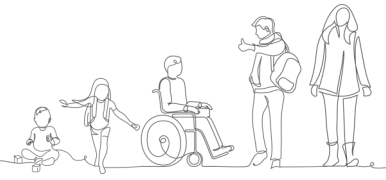




# THANK YOU

## NAOMI BUCZEK



45 years of service to Education







## FAREWELL NAOMI BUCZEK

When I think about the measure of a great teacher, it's by the way they make another person feel.

Naomi always makes others feel seen, heard, cared for and loved. To be in Naomi's classroom is a privilege. This privilege extends beyond the walls of her classroom and reaches all of us across the school and throughout the community.

From my research, I have found that Naomi started her teaching career in 1977 at Smithton Primary School. From here she moved to Dover District School and later moved to Bruny Island District School in 1982. Naomi stayed here for many years until the year 2000 when she started her time at Alburera Street Primary School and held a number of Project Officer and Curriculum roles.

But as I'm sure would come as no surprise to anyone, Naomi was destined to be working with children and families and so she returned to Bruny Island District School in 2007.



From 2007 Naomi has held the position of Teacher and more often than not, held many acting positions as Principal. It is documented that she was Acting Principal of Bruny Island District School 11 times during the last 15 years, and that doesn't include the periods of time when she has been acting for under 2 weeks at a time.

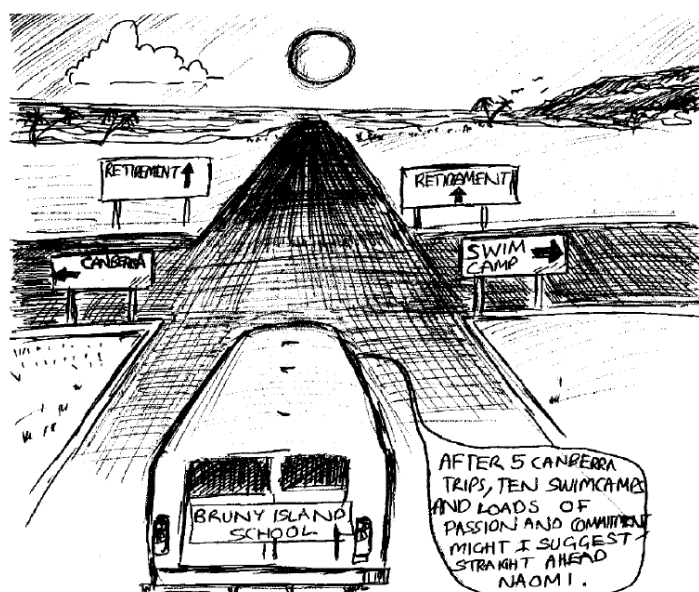
Naomi has also held the position of an Advanced Skills Teacher and Literacy Coach during her time in Education.

When you consider the incredible career Naomi has had over many years in Education, you start to wonder about the huge number of children and families Naomi has supported and engaged with, and for me, I think about just how lucky they all are.

Naomi embodies not only the kind of teacher I wish to be, but the kind of person I hope to be. She is humble, kind, considerate, professional and her motives are always to help someone else be the best they can truly be. It has been a gift to work beside her, be mentored by her, to hear her praise and share in your continued focus on learning.

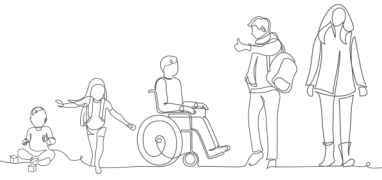
I think it's important that we take this opportunity to not say goodbye, but to say thank you. Thank you for all that you have done for us and for the way you have helped influence our lives for the better.

Naomi, when you look back at your time in education, I want you to feel proud. Feel proud of all that you have achieved, feel proud of the connections you have made and feel proud of yourself for contributing to improving the lives of so many children and young people.



Well done Naomi. The greatest teacher I have ever known  
Lee





# Bruny Island District School



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

14 DECEMBER 2022

Current Yearly Attendance: (Present In Class)

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
86%	81%	85%	81%	82%	84%	86%	84%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
85%	82%	85%	80%	82%	85%	85%	84%

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Year 6 Big Day Out

Monday 19 December

### Year 6 Leavers Dinner

Tuesday 20 December

### Beach Day (Final Day)

Wednesday 21 December

## TERM DATES

### Term 4

17 October — 21 December 2022

### Term 1

8 February 2023— 5 April 2023

### Term 2

26 April 2023— 7 July 2023

### Term 3

25 July 2023—29 September 2023

### Term 4

16 October 2023– 21 December 2023

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Dear Families

Welcome to the latest and final school newsletter for 2022.



It has been the most wonderful privilege to be Principal of this school for another year. To work in a community of learners, a community that is supportive, engaged and connected is a privilege. To work with a team of educators and staff that wholeheartedly believe in our school mission and to work with children and young people that are passionate, excited, motivated to learn, and that come to school modelling our values of aspiration, growth, courage and respect is a privilege.

At our Final Celebration Assembly this week, we celebrated our learners and our learning community. We shared the rich learning that has occurred throughout 2022, celebrated the outstanding achievements of our students, acknowledged the support of our volunteers and the community, as well as saying farewell to members of our team that will not be joining us next year.

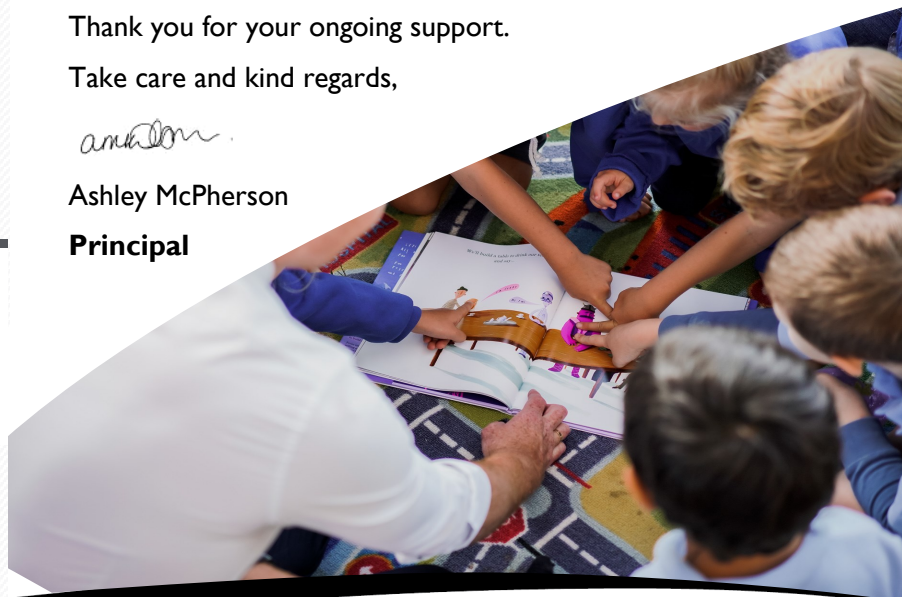
We are proud of our school. We are proud of our learners and we are proud to share this with our community. We would also like to wish our Year 6 students all the best as they graduate from Primary School and transition to High School next year.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson

Principal







# FINAL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2022



Welcome  
Celebration  
Assembly  
2022



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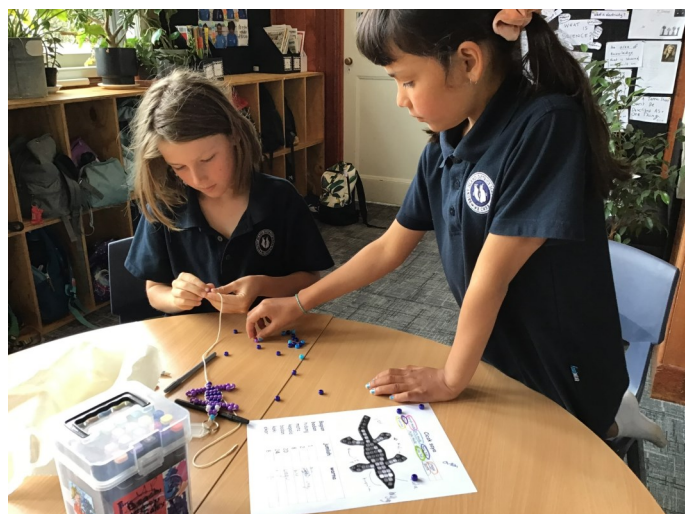


## INDONESIAN NEWS ACROSS THE CLASSROOM

Congratulations to Isla Young for receiving the 2022 Bahasa Indonesian Prize. Isla began her introduction to learning a second language in kindergarten. She has always been a quiet and diligent student, challenging herself and quickly learning and remembering new vocabulary. Isla has completed all written activities correctly, with care and pride.



A big thank you to Ingrid Colman for once again working alongside all students to inspire them to be brave and have ago at learning Bahasa Indonesian. Ingrid includes events which are happening around us, using these topics as her inspiration for interesting and exciting lessons. She uses authentic texts and artefacts to enhance students learning and understanding of the language and culture of Indonesian.



Ingrid's last lessons involved the revision of the vocabulary for colours, parts of the body and numbers, this enabled the students to then plan for making a beaded cicak.

Students thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on activity, and the end results were stunning.



It has been a privilege to observe the growth and courage in our students throughout the year. Congratulations to all students on your participation and enthusiasm in your learning.



Selamat Hari Natal dan Tahun Baru- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Naomi Buczek







### FAREWELL ALLISON ZETTS



Allison started working with us earlier this year and I think we would all agree, that has not been long enough. Allison has been an outstanding Teacher Assistant supporting learners in the K-P-1 classroom and across the school. She brings calm, joy, care and a sense of fun to the workplace and it has been a pleasure having her at our school. Allison has accepted a new position for next year and so unfortunately she will not be returning to Bruny Island District School next year. Although this is sad news for us, I take comfort in knowing she will be supporting and inspiring children and young people in any community that she works within. Thank you, Allison.

### FAREWELL NICOLA HUBBARD



Nicola is a familiar face to the community of Bruny Island after working with us for many years as the Groundsperson before moving across to the Woodbridge School. We farewelled Nicola at the start of 2020 but then welcomed her back at the start of this year when she came to us in the role of Teacher Assistant.

Nicola should be proud of her success in this role. She has supported the growth of many of our students in the K-P-1 classroom and worked as part of our Teacher

Assistant team to share ideas, collaborate, and develop her skills and expertise in what I believe is a critical role for our schools. Nicola has decided to take long service leave for the start of next year with the intention to then retire and so we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and good luck to Nicola.

### FAREWELL ASHLEY KESTLE



Miss Kestle is a familiar face to the students and staff of Bruny Island. Having worked at the school in previous years as a Teacher Assistant, Ashley came to our school in 2021 as a graduate teacher completing her final teacher placement with Mrs Buczek and Miss Shelton. Ashley was an outstanding graduate teacher and were so happy to have her join our team in 2022 as both PE Teacher and Mathematics Support Teacher.

Ashley will be leaving us at the end of the year to start a family with the birth of her first child expected early in the new year. We are all thrilled for Ashley and her partner Todd and we wish them all the best for the exciting new chapter they are about begin.

### FAREWELL NURSE KATHERINE



Nurse Katherine has been with us for many years, conducting hearing and vision checks, kinder checks and supporting us with many aspects of the Health Curriculum. Nurse Katherine has provided many of our families with support and guidance as well as provided us with many articles and information for the

school newsletter. We would like to wish Nurse Katherine all the best for the future and thank her for her outstanding contribution to our school.





## BRUNY ISLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY



A children's section is being added to the Bruny Island Community Library and books will be ready for borrowing over the summer holidays. A range of books for toddlers, early readers, primary age readers, teenage fiction and books for family sharing will be available to borrowers. This is a great way to continue the reading habits developed at school!

Kids will have a library card attached to an adult library membership which is \$5 per person per year. New reading corners will showcase new and favourite titles, while colouring and activity books kids will keep kids amused while adults browse for their books. The book buying for the new section was brainstormed by the Bruny Island school kids and aims to supplement the fabulous library and literacy programs the school has by providing access to books over the holidays and weekends.

A great way to get to sample the new collection is to come along to story telling sessions which will be held every Wednesday morning at 10am over the summer holidays. Stories will be shared at the library at the Alonnah Hall and will be followed by craft activities at the Online Access Centre.

Any further information phone Jan Hunt 0400 128214.

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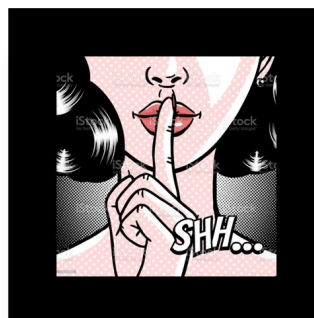
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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS HEARN (Little Penguins)

### Lil's Secret



'My daughter tends to mix her colours, up, ' professed one mother, seated at the big, middle table, on the small, children's chair in the Little Penguin's room. Her voice was matter of fact, yet it was laced with some trepidation.

The eyes looking back at her, wide and intelligent, held the gaze unflinchingly, and in a voice that was equally matter-of-fact, replied, 'I thought my daughter was colour blind, for a whole year...'

The conversation continued, backwards and forwards, akin to a tennis match game on a lazy Sunday afternoon, calm and measured, between two parents: practical and reassuring. Around them, children played, some exploring with colour at the paint table, others constructing breath-taking edifices at the block centre, some serving the best double espresso in town, while others played musical instruments made out of pipe pieces... the space filling with a constant ebb and flow of sound and movement, words and thoughts, chatter and cheer, all, embraced as a well-kept secret... simply hugging and being hugged.

To all our beautiful families,  
May the festive season be filled - in abundance - for all that you wish. *Hariklia Hearn-Kokkinos*

### REMINDER



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09/12/2022

**BEACH DAY EXCURSION**  
Wednesday 21 December 2022

For your child to attend the Beach Day Excursion on **Wednesday 21 December** we are required to have a completed *Major Excursion Consent Form*.

All forms must be returned by Tuesday 20 December. Please note: Staff will only be responsible for the children enrolled at our school between Kinder and Year 6 for this excursion. If children from Little Penguins wish to attend the excursion, you are welcome to do so, however these children **must** be under the supervision of their parent/guardian at all times.







## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2022



After nervously waiting for the weather to clear, the school held its Athletics Carnival at the Alonah Oval on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December between 10 am and 1 pm. The carnival was supposed to happen at the start of term but had to be postponed due to the disastrously miserable weather we had at that time. The start was also delayed by one hour because of Pre-kinder session. Luckily, the weather was glorious this time around, with bright, gleaming sunshine and cloudless skies, and everyone had a great time.

It all began when we lined up in our grade groups in front of our teachers with our hats and our bags. Mr McPherson talked about being Sunsafe, how the events will work, how we need to listen to instructions, and that the most important aspect of the day is to participate and have fun.



We then walked over to the oval.

After putting down our bags in front of the hall the class groups went with their teachers to their first rotation. Grades 3-6 went to High Jump first. To begin with, the bar was set quite low, but soon became more daunting as the height increased. The other events were shotput, long jump, vortex, 100m and 200m races, hurdles and the longer running races, the 400m and 800m.

There were also some novelty events like the Late for School race and the Dolphins had their Egg and Spoon race. But, because of the late start, we ran out of time to have the relays and the tug of war, but we should get to do those in PE before the end of the year. We were disappointed, but the little kids were getting too hot and tired.

But, to cheer us all up, there was a sausage sizzle for lunch and we all had a hot, delicious snag or veggie burger in bread before heading back to school. We all send a big thank you to Jack and Dale for cooking for us! Thank you!!



We thought the day was very well organised, lunch was brilliant, and everyone had fun; but it was exhausting because it was so hot and the UV so high. The big question though, is which house will win? Will it be Satellite again? Or will Penguin finally come though? Or will the eternal underdogs, Partridge, take the win this time? We can't wait to find out!

*By the Year 4-5-6 Class.*







## TRIATHLON 2022

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, students from grades 3 to 6 participated in the Tasmanian wide all schools Triathlon. The triathlon is made up of 3 main events: swim, bike and run. You can enter this race individually, as a team or both.

There is a spot prize you can enter and there are many prizes to be won, including a new bike.



It was chaos as thousands of children from different schools ran around trying to get to their race on time. Kids sprinted up from the beach after wading through the icy cold water racing across the concrete path up to their bikes, drying quickly, pulling on shoes and getting on their bikes.

After riding their grade's distance, they had to run up the steep hill then run back down to the finish line where hands lined the fences and yells of encouragement filled the air.

Before the team events began, we were hustled into groups of swimmers, riders and runners then walked to either the start line or to our bikes.

The swimmers set off, charging into the freezing ocean pushing and shoving to get to the front. They raced up the hill finding their team's rider who, when tagged, set off to ride their longer distance race.

As the rider returned the runner took off on their torturing run to the finish. Finally sprinting down the home stretch, arriving over the finish line puffed and jelly legged.

Sleep that night was well earned and next year we'll be back.

By Isla Young



## YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY



On the 4<sup>th</sup> of December the majority of our grade 6's went to Woodbridge School for orientation.

The grade 6's from other schools as well as Bruny School were greeted in the music room of the school as well as parents. The staff from Woodbridge made the parents and children aware of the rules you would have to follow to attend the school.

The students were split into 2 groups and taken to do different activities. All the Bruny students there were in group one and taken to the Marine Discovery Centre.

At the Marine Discovery Centre everyone was using the touch tank and looking at all the interesting sea creatures there. There was a shark tank where the year 6's touched the sharks but were made aware not to touch around the head or the tail because the sharks may have negative reactions. We all fed the fish and sharks with a stick with a peg on the end of it that contained a tiny fish to feed them. We went on the boat and explored all through it.

We went to the music room and had recess and explored the playground together.

At the end of recess, we went to cooking and were grouped into tables with people from other schools. We made wraps according to peoples lists and the put them in a bag for them to eat later. We all ate our wraps and went out for lunch.

After the lunch we went into the German classroom and were grouped with people from other schools in pairs. We played a game where you had to guess the selected German word.

Not long after we played the game, we went into the next classroom for another team building activity. We played a game with dice so we could get to know each other.

The other group joined for the next activity where we all joined our previous groups from the first game, and we made wedding dresses out of selected items like toilet paper and rhinestones. The teachers selected whose dress was the best and we cleaned up the extra unused stuff on the floor.

Not long after the bell went, and everyone went home.

By Ruby Oldham.







**THANK YOU FROM NURSE KATHERINE... AND GOODBYE**

I'm sad to say that Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December is my last scheduled day as the School Health Nurse for Bruny Island District School. I am now living in another region so will be starting at different schools in 2023. I started at Bruny in 2017 and have thoroughly enjoyed my time working at this great school. Having grown up in the Channel I always knew how beautiful Bruny is, however, it is since working at the school that I've experienced first-hand what a truly special community this is. After over 5 years working here it feels like I'm saying goodbye to family! I have felt so welcomed and appreciated here and I'll never forget the friendliness and kindness of the students, staff, and community...so thankyou

Deirdre Cooper will be taking over from me and has been in the program for a few years working at Taroona High and Primary Schools. She's a lovely nurse and will be a great addition to the Bruny School team.

I'm so grateful for so many wonderful experiences at Bruny School which over the years has included: lots of kinder checks, vision and hearing tests, many fun yoga classes, dental health, collaborating with the local co-op for *That Sugar Film* movie night (incl. class lessons on calculating sugar content of drinks), SunSmart, lots of hygiene classes (thanks Covid!), being a lifeguard at the end of year beach days, organising our local Tas.

Ambulance paramedic to visit, growth and development classes, friendship lessons, nutrition classes, anaphylaxis education, mindfulness, helping with the Blue Farmer project by running primary mental health classes and joining the school team for the Bruny Ultra in 2021. So many special memories to treasure!

One last health message from me for 2022...



**Remember to protect your skin from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation to avoid skin cell damage that can lead to the development of skin cancers.**

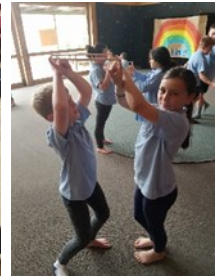
**Follow these tips:**

1. **Slip** on sun protective clothing - collars, sleeves, longer shorts, skirts and trousers
2. **Slop** on SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen (2 hourly when swimming)
3. **Slap** on a hat - broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire
4. **Seek** shade – remind them to look out for shade whenever possible
5. **Slide** on some sunglasses (optional)



Wishing everyone a lovely Christmas and a happy 2023, and thanks again for having me at Bruny Island District School

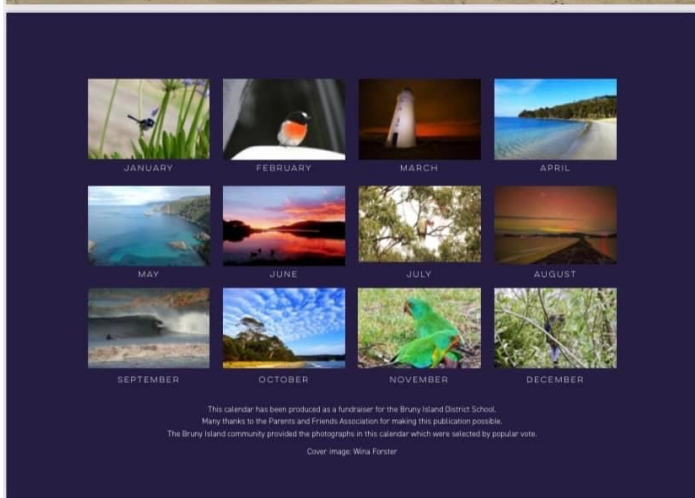
**Katherine Lee | School Health Nurse | Department for Education, Children and Young People**







## NEW P & F CALENDAR 2023



This calendar has been produced as a fundraiser for the Bruny Island District School. Many thanks to the Parents and Friends Association for making this publication possible. The Bruny Island community provided the photographs in this calendar which were selected by popular vote.

Cover image: Nina Forster

Congratulations to each of the winning photographers that have had their photo selected for the new **Bruny Island District School Calendar for 2023**.

We would like to thank everyone who submitted a photo and for taking the time to participate in voting.

The calendar has been published and you can now purchase a copy from the school office and from various outlets across Bruny Island.

The calendar is selling for \$17.00 each and we can arrange for postage if needed at an additional cost.

We would like to thank the P&F Committee and Sarah Owen for your incredible support with this project. We have already received wonderful feedback from the community about the quality of our calendar and it seems like it will be a popular Christmas gift once again this year.

Thank you.



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We have **finished Little Penguins for 2022**.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our Little Penguins programme this year.

**We look forward to welcoming you back in 2023.**

# “Merry Christmas”



*Have a safe and enjoyable break and a Happy New Year!*

*Thank you for your support.*



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