

# Bruny Island District School



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

3 MAY 2023

## CURRENT ATTENDANCE

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
98%	94%	95%	96%	100%	100%	100%	78%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
82%	75%	80%	89%	80%	86%	100%	100%

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Pirate Day (SRC Fundraiser)

Friday 19 May

### National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday 24 May

### Public Holiday

Monday 12 June

### b kinder day

Thursday 22 June

### DRILL Dance Residency

Monday 26—Friday 30 June

### NAIDOC Week

Monday 3—Friday 7 July

## TERM DATES

### Term 2

26 April 2023— 7 July 2023

## REMINDER

School finishes at 2:30 each Friday

Dear Families

Welcome to our latest school newsletter.



As I was standing within our grounds on the first day back last week, I heard a child say “it’s so good to be back” as they walked through the school gate and towards their classroom. This moment reminded me of the wonderful environment all of us contribute to which makes this school a warm, inviting and safe space. It is a joy and a pleasure to welcome all of our students and families back to the start of another term of learning, discovery and personal growth.

We have a busy term ahead of us which will culminate with a special NAIDOC Week Assembly in Week 11 of this term. This will be a celebration of the learning that has occurred throughout Term 1 and Term 2 as we continue to focus on our inquiry of “Celebrating our Strengths”.

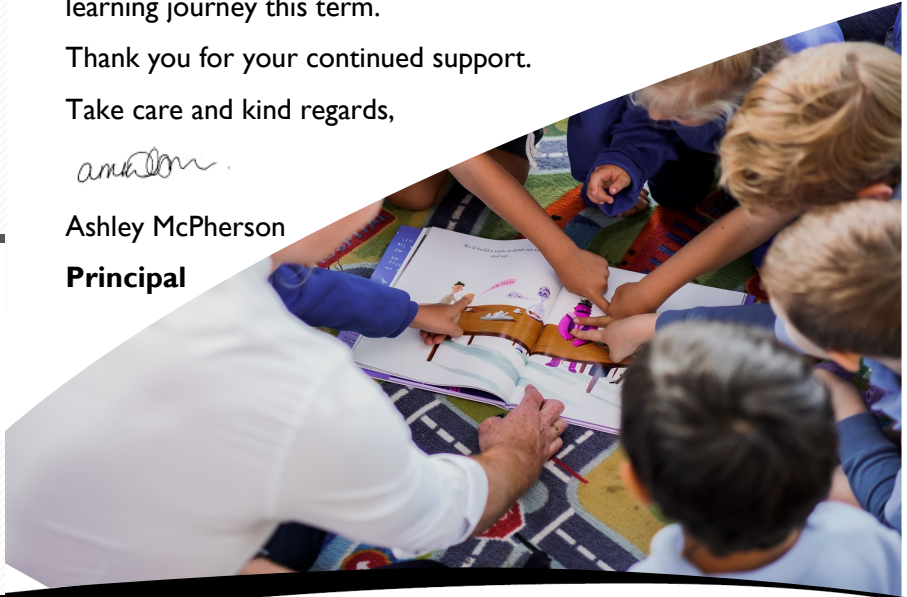
I am pleased to confirm that DRILL Dance Company will take up a week of residency here at our school to work with our students to develop a dance routine that will become another demonstration of the learning that has occurred from our Inquiry. This very special experience will see the students have daily dance lessons as they continue to develop and refine their skills and express their learning through dance. I look forward to sharing our learning journey this term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson

Principal



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## SWIM CAMP 2023



At the end of Term 1 our Year 3-6 students completed their Learn to Swim program for 2023. This included a short Camp to minimise some of the travel to and from the pool. Once again, we thank Rory and Claire for their outstanding support of this program.



## FIRST AID IN SCHOOLS

Each year we have participated in the First Aid in School program; hosted by the St. Johns Ambulance.

This program provides our students with the skills and knowledge to be prepared for a unexpected event and to remain as safe as possible.

Students are taught the importance of looking for dangers, seeking help and given an introduction to the basics of First Aid.

We would like to thank the St. Johns Ambulance for continuing to support us with this wonderful program.





## BRUNY ISLAND SCHOOL SUN SMART POLICY

At Bruny Island District School we are committed to ensuring the safety of all students and includes making sure we adhere to the requirements of our Sun Smart Policy. The Sun Smart Policy was developed in consultation and with support of Cancer Council Tasmania and follows legislation and standards provided by the Work Health and Safety Act.



Our Policy reminds us that in Tasmania, sun protection is required when the UV levels are 3 or more. In Tasmania, the UV is 3 and above from September to April (and sometimes into May). Our

school will therefore continue to monitor the UV level each day. When it reaches 3 or more throughout Term 2, we will ask students to wear a hat during recess and lunch time.

Please make sure your child continues to have their school hat with them during Term 2. Thank you.

A copy of the policy can be found on our website: [brunyislandschool.org/policies](http://brunyislandschool.org/policies)

## KITCHEN-GARDEN LEARNING

We launched into our Autumn menu this week with the first round of mini *Master Chefs* brimming with enthusiasm to get back into the kitchen.

The garden is coming along beautifully thanks to some donations of healthy seedlings from Jo Smith and Eleonora Buczek. All of the winter crops still have a way to go before they are ready for harvesting but we have an abundance of greens, leeks and herbs with which we can still cook up a feast.

Our Autumn menu consists of Pesto Pizza (this week we made our pesto with luscious silverbeet leaves), caramelised leek, the last of the zucchini and plenty of fresh herbs (oregano, thyme and rosemary). The pizzas are accompanied by a green garden salad which this week consisted of lettuce, baby silverbeet, baby beetroot leaves, mustard greens, rocket, chives, mint and chickweed!

Many of you may not realise that Chickweed (*Stellaria media*) is in fact edible and highly nutritious. This common 'weed' loves moist, shady spots and is growing in abundance in our veg patch at school.

The chooks love it and so do we, sprinkled through our green salad. There are a couple of other weeds which look quite similar to Chickweed, which are poisonous so be very careful when harvesting for the first time. The tell-tale sign to identify chickweed is that it has a very fine line of hairs running down the stem which look a little like a mohawk!

We dressed our salad with a very simple vinaigrette made of ¼ cup apple cider vinegar, ¼ cup olive oil, 1 tablespoon maple syrup and salt and pepper to taste. You won't believe how many kids gobble up all of their green salad when it is topped with this tangy dressing.

Next week Rory and I plan to make a giant hot compost heap which comes together like a big layered garden waste lasagne! We have several ingredients to build it with including horse manure, grass clippings, autumn leaves, shredded paper, kitchen scraps and straw (kindly donated by Leigh Blackwell and transported by Aaron Archer).



The Grade 4/5/6 class will learn all about turning waste products into rich garden compost which we can then cycle back through the garden to grow top notch veg to feed the kids. If there are any parents who would be willing to volunteer on a Wednesday afternoon and learn about making hot compost next week please let me know. We get out into the garden from 2pm-3pm, weather permitting. You will need to have a current Working with Vulnerable People card to volunteer.

Other ways you can help this Kitchen Garden to flourish are by donating any of the following (all the money we save by not having to buy these items, helps us to stretch the budget further for the kids):

- seed potatoes, chives (maybe you have a clump you could divide), rosemary (just one or two small plants to fill a herb bed), a salad spinner, some glass tumblers and a metal or silicone egg flip (maybe you have some items gathering dust in the back of the kitchen cupboard- it is always worth asking).

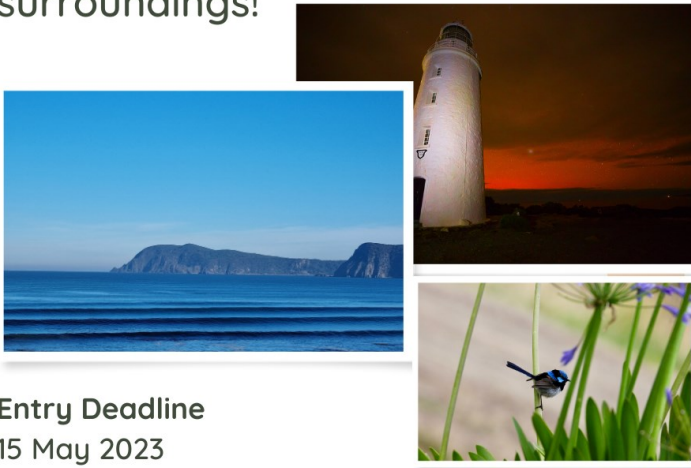
Please contact me if you wish to help. Claire 0417460339





# CALENDAR 2024 PHOTO COMPETITION

Any photograph of relevance to Bruny Island and its beautiful surroundings!



**Entry Deadline**  
15 May 2023

Send 5 of your best photographs (Landscape only) and email us in high quality (min 4MB in size) to [brunycalendar@gmail.com](mailto:brunycalendar@gmail.com)

**Questions?**  
Send us email or Call School at 6293 1147

Submissions via post: Bruny Island District School 15 School Road, ALONNAH 7150

The Bruny Island District School Parents & Friends Association is pleased to announce submissions and voting for a 2024 Calendar. This is an annual fundraiser for the students organised by the P&F. Members of the public are encouraged to submit their best images of Bruny Island and surrounds for inclusion in the calendar. All suitable entries will be showcased in an online voting event to be held in May 2023.

## ENTRIES CLOSING SOON

Have you got a photo that could be featured in our next School Calendar? Entries close 15 May, 2023.



## THAT'S A WRAP!

The BIDS P&F would like to thank all the parents and friends who braved the weather to help set up/pack down and make and sell wraps for our fundraiser stall at the Easter Woodchop Festival.

Thank you also to all the families who donated goodies for our raffle. Congrats to Tania Mayne for winning first prize, Krystal Sullivan for second prize, and Lindsay Johnston for third prize.

**P & F Meeting:** 30 May, 9:15 in the staff room at school.



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