

Bruny Island District School



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

8 FEBRUARY 2023

Welcome back

UPCOMING EVENTS

Public Holiday

Monday 13 February

Clean Up Australia Day

Friday 3 March

NAPLAN (Y3 and Y5)

From 15 March– 27 March

Swimming Lesson (Y3 to Y6)

Thursday 30 March/ Friday 31 March

Swimming Camp (Y3 to Y6)

Monday 3 April to Wednesday 5 April

Last day of Term 1

Wednesday 5 April

TERM DATES

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

Dear Families

Welcome to the start of a new school year and to our first newsletter for 2023.



It has been a wonderful start to the school year as we have been welcoming back familiar faces and introducing ourselves to the many new faces that are joining our *Bruny Island District School* Team for 2023. A warm welcome to all of you. I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

We will be sending home some paperwork this week and we would appreciate your support to read over this and return any necessary paperwork for us to update our systems. This ensures we are able to provide a safe learning environment that caters to the needs of your child. Included in this information pack will be information about our Allergy Aware School Policy, a permission form for SeeSaw (the online platform we use to communicate with you), and the end of day arrangements form.

We are hoping to arrange a *welcome back* and *meet the teacher* event in the coming days. More information will be shared about this when it is available.

I would like to wish you all the best for an incredible year of learning and I look forward to sharing our learning journey with you in the coming months.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson

Principal



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WELCOME BACK- A NEW SCHOOL YEAR





STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

Congratulations to each of our Year 6's for being appointed as our *new* SRC for 2023.



Our SRC play an important role in supporting our school. They provide student voice and discuss our school plans and activities. They also plan and facilitate fundraising activities and events.

Our SRC will meet with Mr McPherson each week for our SRC Executive Meeting. Each of our SRC will be appointed to a particular role for Term 1. The roles include: Chair, Secretary, Communications and Treasure. We inducted our SRC today at our Welcome Back Assembly.

Congratulations to our SRC. We look forward to working with you this year.

WE ARE A SUNSMART SCHOOL



Throughout the warmer months we will often see the UV reach higher levels. As per our SunSmart Policy (which has been endorsed by the Cancer Council of Tasmania), we require students to wear a school hat when outside on days when the UV reaches 3 or above.

We monitor the UV level every day and inform our students when it reaches this number.

To support us with this policy, can you please ensure your child comes to school every day with their school hat. It is also a really good idea to have their name inside the hat for us to easily return it to them if it is left elsewhere.

[SUNSMART POLICY LINK](#)



EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND SHELTER

We are happy to announce that our Early Years Playground Redevelopment has now been finished.



This week we had the final part of the project completed, a new 4m x 3m shelter has been built within the new playground space. We have listened to parent feedback and designed and had built this beautiful structure to provide shelter from the weather and to provide another new play space for our children.

Thank you to Nicole Adams for arranging the FRRR Grant which has contributed to the payment of this structure. Thank you to our wonderful P&F Committee for your support with this project.

An official opening of our new playground will be planned for later this term.



LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

Launching Into Learning is an important part of our school.



Little Penguins is offered to families with children from Birth to Age 4. It provides a welcoming, fun and educational experience with one of our school educators.

There are lots of opportunities to play, explore, climb, dance, sing, make, create, move, share, watch and listen.



In 2023 we will be offering two sessions of Little Penguins:

Tuesday 9:00– 10:45 with Amy Hamilton

Thursday 9:00– 10:45 with Mr Jeremy Marcotte

Our first **Little Penguins** session will be on Tuesday 14 February.

Please remember that in order to participate in Little Penguins, we require a new enrolment form to be completed (even if you have done this before), and you must sign in at our front office.



ART

In 2023 we will be offering ART class every week to each of our classes. To support us to keep your child's uniform as *clean as possible*, we would like to invite each child to bring a large shirt that they can use as an art smock.

Students can pack their art smock and bring it to school each Wednesday for Art. Please write your child's name inside the shirt. We have many commercial art smocks for children in Kinder and Prep, but it would be helpful to have an art smock / shirt from home for students in Year 1 to Year 6.



Thank you, Ms Hearn.

2023 SCHOOL TIMETABLE

DAY:	LESSON:
Monday	Library Day <i>Please return your library books</i>
Tuesday	LiL 9:00– 10:45 <i>Starting 14 February</i> LOTE <i>Japanese lessons will begin in 2023</i> P.E. <i>Each class will have PE with Amy Hamilton</i>
Wednesday	ART <i>Each class will have Art with Ms Hearn. Please bring your Art smock.</i> Kitchen/ Garden Learning <i>Small groups of students will take turns throughout the year to participate.</i>
Thursday	LiL 9:00– 10:45 <i>Starting 16 February</i> MUSIC <i>Each class will have Music with Mr Jeremy throughout the day.</i>
Friday	SRC Meeting with Mr McPherson for Year 6's.



THANK YOU FROM NAOMI BUCZEK

A message from Naomi Buczek who retired from our Department and our school at the end of 2022.

To all our wonderful Bruny Island parents, students, and school community,

I would like to take this opportune moment to thank each and everyone who congratulated me on my years of teaching and wished me well for the future.

The kind, generous words spoken to me, or written in My Memory Book, will be treasured forever. I have truly appreciated the flowers and cards which I received at the end of last year.

Teaching so many individual and unique students over the years has been a privilege and an honour. I find enormous joy in each moment when students have that, 'I get it now', moment. To see the positivity when students explore, inquire, and take risks to improve their understanding, will always be remembered.

To then observe students as they go on to high school, college and find their path in life is extremely rewarding. Each student has their own pace, rhythm, and preferred learning style. As a teacher it is our challenge to recognise these elements and tailor our planning and pedagogy to enable each learner to be the best, they can be both academically and emotionally.

I have always aimed to help each student to find their way as a learner and to understand that we all need to care and be kind to ourselves, others, and the environment.

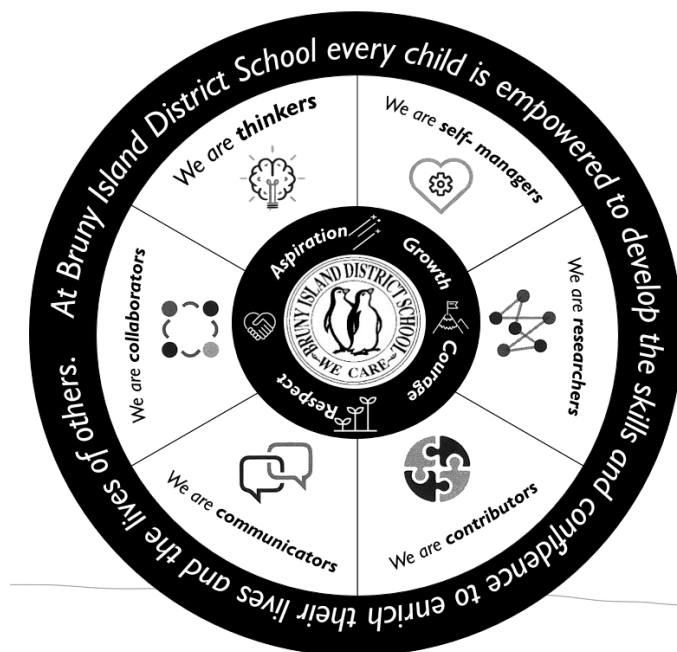
I have had the opportunity to work alongside and with many teachers, teacher assistants, Principals, and parents. I would like to collectively thank you all for your support, friendship and for trusting me as an educator. I shall miss daily interactions, dialogue, support, and laughter.

I wish everyone a wonderful 2023 as you all commence a new year as students, parents, and educators. May you all endeavour to learn, grow and make the most of every moment.

Finally, an enormous thank you to you all, I leave feeling proud to have been a teacher and part of The Bruny Island District School Community.

Thank you.

Naomi Buczek.



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