

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 MARCH 2023

CURRENT ATTENDANCE

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
93%	94%	87%	93%	87%	88%	92%	90%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
100%	100%	71%	100%	83%	80%	94%	89%

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Association Meeting

Monday 27 March 4:30pm

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

Moderation Day (staff only)

Thursday 6 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.



In response to the feedback we recently received from families requesting support to engage with mathematical learning at home, I am proud to share with you our new *Maths Together* booklet and home learning programme. This approach has been designed to support families with short, fun mathematical tasks and games to develop greater confidence and understanding of numbers. We are just finalising the booklet at the moment and it is our hope to share this with families before the end of the term.

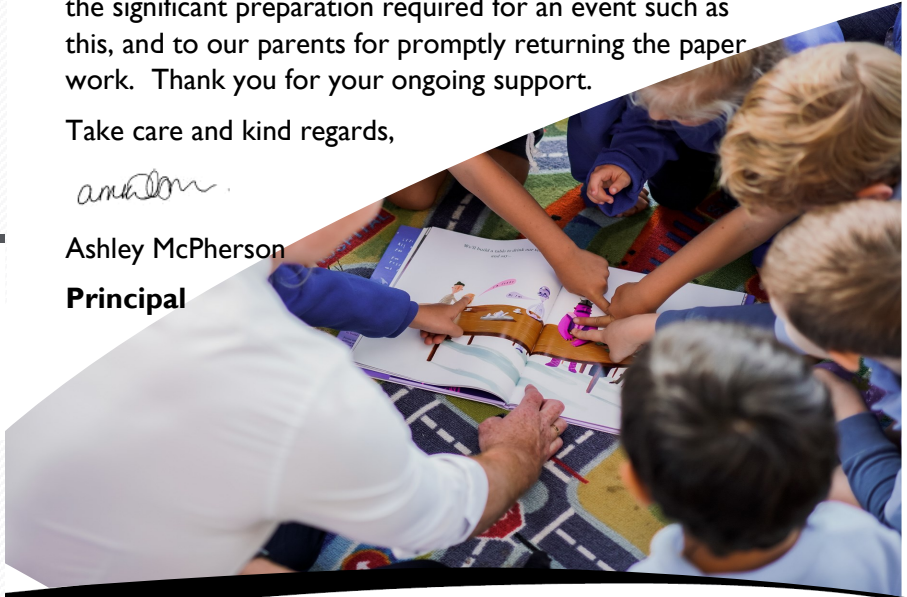
I'd like to congratulate our Year 3 and Year 5 students for their participation and effort with the recent NAPLAN testing. We have now concluded our NAPLAN testing for 2023 and results will be shared with staff and families later in the year. Regardless of the results, I'm proud of how well every child attempted the various assessments and their willingness to do their very best. Well done to all.

We are about to begin our annual Swimming and Water Safety program for students from Years 3 to Year 6. This includes two days of travel to Hobart for daily lessons, and two nights of camping. I'd like to thank our staff for the significant preparation required for an event such as this, and to our parents for promptly returning the paperwork. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson

Principal



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COMING SOON: MATHS TOGETHER



Maths together is an important addition to our suite of resources and supports to help families engage with learning together at home. This booklet has been designed based on your feedback and your request to have something similar to our **Read together**

programme to support you at home.



Within this booklet you will find some suggested mathematical learning opportunities and a simple recording table to track the various learning opportunities that you and your child engage with.

To help you get started with **Maths together**, we are sending home a copy of the booklet with a pack of

playing cards and a dice.

We are also planning to develop some short videos that show families how to play the games that we have suggested within the **Maths together** booklet. These videos will be shared via our social media, via our website and on SeeSaw.

We hope that you enjoy **Maths together** and we look forward to hearing your feedback about this approach.

Similar to our **Read together** approach, students will be recognised for every **10 Maths together** sessions completed at home with a certificate in assembly and they will earn themselves a prize when they have completed 50 **Maths together** sessions.

We hope you enjoy this new approach and we look forward to your feedback about this approach.



BRUNY NEWS

Each month members of our SRC are invited to contribute to the Bruny News. Their submission is called **Student News**. Here is an examples of their most recent article that you can read in the April edition of Bruny News.

Well done to our SRC for learning as *communicators* and *contributors*.

STUDENT NEWS

...by the students at Bruny Island District School

CLEAN UP AUS. DAY

Dear Reader,

On Friday 3rd of March, our school participated in Clean Up Australia Day.

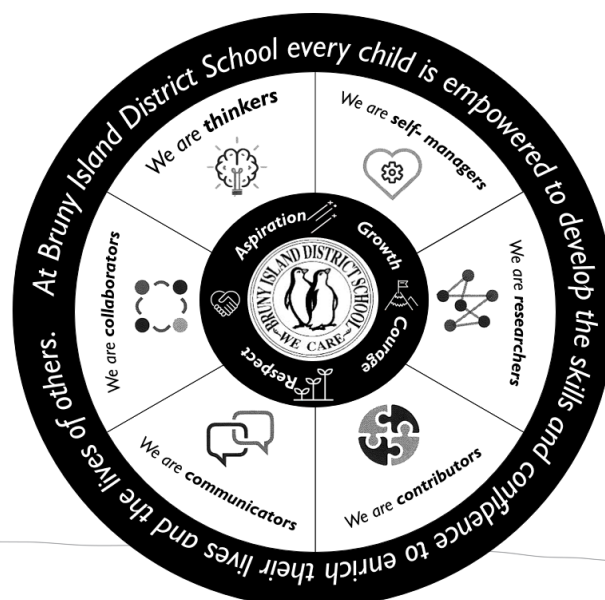
Every year around Australia, Towns and cities participate in Clean Up Australia Day.

We were lucky enough to have great weather to participate in the event and we collected a lot of rubbish. We found lots of take-away containers and coffee cups, as well a lot of general plastic rubbish.

As we collected the rubbish, we were also sorting it. We had different bags for the different types of rubbish. We had a recyclable bag, a hessian bag for heavy items and a general rubbish bag.

It was a great event, and everyone enjoyed it.

Student News has been prepared by the students of Bruny Island District School. Each month we will provide you with a Student News update about the things that matter to us.





REMINDER: 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.

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

We offer two sessions each week:

Tuesday 9:00– 10:45 with Amy Hamilton

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

INVITATION: ADVENTURE BAY HALL

This Easter is the 100th year celebration of the opening of the Adventure Bay Hall.

On Good Friday, 7th April, there will be a show about the history of the Hall.

The history includes a number of shows and “Stage Fright Nights”.

There will be a section in the show dedicated to the “Stage Fright Nights” where anyone (or a group) is welcome to perform. You can play an instrument, sing a song, recite a poem, tell a joke...

If you would like to take part, please contact Sally on 0431962728





CREATIVE WRITING IN YEAR 1-2-3

In Year 1-2-3 we are getting creative with our writing.

We read the book 'Any Questions' by Marie-Louise Gay, which talks about the ideas that can lead from a blank page.

The thrilling and endless possibilities that can stem from a drawing are exhilarating to our classroom members, and the strong links of drawing and literacy skills are what Miss Shelton is excited about!

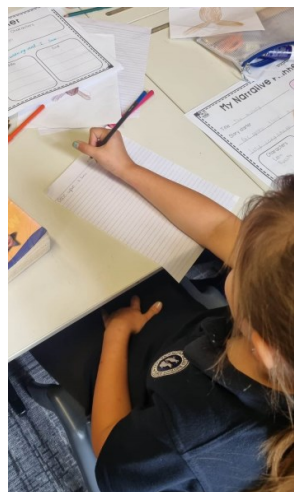
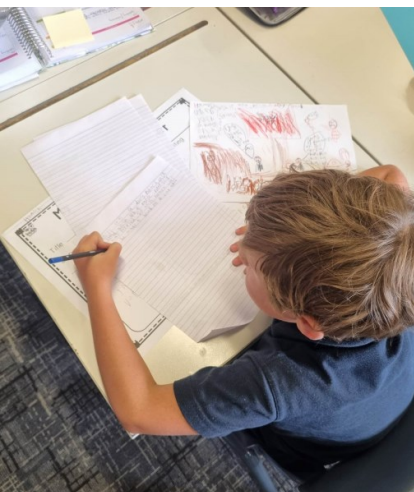
Over the last few weeks, we have been story planning.

First, we created an image from our choice of coloured paper, then we began with a story planner. These planners gave us some basic ideas for our story to follow and included things such as characters, setting, beginning, middle and end concepts, problems, and solutions.

We have been collaborating in small groups to develop descriptive language, and consider how to make a simple sentence more exciting for our audience.

We are currently in the process of writing these stories up in draft version and we are looking forward to publishing them in the future for the members of our school and community to enjoy.

You can also help at home by encouraging members of the family to come up with more exciting ways to bump up a simple sentence. From the Year 1-2-3 class.



KITCHEN- GARDEN LEARNING DONATION

You might remember that last year our school had a visit from Kirsha Kaechele and the Bruny Island Ladies Who Jump. They visited to see our wonderful, new Kitchen-Garden Learning programme and to enjoy a special luncheon to acknowledge the generous donation that was made to our school to make this programme possible.

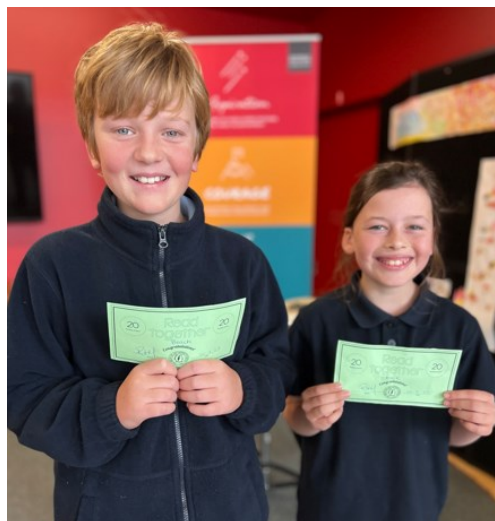


Recently we received another donation from Kirsha Kaechele which will be used to purchase more equipment for our kitchen and to engage with Nicole Adams to create a range of clay utensils that can be used during the weekly sharing of the meal created by the students during the cooking lesson. Nicole will work with small groups of students to design, make and prepare a range of table top items that will be used each week.

We look forward to sharing this learning as it unfolds and we thank Kirsha for her continued support and generous donation.

READ TOGETHER

Congratulations to the students that have now reached **20 reading sessions** with **Read together** this year. We are starting to hand out a lot of certificates to students to acknowledge their effort and participation.





KITCHEN-GARDEN LEARNING NEWS

This week our recipes feature **BEETROOT**

How many times this term have I heard children say “I hate beetroot” or “I don’t eat beetroot”. That was before they tried our *Beetroot, Carrot and Apple Salad*. After sampling the easiest of all salads, many children have changed their minds about this earthy, liver cleansing, nutritious root vegetable.

Here is a recipe:

1. Grate 1 beetroot, 1 apple and 1 carrot.
2. Mix all together and sprinkle with a tiny amount of apple cider vinegar and season with salt and pepper to taste.

This salad is extra delicious if topped with a mix of toasted seeds such as sesame, pepita and sunflower seeds and if you fancy a tablespoon of currants.

So simple, yet so delicious.

We have also spent a lot of time pickling in the kitchen as late summer and autumn are bountiful times in the garden and the time when preserving for the winter months needs to be done. Lucky for all you readers, we will be storing our preserves away for the school fair later in the year so you can stock up then.



Pickled Beetroot Recipe- thanks to Nicole Adams for sharing this simple recipe.

Cook beetroot in salted water until tender
Peel and slice and put into sterilised jars.

In a saucepan put the following:

- 1 cup malt vinegar
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ tsp cinnamon
- 1 bay leaf
- 4 peppercorns
- 2 whole cloves

Bring liquid to boil and then simmer for a further 5 minutes.

Pour hot liquid into jars to cover the beetroot. Cap and store .

This will make about 3 small jars.





VALUES-BASED LEARNING

Bruny Island District School is proud of our focus on developing our schools awareness and skills to be *Aspirational, Courageous, Respectful* and to have a *Growth* mindset.

Each week we host a short assembly to acknowledge students who have demonstrated our school values with a Certificate of Merit, and to further unpack our school values.

In these photos you can see our school engaging in partner and small group conversations. We use this strategy as a way to develop the skills of learning as a *communicator, researcher and contributor*.



DONATION: ADVENTURE BAY SHOP

The wonderful staff at the Adventure Bay Shop have for many years collected donations for our school. There is a collection jar on the counter at the shop and locals and visitors have been dropping donations into this for the past few months.

Today we received a donation of **\$192** from the generous donations collected at the Adventure Bay Shop.

Thank you to all for your ongoing support.

TENNIS AT BRUNY ISLAND

With thanks to funds provided to us through the *Sporting School Grant*, we have had several tennis lessons provided during our PE lessons.

The feedback has been very positive from our students.



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