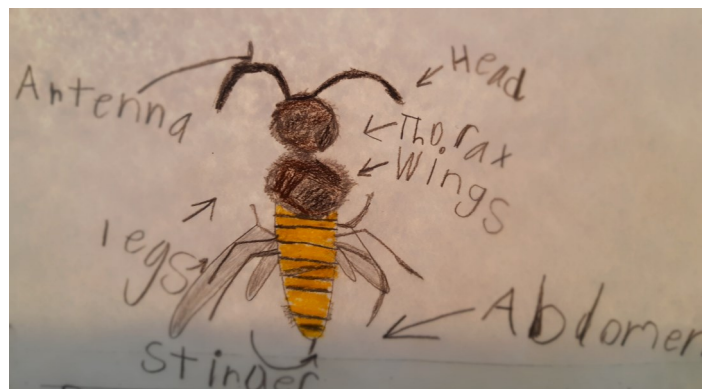
The K-P-1 Inquiry, "What is Spring?" started as we spotted the first blossoms appearing on the trees in our school yard. Children were invited to notice changes in the environment by taking photos on the iPads. A recurring theme arose requiring further investigation: the role of bees in our world. Further questions and wonderings led the students to become researchers, desperate to find out more.

A multi-faceted approach led to some wonderful discoveries in the Dolphins classroom where we spent the last part of Term 3 exploring the topic of bees. Students made models, drew scientific labelled drawings, were visited by 'expert beekeeper' Oliver Spooner, read fiction and non-fiction books together, watched informative bee videos, wrote about bees and even ate the glorious offerings of bees in our end of term cooking.



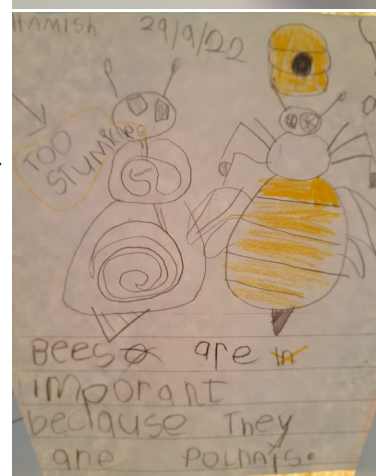
Our busy bees soaked up the new learning like warm toast soaks up honey! Here are some interesting bee facts we discovered:

- Bees communicate via waggle dances and each routine communicates a different location to find nectar or pollen.
- It takes up to 12 worker bees a whole lifetime to produce just one teaspoon of honey, so don't waste it.
- Worker bees (females) do all the hard work; collecting pollen and nectar, building honeycomb, making honey, feeding babies.
- The drones (male bees) only job is to mate with the Queen after which they die!
- Bees have two stomachs, one for nectar and one for waste. They make honey by repeatedly vomiting the

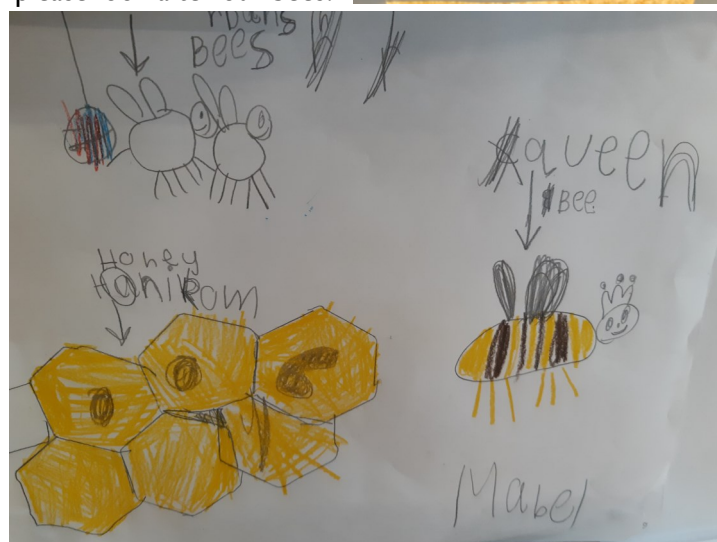


nectar, passing it from bee to bee until all of the water is removed and honey is made and stored away in the honeycomb.

- Honey can last forever without going bad if stored correctly (honey was found in the tomb of an Egyptian mummy and was still good enough to eat, 3000 years later!)
- A Queen bee is made not born (when a new Queen is needed the workers will feed baby bees a special potion called Royal Jelly which will turn the bee into royalty).
- Bees are responsible for the pollination of around 1/3 of all of the world's food, so if we don't look after them our food crops are in trouble.



Bees need our protection; please look after our bees!





EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND REDEVELOPMENT

We had an ambitious goal to build the first Early Years playground on Bruny Island.

We invited the community to help us achieve this ambitious goal and together, as a community, we raised the \$40,000 we needed for this project.



With thanks to the many generous businesses, families and individuals that donated during our 2021 fundraising appeal, we have now almost completed our beautiful, new Early Years Playground for children aged between birth and 5 years of age.

Stage 1 and 2 are now complete with plans for Stage 3 to commence shortly.

Stage 1: *Earthworm* to establish and upgrade the playground space.

Stage 2: Plants and seating.

Stage 3: A beautiful and practical new shelter for families.

We will be inviting our fundraising champions to a very special official opening of our new playground before the end of the year; once all stages are complete.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new playground space.

Special thanks to our P & F Committee who have worked tirelessly to make this happen.

Thank you for your continued support.





ENJOYING THE NEW EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND



MAKING EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNT

A message from the Department for Education, Children and Young People.

Welcome back to the last term of the school year!

This final stretch of the school year can sometimes be challenging to get your kids to school. But being at school is the best place for our kids, and it's important we make every school day count.

If you're struggling to get your child to school, help is available. Please talk to us at school about your situation. We'll support you, in whatever way we can.

Here are some tips to help:

- Create a routine.
- Give yourself enough time in the morning.
- Be on time, every day. Monday to Friday.
- Schedule appointments and trips outside of school hours.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Set some technology boundaries.

If your child is well enough to attend school, they *should* be at school. Every day, Monday to Friday.

Data tells us that the better a child's attendance rate, the better off they'll be. Their future will be filled with *more opportunities*.... which is what every parent and carer wants for their child.

School is where they learn and grow alongside their friends, and where they benefit the most.

Going to school not only promotes academic success, but also helps build important social skills, relationships and confidence.

Again, please talk to us about your situation if you're having trouble getting your child to school every day.

No. 1

Tips to help get your kids to school

Getting your kids to school every day isn't always easy. But being at school is the best place for our kids.

No. 1

Create a Routine.

So everyone knows their tasks in the morning.

No. 2

Give yourself enough time.

Just having a bit of breathing space around morning tasks can make a big difference.

No. 3

Be on time, every day. Monday to Friday.

They say it takes two months for our brains to create a new habit. So just take it a day at a time.





TERM 3 CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

At the end of Term 3 we hosted our Celebration of Learning Assembly. The focus for this assembly was to share the learning that occurred with our inquiry into Stories and Sciences– hosted by our outstanding SRC.

Each class shared their new knowledge and how they were learning as researchers as they considered various scientific phenomena and considered how they can communicate this learning to others.



Guided by our AEW Hayley, our students explored the rich and vast scientific knowledge of our Aboriginal people and how this knowledge was often shared through stories. We experienced a number of hands-on learning opportunities to deepen our understanding and to help us make connections.

We are incredibly proud of our students for communicating their learning to each other at this outstanding assembly.





PRE-KINDER

Pre-Kinder is an important part of helping your child to transition to school. We offer a number of Pre-Kinder sessions to support your child to build relationships with the space, the teacher and their peers. We also offer these sessions as a way to get to know your child and to help with the transition to a classroom environment.


This information has been prepared for those families that have indicated that their child will be starting Kindergarten at Bruny Island District school in 2023.


The Kindergarten teacher for 2023 will be Liz Hollanders. Our Kindergarten days are: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00– 3:00.

Here is a timetable for Pre-Kinder sessions, starting on 2 November, 2022:

Week:	Date and Time:	Session Details:
Week 3	Wednesday 2 November Time: 9:00-10:00	<i>Liz to visit the Little Penguins classroom with Pre-Kinders and LiL Families. This will be an informal session for you to meet the Kinder Teacher and ask any questions you might have.</i>
Week 4	Wednesday 9 November Time: 9:00-10:30	<i>In the Kindergarten classroom with students from our current Kindergarten class.</i>
Week 5	Wednesday 16 November Time: 9:00-10:30	<i>Parents are encouraged to leave their child with the class if they can as this will help build their independence and supporting with transitioning to formal schooling next year.</i>
Week 6	Wednesday 23 November Time: 9:00-10:30	
Week 7	Wednesday 30 November Time: 9:00-10:30	

If your child is turning 5 years of age throughout 2023 and you have not yet completed an enrolment form, please contact our office. We will send you an enrolment form and include you in our Pre-Kinder sessions.

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ROCKJAMA DAY



Congratulations to our SRC for successfully organising our Rockjama Day at the end of Term 3.

Rockjama Day invited students to come to school in their pyjamas and with a rock-inspired hairstyle. Students were also invited to purchase a healthy snack at recess time for an additional gold coin donation.

All money raised has been donated to our Music Department who will use these funds to purchase new equipment for the School Band.

STATEWIDE MATHS RELAY



Congratulations to our students that have represented Bruny Island District School at the recent Maths Relay in Hobart. Our students worked as collaborators, communicators and thinkers as they solved as many mathematical problems as possible within 45 minutes.

Congratulations! We can't wait for next year to do it all again.



E-SAFETY FROM NURSE KATHERINE

Greetings from Nurse Katherine... Do you have children aged 10– 18 years?

The Australian Government **eSafety Commissioner** have another parent/carer webinar this month:

Digital Technologies and Mental Health

This webinar for parents and carers will cover:

- current research on young people, time spent online and mental health
- what do to about accidental exposure to content about suicide, self-harm or eating disorders
- using games, apps, and social media to support mental wellbeing
- strategies for young people to support friends online



You can register here:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

They also have other great eSafety resources online:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources#videos>

GET ONLINE WEEK: INTERGENERATIONAL LEARNING



Get Online Week is taking place from 17 -23 October. This is an opportunity for people most at risk of digital exclusion, such as older people, people with disability, low income families and First Nations people, to access the internet and technology with the skills and confidence to use it safely.



This week, a selected group of students visited the BIRCH Lunch at the Health Centre to work with members of our elderly community to engage with technology. Recamia from Bruny Online (Libraries Tasmania), was successful with a recent grant application to buy new iPad programmes and equipment to use for Get Online Week.

It was great to see the lovely interactions between our students and our senior members of our community. Thank you Recamia for organising this wonderful event.

eSafety parent and carer guide to digital technologies and mental health

Learn how games, apps, social media and time online can influence young people's mental wellbeing.

Join eSafety's expert education and training team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers of young people aged 10 to 18.

October	AEDT
Wed 12	7:30 to 8:30pm
Mon 17	12:30 to 1:30pm
Thurs 27	12:30 to 1:30pm

Register now: [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)





Cloudy Bay Supergroms invites you to a Family Halloween Fundraising Event

Alannah Skate Park, 31st October, 3.30-6pm. Entry \$10/ family. Includes sausage sizzle, lolly hunt, games and prizes! 'Best Dressed' & 'Best Jack -O'-Lantern' (made at home). Please bring your own bag/bucket for the lolly hunt!



Cloudy Bay Supergroms Kids Surf Tuesdays!

Come and learn to surf! Cloudy Bay Supergroms is a great way for kids who are keen to learn to surf to get together, have fun and encourage each other while creating a love for surfing and the ocean that will last a lifetime. Parents will need to assist their child in the water and bring their own wetsuits and boards.

For more info and to become a member contact cloudybaysupergroms@gmail.com

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KINDERGARTEN 2022 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten for 2022.

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LITTLE PENGUINS

Launching into Learning

Wednesday and Thursday morning from 9:00 – 10:45.

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