

# Bruny Island District School



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

22 FEBRUARY 2023

## CURRENT ATTENDANCE

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
98%	93%	95%	96%	94%	99%	96%	94%

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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

## REMINDER

School finishes at 2:30 each Friday

Dear Families

Welcome to our latest school newsletter.



This afternoon we will be hosting our *Meet the Families* afternoon tea to provide our families with the opportunity to meet our educators and each other. It is such a privilege to open our school doors again after many years of restrictions due to COVID. I would like to thank our incredible P&F Committee who have volunteered their time and resources to provide afternoon tea for our community this afternoon.

Our P&F Committee are always looking for more volunteers to help us with the many community focused projects that bring us together and support our school. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact us and we will help you connect to one of our current P&F Committee members.

Our School Improvement Plan is in the final stages of drafting and it will soon be submitted to our Department. We are proud of the learning that has happened so far and I'm excited to see us take this even further with our 2023 School Improvement Plan. More information will be shared within the coming newsletters.

I look forward to seeing many of you this afternoon.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson

Principal



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## EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS

Welcome back for another school year – we're excited for what's ahead!

Start the year right by making every school day count.



There are lots of things you can do to set your child up for success:

### **Make sure your child goes to school, every day**

Going to school every day gives your child every chance to learn and grow, and connect with their mates and teachers. It's where bright futures start and where they'll benefit the most.

### **Get them excited for school**

If you show a positive attitude and excitement towards school, your child will pick up on that.

The most common thing we hear from students, of all ages, is that school is where they can:

- » spend time with their friends and teachers
- » create new and fun experiences
- » find their interests » learn new things
- » open up their options – for whatever future they want (whether that's their dream job or to travel around the world).

Share these positives with your child.



### **Talk to your child about school**

Open up a conversation with your child about what's happening at school. It will help you to better support their interests and confidence in learning. If you show an interest in school, they'll know that getting an education is important and valued.

### **Celebrate the milestones**

Big and small! Celebrate milestones such as making it through the first day or week of school. And remember: all milestones look different. If it's a big achievement for your child, it's important to recognise it.

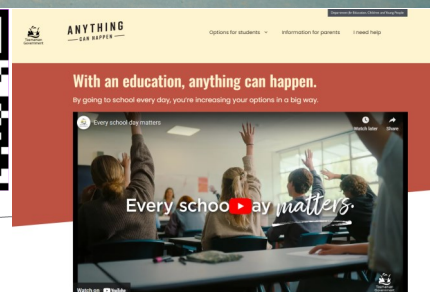
### **Set up a time to talk to your child's teacher or principal**

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.

### **Know when to seek help**

There is no weakness in admitting you need help. If your child has completely disengaged with school, and not attending at all, there is support to help you. In the first instance, talk to us at school.

For more helpful tips, please check out the *Anything can happen* website.





## READ TOGETHER



We are almost ready to launch our new **Read Together** booklet for 2023.

**Read Together** is an important part of our whole school approach to reading that has been developed to support your child with developing the necessary skills to be successful with their reading.

By encouraging regular reading with your child as often as you can and by asking a few questions about the book, you are supporting your child to develop fluency (steady pace), comprehension (understanding) and promoting the importance of becoming a successful reader.

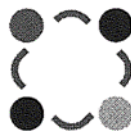
This year we have included the Kath Murdoch **Learner Assets** to our **Read Together** booklet.

The **Learner Assets** provide us with a common language to describe our thinking and reasoning for reading.

The **Learner Assets** are:



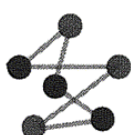
reading as a **thinker**



reading as a **collaborator**



reading as a **self-manager**



reading as a **researcher**



reading as a **contributor**



reading as a **communicator**





## REMINDER: 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

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.



## REMINDER: 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  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  MUSIC <i>Each class will have Music with Mr Jeremy throughout the day.</i>
Friday	SRC Meeting with Mr McPherson for Year 6's.



## WELCOME: NEW SCHOOL NURSE

Hello everyone,

My name is Deirdre and I'm writing to introduce myself as the new School Health Nurse for Bruny Island District School. In addition to BIDS, I also work at Tarooma High School and Tarooma Primary School.



Originally from Canada, I moved to Tasmania in 2008. Prior to joining the School Health Nurse program, I worked in a variety of areas of nursing including emergency, maternity, cardiology and in the community. This role is very different to those areas of nursing, but I really enjoy working in schools and building relationships with students and their families. When I'm not at work, I spend most of my time chasing around my three school aged children. If I do have some spare time, I love spending time in my garden, reading and bushwalking.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's health that may impact their learning, please feel free to contact me via email at [deirdre.cooper@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:deirdre.cooper@decyp.tas.gov.au). If I am unable to help you with your query, I will do my best to refer you to someone who can.

I look forward to meeting you and hope that your child/ren have had a positive start to the term.

Deirdre

School Nurse

## BACK IN THE KITCHEN



Each week a different group of students will come to the kitchen to cook a meal and eat it together using produce harvested from our school garden.

This week we cooked: beetroot salad, bread rolls, zucchini pie.



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