

Bruny Island District School



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

17 MAY 2023

CURRENT ATTENDANCE

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
98%	85%	94%	96%	82%	97%	78%	86%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
98%	94%	95%	96%	100%	100%	100%	78%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pirate Day (SRC Fundraiser)

Friday 19 May (This Friday)

Interschool Cross Country

Wednesday 24 May

Wear Something Purple Day

Friday 26 May

Public Holiday

Monday 12 June

BIDS Cross Country

Tuesday 20 June

DRILL Dance Residency

Monday 26—Friday 30 June

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.



Once again our newsletter is a celebration of our students, their learning and the enactment of our school values. Throughout the following pages you will see examples of our students demonstrating *Aspiration, Growth, Courage and Respect*. I am proud of our school, our teaching and learning programme and environment that fosters students' interest and prior knowledge, and the authentic opportunities our students have to engage with rich and meaningful learning.

This week we have celebrated the first group of students to receive a *Maths Together* certificate for completing 10 (and one student that has completed 20), *Maths Together* sessions. I have really enjoyed talking to our students about the mathematical activities they are completing at home and discussions that are being had. Thank you for your support with both *Maths Together* and *Read Together*.

I would also like to say *Thank You* to our SRC. Our SRC are very committed to their weekly meetings and discussing various ways to support our school community. In recent weeks we have discussed several fundraising opportunities and the SRC have shared their views and opinions on some important topics to do with our school. The next SRC event is *Pirate Day* this Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson

Principal



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MATHS TOGETHER



Congratulations to our students that have completed 10 (and 20) **Maths together** sessions this week.

We are incredibly proud of our students for engaging with mathematical learning at home and we want to thank our Families for your support with this new programme.

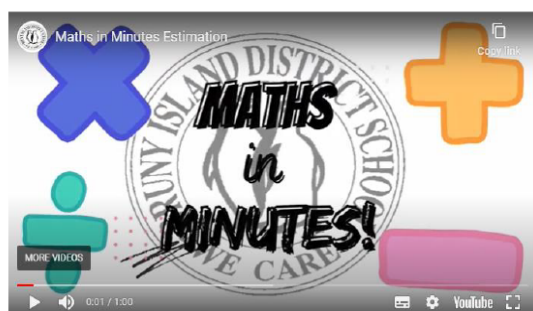
Students will be awarded a certificate after each 10 Maths sessions (10, 20, 30, 40). When they have completed 50 **Maths together** sessions, they will be offered an opportunity to select a prize from our prize box.

Here are some of the prizes we will have on offer.



Do you want more ideas to continue with **Maths together** at home? Have a look at our website: www.brunyislandschool.org/videos

Here you will find even more ideas to continue your maths learning at home with our series of **Maths In Minutes** videos.



PIRATE DAY: THIS FRIDAY



WEAR SOMETHING PURPLE FOR SORRY DAY.

When:
Friday 26 May

What: Wear something purple to acknowledge and pay respects for Sorry Day. It could be a purple t-shirt or jumper. Purple socks or a purple tie. A purple ribbon or scarf. Something purple with the rest of your outfit in school uniform.

Why: At Bruny Island District School, we acknowledge National Sorry Day. It's a day to remember the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. National Sorry Day is a day to consider the strength of the Stolen Generation survivors and reflect on how Australian's can continue to play a part in the healing process for the people and the nation.

Thank you for supporting National Sorry Day.





KITCHEN-GARDEN LEARNING

Our Kitchen-Garden Learning programme continues to engage and support our learners. Each week we have a new small group of students enter the kitchen and be guided through the menu by our Kitchen Specialist.

Recently, we welcomed Nicole Adams to our Kitchen-Garden Learning programme. Nicole is going to lead the Kitchen Specialist role each Wednesday while Claire Boost supports us in the role of PE teacher and Prep-I classroom teacher this term.

We would like to welcome Nicole to our team and thank Claire for the incredible start she has led for the Kitchen-Garden programme. Our students are incredibly lucky.



Within the School Garden our Year 4-5-6 classes have been building a compost site. They have been learning about all of the different layers that are required for this to work effectively. Our students were working together as *collaborators* to collect the resources and construct the compost site correctly. Well done to our team of learners.





WANT TO SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON
IMPORTANT TOPICS WITH PEOPLE WHO
SHAPE LIFE IN TASMANIA?

YEP!

**Your
Engagement
Place**

Keep up to date with the
Commissioner for Children and
Young People.

Find **opportunities** with CCYP
and others who want to hear
from **young Tasmanians**.

You can be involved as much or
as little as you like.

YEP! IS OPEN TO
ANY TASMANIAN UNDER 18
AND YOU CAN REGISTER AT
ANY TIME OF THE YEAR.



Register at
ccyp.me/yepper



YOUR ENGAGEMENT PLACE (YEP)

The Commissioner for Children and Young People is excited to announce that our YEP! program is officially launching on 9 May 2023. Your Engagement Place (YEP!) is a place where children and young people under the age of 18 can find ways to engage with CCYP and other organisations around Tasmania to have a voice on things that matter to them. Any child and young person aged under 18 who registers before 9 June enters the membership draw for a chance to win an iPad. Children and young people can register [here](#).

You can check out our YEP! hub now by visiting our new [CCYP website](#). If you are an adult and would like to keep up to date with current engagement opportunities available to children and young people in Tasmania, fill out our [adult subscription form](#).

Should you have any questions at all about the new program or wish to promote an ethical engagement opportunity open to young Tasmanians, please do not hesitate to email us at childcomm@childcomm.tas.gov.au or call us on [\(03\) 6166 1366](tel:0361661366)

WELCOME DEB LIE

This term we have welcomed *Deb Lie* to our Bruny Island District School team in the role of Assistant Principal.

Deb Lie has worked for many years as an educator and school leader within schools across the Channel area. She has a strong professional background and knowledge as a Support Teacher and working with children that require adjustments to access education. She is currently employed at Margate Primary School and has now accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Bruny Island District School for one day a week (each Tuesday).

Deb has joined our team for Term 2 to lead a number of priorities for the school including the updates to our Learning Plans, educational adjustments for students, coaching and mentoring of staff and leading the professional learning for our Teacher Assistants.

Thank you for your support, Deb, and welcome to the team.



UNPACKING THE VALUES:

Each week at our Assembly, we start by learning more about our school values. We want to explicitly teach our values and consider what they look like within our school and across our community.

This week we watched a short animation film called *Snack Attack* and further unpacked the value of *Respect*. After a couple of minutes we paused the video and discussed the characters.

Is the man being respectful? Why or why not?



After discussing this in mixed grade groups, we then continued the video. At the end we asked:

Is the woman being respectful?

What could she do differently to demonstrate Respect?

What would you do?

The learning from this video is that sometimes we make mistakes, and that's okay. Mistakes are opportunities to learn. We can make the choice to move forward and be respectful, even if we make a mistake.

If you'd like to see the video, click on the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38y_I EWIE9I





P&F
Parents & Friends
Bruny Island District School

REMINDER:

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



FOR OUR ELDERS:

Yah nun'oyne! As we continue our learning about Elders, knowledge holders and skilled people in our community, we've welcomed guests from the Aboriginal Community to share stories, songs and conversations with us.



Paul visited us to make damper and nature bracelets inspired by First Nations Peoples' use of local resources in creating art and jewellery, and Michelle joined us to introduce the new *We Love Country* book to our 123s, and to teach a special *Welcome to Country* song in Language to a small group of Tasmanian Aboriginal students.

Our 456 students interviewed Michelle and Hayley, our Aboriginal Education Worker, about their passions, strengths and contributions to Community.

We're also continuing our lunchtime fire with craft, sharing stories and talking about Country with Hayley and are excited to celebrate NAIDOC Week in the last week of term!



**WE ARE THINKERS,
COLLABORATORS AND
CONTRIBUTORS - ALL
OF US**

Recently I invited two Principal colleagues to our school to share with them our aspirational School Improvement Plan for 2023.



Our data has identified that a focus on *metacognition* (thinking about our thinking), will help with developing the necessary skills required to deeply comprehend what we are reading.

After sharing our plans, our professional learning journey and the strategies we are implementing to encourage *metacognition* through the explicit focus on using the Learner Assets, the Principals visited classrooms and interviewed our students to collect some data about how successful we have been with this approach. The aim was to collect some baseline data now that could be compared with further data collection later in the school year.

I'm incredibly proud to report that the data collected shows a strong understanding of the Learner Assets from our students. It shows our students have a good understanding of what is required to be a successful reader and they have a range of strategies to support themselves when reading.

The success of this data is multifaceted. It's with thanks to a focused improvement agenda, a dedication by our educators for this approach to teaching and learning, a critical review of the literature and research, and the support of our families to encourage this thinking and way of learning at home.

I have recently been invited to present our way of learning at the *University of Tasmania Cuthill Family Foundation Literacy Roundtables* event in Launceston later this year. This is further evidence and recognition of the innovative and important learning we are fostering here at our school to improve outcomes for our students. Well done, everyone. Ashley McPherson— Principal.

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