



# Bruny Island District School



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

9 MARCH 2023

## CURRENT ATTENDANCE

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
100%	100%	71%	100%	83%	80%	94%	89%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
98%	93%	95%	96%	94%	99%	96%	94%

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 13 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.

Our newsletter is full of information and a celebration of the great learning that has happened at our school this fortnight.

To ensure we have the most up to date information about end of day arrangements for your child, please **only** contact the office with any updates or changes. The two methods for contacting us about any changes to your normal end of day arrangements are by phone: **62931147** and email: **bruny.island.district@decyp.tas.gov.au** Please do not send information to individual staff members or via SeeSaw. Thank you for supporting us with this procedure.

Due to the public holiday on Monday, Anne has kindly offered to come in on Tuesday and Wednesday next week to support children to change their library books.

In recent weeks we have welcomed several new students and families to our school. I'd like to acknowledge the kindness and encouragement of our students who have welcomed our new students and supported them to feel part of our Bruny Island District School Team. I'm proud of the kind and caring culture of our school and I'm pleased to see many examples of this in action. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson

Principal



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### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Last week we participated in National Clean Up Australia Day. We were learning as contributors as we set ourselves the mission to remove as much rubbish as possible from our local environment.

We were learning as researchers as we questioned where did all of this rubbish come from and who would be leaving it behind? What impact does this rubbish have on our wildlife and on nature?

Well done to all of our students and staff for supporting Clean Up Australia Day again this year.



### SOCCER SEASON

Expressions of interest are sought for soccer players from all grades. Games are played Saturday mornings at grounds located between Margate and Hobart. All ages can play and in the past we have made a composite team of Grade 3-6. If your child is interested in playing soccer for Channel United this year please send me a message via 0417460339 or [laboosta@gmail.com](mailto:laboosta@gmail.com) ASAP.

Numbers are looking low this year so this is a call out to seek interest. We would need 11-12 players from Grade 3-6 for a senior team and smaller numbers for a younger team.

Any team we put forward will need a Coach and Manager. If we do not have the numbers we could look into joining with another school if your child is really keen.

Please respond ASAP.





## INVITATION: EARLY LEARNING FOR 3 YEAR OLDS

In August 2022, the Premier of Tasmania announced the intention to provide universal access to early learning, in the year before kindergarten, for every 3-year-old child.

The Department for Education, Children and Young People would like to invite parents, community members and services to local and online workshops to have their say on the future of quality and affordable early learning for all 3-year old's.

We will be hosting a workshop here at the school on **Thursday 9 March** from 11.00- 12.30pm in the Launching into Learning Classroom (please remember to sign-in at the office when you arrive to the school).



### EARLY LEARNING FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS WORKSHOPS

The Department for Education, Children and Young People

INVITES

PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND SERVICES

An opportunity to have your say on the future of quality and affordable early learning for all 3-year-old's. We want to hear your ideas about what access to early learning for 3-year-olds will look like in the future.

If you would like to attend this community consultation workshop, please rsvp to: [spp.admin@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:spp.admin@decyp.tas.gov.au)

For more information, visit the website: [Working with our Communities - The Department for Education, Children and Young People Tasmania \(decyp.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/working-with-our-communities).

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Each week we are hosting a short assembly to acknowledge the students at our school that have been demonstrating our school values. The certificates are personalised with the skills, behaviours or attributes that have been displayed that demonstrate one of our school values.

Our weekly assembly is also an opportunity to further develop our social skills focus for the week. We have talked about the importance of being part of a team, a focus on being *bucket fillers* (kind to each other), and how to give and receive compliments.

Congratulations to the students already acknowledged with a *Certificate of Merit* this term.



## INVITATION: AEW VISIT TO LITTLE PENGUINS

On Thursday 23 March LiL will be joined for the first time by our Aboriginal Education Worker Hayley, who usually works on a Monday.

Hayley is joining us to present a brand new picture book called *We Love Country* which is written by members of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community.

The story focuses on walking through Country with Nana and using all our senses to explore and appreciate the Land.

Aboriginal Education Services have generously gifted every LiL family their own copy of *We Love Country* to take home and keep forever. This book is really special because it focuses on Lutruwita/Tasmania, while most First Nations picture books are about Country and Culture on mainland Australia.

We're so grateful for this beautiful gift and are excited for Hayley to share it with our LiL families. We hope you can make it to our special LiL session on Thursday 23 March.



Our Certificate of Merit Award recipients from this week.



## LITTLE PENGUINS

Little Penguins is our version of Launching Into Learning for children from birth to age 4.

**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 each year (even if you have done this before), and you must sign in at our front office each time you visit.

Our Tuesday Launching Into Learning has a focus on Gross Motor development. We support children to engage in whole body movements and to engage with each other to develop positive social interactions.

Our Thursday Launching Into Learning has a focus on Fine Motor development. We support children and families to engage in art, craft and musical explorations that develop the important and necessary skills required at this early age of development. We look forward to welcoming you to our Launching Into Learning sessions.



## LOOSE PARTS PLAY

We are once again enjoying the creative minds of our students as we observe the interesting and wonderful developments that occur during recess and lunch time at the loose parts play corner.

Our students are learning as *thinkers, self-managers, researchers, communicators, collaborators and contributors* as they work together to construct their imaginative creations.

The learning that occurs during loose parts play crosses multiple curriculum areas. Not only is it a way of discovering different scientific concepts, it also encourages rich oral language and story telling experiences that we often see transfer into writing. There is plenty of maths and even some examples of history as the students tell stories that have “some” factual information from concepts they have heard about or read before.





## GARDENING WITH YEAR 1-2-3



This year we have started strong with lovely weather on Friday mornings, which is our usual gardening time.

Students have been working collaboratively with Bob and parent helpers to harvest potatoes, weed, turn mulch, and water the garden beds in the school and community garden.

Each week we have discussed the importance of gardening and the benefits it has on our environment, community, and self. We have come up with great concepts to think about further, such as connection to place, healing of the land, sustainability, and benefits to mental and physical health.



At the end of each week, we put our pictures into our gardening book which can be found on display in the classroom for parents to read.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered so far!

We are looking forward to growing more plants and relationships through the work in the garden as we develop our skills as researchers and contributors!

From the 1/2/3 Class



## HOT LUNCH

Each Tuesday\*, a parent volunteer comes and cooks a hot meal for our students. Please check **SEESAW** on Monday evenings to find out details about the next day's hot lunch, or go to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/brunyschoolpandfcommittee>

Meals are \$4.50 and can be purchased either via cash on the day or using hot lunch vouchers (you can sign up for these through the school and the P&F will invoice you at the end of the term).

Thank you to those who have cooked so far this year: Nicole and Joe; Po; Claire and Dave ♥ You're awesome!

If you have questions about hot lunch, or would like to volunteer, please contact our fabulous hot lunch co-ordinator Laura on 0438 289 477 (via phone or WhatsApp)

\* depending on availability

## UPCOMING P&F EVENTS

P&F Meeting: **Tuesday 28 March, 9.15am** in the Staff Room.

All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Easter Woodchopping Carnival: **Saturday 8 April**  
The P&F will be running a food stall as well as selling merchandise and doing a raffle.

We need helpers! Please let us know if you can help volunteer on the day.

## HOW TO CONENCT WITH THE P&F

[www.facebook.com/brunyschoolpandfcommittee](http://www.facebook.com/brunyschoolpandfcommittee)

[brunypandf@gmail.com](mailto:brunypandf@gmail.com)





### AEW: ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKER

This week with our Aboriginal Education Worker Hayley, we focused our learning on First Nations art techniques and discussed how art was traditionally created using natural resources found in the local environment.



We wondered which parts of different plants and animals were used to make paintings and etching tools. We explored our local area to collect banksia flowers, gumnuts, leaves, sticks and other natural resources to create our own art.

We spent time outside experimenting with different painting techniques – flicking, sponging, scratching and brushing paint onto our pages.



Our learning helped us connect with and create with Country while acknowledging the ancient knowledges, traditions and methods inspiring us today.



Our Kinders and Preps have started exploring the concept of special places on Country – a learning journey we've begun by reading Nel Smit's book *My Patch* and by finding our own special patch at school to observe, care for and connect with over the year.

Our patch is a grassy area between a beautiful old gum tree and a big tree stump which both provide habitat and evidence of seasonal changes.

Hayley takes our students to *our patch* in small groups to put our hands and our eyes to the ground, to feel the earth and notice our visitors which today included a ladybeetle, some new flowers, a bee and the star of the show – a giant mushroom!





## RADIO STARS

Congratulations to our Year 6 SRC members that were interviewed on Huon FM this week.

Each term we are invited by Huon FM to provide a *school update* to listeners. Our Year 6's had to think of a topic to share, prepare their notes and then share this via an interview with Rod on Monday.



To listen to a copy of the interview, have a look at the soundbite on our Facebook page.

Well done to our students.

## COPE STREET PARADE

This week we welcomed Cope Street Parade to our school who entertained us with a one-hour performance.

Our students were even learning as collaborators as they were invited to participate and join in.

Cope Street Parade have been touring Tasmania and last weekend, they even played for a live audience here on Bruny Island.

They shared a unique collection of songs that span across the genres of jazz, folk, pop, gypsy and swing.

To find out more, visit their website: <http://www.copstreeparade.com>





## KITCHEN-GARDEN LEARNING

Things are heating up in the Kitchen with the Kitchen-Garden Learning program well underway; cooking delicious meals from our School Garden.

At the moment we are utilising an abundance of zucchini, beetroot, onions and herbs.

Each fortnight I will share a recipe from our menu, and today features *Zucchini Feta and Herb Pie*, which was very popular with the children last week and is a great way to use up a zucchini that have blown out of proportion!

### Zucchini, Feta and Herb Pie

- 700g grated zucchini (remove the seedy centre before weighing and grating)
  - 5 eggs
  - ½ Cup olive oil
  - 1 cup chopped chives or spring onions or any mild onion.
  - ½ Cup fresh herbs chopped (eg: parsley, basil, thyme, oregano)
  - 220g feta crumbled
  - 150g parmesan grated
  - Salt and pepper
  - 1 ½ Cups Self raising flour (substitute with Gluten free variety if needed)
1. Preheat your oven to 180 degrees. Butter a 22cm square tin.
  2. Pile grated zucchini into a colander and place weights on top to squeeze out any moisture. Let sit while you prepare other ingredients.
  3. Whisk eggs, add oil, chives, herbs.
  4. Squeeze zucchini even more and stir into egg mix.
  5. Crumble in the feta and parmesan, salt and pepper to taste.
  6. Add flour and mix.
  7. Spread into tin and sprinkle with extra cheese.
  8. Bake approx. 1 hour or until golden and firm to touch.

We will also be making some preserves in the kitchen over the coming months to sell at the school fair so if you have clean, label free jars with metal lids and/or excess produce that we could preserve (rhubarb, tomatoes, berries, beetroot etc), feel free to drop at the school office and we shall get busy!

Thanks for your support, Claire



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