

Bruny Island District School



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

2 NOVEMBER 2022

Current Yearly Attendance: (Present In Class)

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
85%	83%	86%	80%	83%	85%	85%	84%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
84%	84%	85%	79%	84%	85%	84%	84%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Penguins

Wednesday and Thursday 9:00– 10:45

putalina (Whole School Excursion)

Monday 7 November

Interschool Athletics (Selected students)

Friday 11 November

TMAG Excursion (Y4-5-6)

Wednesday 16 November

Year 6 Transition Day

Wednesday 30 November

Pantomime (K-3 Excursion)

Wednesday 30 November

Triathlon

Friday 2 December

Final Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 13 December

Dear Families

Welcome to the latest school newsletter. It's always a pleasure to write the newsletter and reflect on the incredible learning that has occurred at our school and share this with the community. We have certainly been busy this term and we are excited about the learning opportunities that are still to come.



Recently our team visited Howrah Primary School to spend the day working alongside educational consultant, Kath Murdoch, and the dedicated team of educators from Howrah Primary. We had the opportunity to share the wonderful work of our team from Bruny Island and participate in a day of rich learning. From this new collaboration with schools across Hobart, I have been invited to attend a leadership workshop with Kath Murdoch in Melbourne next week. This will be an opportunity to work with school leaders from across the country to develop our strategic approach to supporting educators with this teaching practice.

Term 4 is already passing us by quickly. We will do our best to keep you informed of events and excursions as soon as we have the details confirmed. Based on your feedback, we are sending both email communication and paper copies of letters home to families. We hope that this method ensures you feel well informed.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson

Principal



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WHAT LASTS?

To support our current inquiry of learning into the concept of *permanency*, we have been granted an opportunity to attend **putalina** as a whole school excursion next Monday.

putalina is a site that has ongoing and longstanding significance to the Aboriginal community of Tasmania. It is a landscape rich in the evidence of occupation by Aboriginal people over thousands of years. We can see evidence of quarries where stone tools were created, the middens where people ate their meals, and the plant life that sustained the people and nurtured the birds and animals. This is a site that has seen some of the most important cultural and historical events of the last 170 + years for the Aboriginal community.

The site was returned *formally* to the Aboriginal community through the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1995* with the title held by the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania, and managed by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre on behalf of the Aboriginal community.



We are visiting this site to further explore our current inquiry into the question of *What lasts?* We will explore the concept of *permanency* and consider what has lasted throughout time. This shared experience will be guided by a member of the Aboriginal community and with our Aboriginal Education Worker Hayley.

Here are the details of the excursion:

Depart Bruny Island District School: 9:10

Departing Ferry: 9:50

putalina: 10:30 – 1:20

Departing Ferry: 1:40

Return to Bruny Island District School: 2:20

Students will need:

- School uniform
- Drink bottle of water
- Packed recess and lunch
- Suitable outdoor shoes
- A coat (or something warm) to keep warm

Please note: this excursion is weather dependent. If it is wet or windy, we will need to postpone this excursion.

In preparation for this excursion, Hayley has been guiding us to be learning as researchers and consider *what has lasted* from the perspective of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We have a lot to explore and learn about the concept of *permanency* through this important cultural lens.





Survey for families: Out-of-area enrolments at Tasmanian government schools

The Department for Education, Children and Young People is reviewing the procedure for out-of-area enrolments at Tasmanian Government schools.



We are interested to learn more about your perspectives on the benefits of attending your local government school, and the reasons families seek enrolment at a school outside their local intake area.

You are invited to have your say using an online survey at <https://forms.office.com/r/CX6hgsUvcX>.

EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND REDEVELOPMENT



We recently added a new water tank to our Early Years Playground to support our children to have easy access to water for the new section of the playground that encourages students to mix, create and enjoy waterplay.

Did you know that water play activities help to develop and strengthen children's gross and fine motor skills?

Children enhance their gross motor skills, coordination and physical fitness through lifting, pouring, carrying, running, and splashing. We also see a lot of collaboration!

With all this rain, we now have plenty of water!



WASTE WISE PRESENTATION

Did you know that each year the average person in the Kingborough Council area will have as much rubbish, when compacted, as the size of a baby hippopotamus? That's a lot of rubbish!

Earlier this year we were successful with a grant application to purchase new rubbish bins for our playground. After the devastating discovery of rubbish around our community and throughout the school grounds following weekends and school holidays, our students wondered if it would help to have the same bins in our playground that can be found within the community. If people can see a familiar bin in our playground, will they use it?

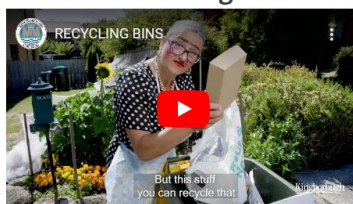
As part of our successful grant application, we were invited to have a free **Waste Wise** presentation by Melissa and Mumma Rosa from the Kingborough Council.

During the presentation, they shared with us what happens to all of the rubbish collected across the Kingborough Council area and the importance of sorting our rubbish correctly.

Here is a link to the website where you can listen to Mumma Rosa talk about the importance of being Waste Wise:

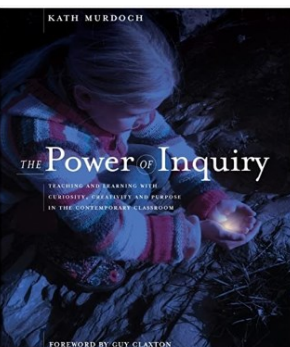


No Waste Nothing Videos





KATH MURDOCH



What is Inquiry Learning?

Kath Murdoch explains:

Inquiry refers not only to the nature of the learning but also to the disposition of the teacher. Teachers who work this way see the learner as an active participant in the learning process. Inquiry learning is an approach that demands high-order thinking. The student is continually

challenged by the teacher, and tasks are designed to prompt students to question, predict, gather, analyse, synthesise and reflect. The Power Of Inquiry by Kath Murdoch, p. 14/15.

Teaching and learning with curiosity, creativity and purpose are not new to the way we approach teaching and learning at Bruny Island District School. We have been inspired by the work of Kath Murdoch who is an educational consultant based in Melbourne, and who works with schools and education providers across the globe.

As a staff, we have been unpacking the key teaching pedagogies and practices of this approach to teaching and learning and recently, we become part of an *Inquiry Collective* which is a group of schools across southern Tasmania who are working towards improving their skills in this area.

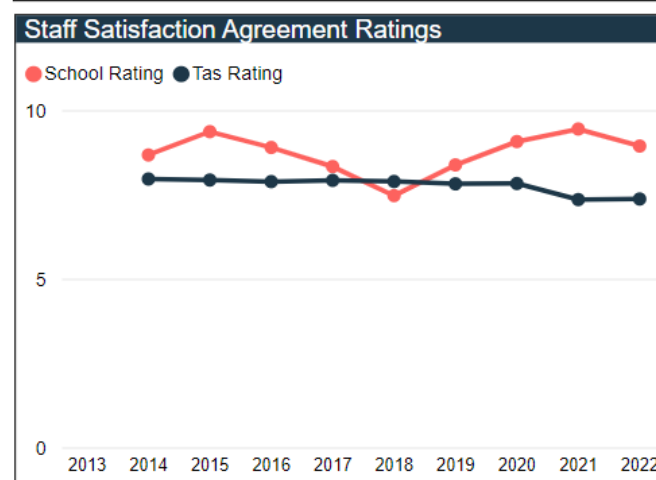
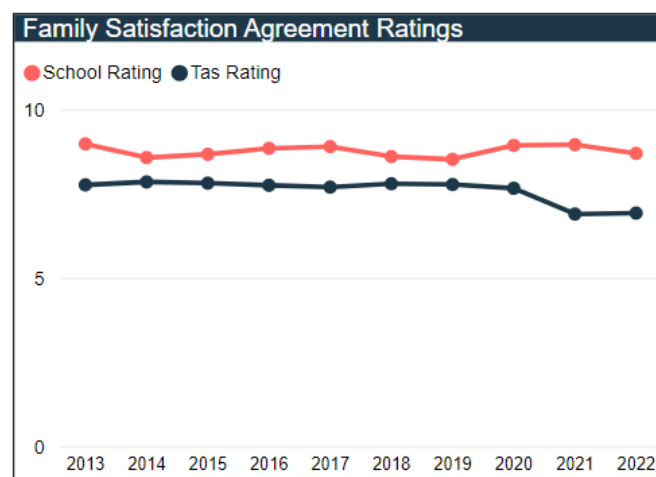
The *Inquiry Collective* consists of the following schools:

- Bruny Island District School
- Lansdowne Crescent Primary School
- Howrah Primary School
- Cambridge Primary School

Together, we are supporting each other with this important piece of work.



SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS



We would like to acknowledge and say thank you to the families that completed the *Family Satisfaction Survey* in recent weeks.

The survey is an opportunity for families to provide feedback by method of a formal survey that tracks our data over time.

We are pleased to see that Bruny Island District School continues to receive outstanding overall survey results from both families and staff.

We work incredibly hard to ensure our families and staff have the opportunity to share their concerns, to be part of the solutions, and to work in partnership for the very best outcomes possible.

As Principal, I am proud of the fact that families feel comfortable to speak to me about a number of topics and to ask questions, raise concerns or celebrate and share their positive comments with me.

I try to always have my office door open and to be available when families would like to talk to me.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you.



WE ARE READERS



We are very proud of the students at our school for engaging with and valuing reading. We have a culture where reading is a focus for our students and throughout every single day we offer many different opportunities for students to engage with reading.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for encouraging this love of reading.

It is through your engagement with our Read Together programme, the way you model a love of reading at home, the way you encourage your child to improve with their reading, the conversations that you have about books and things that you have read, and the way that you value books being in the home that you are supporting your child to be a reader.

Thank you, families!

With us fast approaching the middle of Term 4, we would like to encourage families to continue reading on a regular basis and send your Read Together booklets to school on a regular basis. We will celebrate your child's effort with reading and encourage them to keep going!



HOT LUNCH IS THE BEST



Each week we welcome another volunteer to our school to cook hot lunch for the students. We get to try a variety of different foods, try different flavours, and sometimes eat things that we would never normally eat at home.

We just wanted to say **thank you** to our volunteers for giving up their time to cook for us each week.

Our students (and staff), look forward to our weekly hot lunch and the opportunity to come together to share a meal together.

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Launceston, East

ASPIRATION GROWTH COURAGE RESPECT

**KINDERGARTEN
2022 ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN**

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten for 2022.

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ASPIRATION GROWTH COURAGE RESPECT

LITTLE PENGUINS

Launching into Learning

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

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WELCOME IBU NOVI



This week we are hosting Ibu Novi from our partnership school in Bandung, West Java.

Novi is the new exchange teacher from SDN 164 Karangpawulang, a primary school of approximately 1000 students, an enormous contrast to our school.

This exchange program is part of the Bridge Indonesian Project, where schools in Indonesia are partnered with schools across Australia. We have been involved in this program since 2014. Our school has hosted teachers from Indonesia. Principals and teachers have visited and worked alongside teachers in our partnership school. Miss Shelton is the new partnership teacher for our school. Ibu Novi is interested in learning about differentiated learning and Inquiry teaching. During her stay she is also teaching the students how to make Indonesian sweets called Kelepon, an activity which is like Batik making known as Batik Jumputan as well as some traditional Indonesian songs.

This week in our assembly students were invited to ask a question about Indonesia and share a fact about our school, or Bruny Island. Throughout the week students will be adding to this Inquiry. Ibu Novi will answer questions and take the statements back to her students in Indonesia.

We have begun another week of rich learning with a focus on intercultural understanding.

Many thanks to students for being respectful and knowledgeable ambassadors for our school and staff and parents for welcoming Novi so warmly.

Naomi Buczek





IBU NOVI

Ibu Novi has already experienced many of the wonderful activities and opportunities that make our school unique.

Ibu Novi was a special guest at our Kitchen/ Garden Learning lunch today. A special lunch made by our Prep and Year 1, 2, 3 students. Each week a small group of students are invited into the kitchen to cook together. Once the meal is made, we then come together to have a shared meal and enjoy each others' company.



Ibu Novi has been helping our students with their learning, as well as introducing us to some of the traditional activities and practices of Indonesia.

Here are some photos of Ibu Novi enjoying her time at our school.





REMINDER: 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	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.
Week 4	Wednesday 9 November Time: 9:00-10:30	In the Kindergarten classroom with students from our current Kindergarten class.
Week 5	Wednesday 16 November Time: 9:00-10:30	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.
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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POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION

The AEU has informed members that there is a **potential** for further strike action next week.

We have been advised by the Department for Children and Young People that we are to wait until further conversations have been had as they are hopeful we can avoid the need for further strike action.

As soon as we know more information, this will be shared with our community. For now, we just want to make you aware that this may happen, but it's not yet confirmed.

For those that are scheduled to attend the Interschool Athletics Carnival, we now have a new date for this: Friday 11 November.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.



1:15pm - Hobart Regatta Ground
1:45pm - Parliament Lawns

EDUCATION IN CRISIS SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS!

Teachers, Principals, Teacher Assistants, Education Facilities Attendants, School Psychologists, Social Workers, School Business Managers, Speech Pathologists, Administration Staff, Library Technicians, Laboratory Technicians, Education Support Specialists, Aboriginal Education Officers, Canteen Staff, Youth Workers, Network Support

ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND

Enough is enough – our students, schools, colleges and staff deserve better!



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