

Bruny Island District School



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

31 MAY 2023

CURRENT ATTENDANCE

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
100%	88%	80%	100%	60%	86%	76%	95%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
98%	85%	94%	96%	82%	97%	78%	86%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Public Holiday

Monday 12 June

BIDS Cross Country

Tuesday 13 June

b kinder day

Thursday 22 June

Symmons Plains Cross Country

Tuesday 27 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.

This newsletter will once again celebrate the learning and achievement of our students across recent weeks. I'm sure that as you turn the pages, you will feel a sense of pride for the rich and authentic opportunities our students' have been engaging with as part of their learning. I'd like to acknowledge the incredible team of educators that continue to plan and support our learners towards our vision; that every child is empowered to develop the skills and confidence to enrich their lives and the lives of others.

This will be my last school newsletter for this term as I begin long service leave on Tuesday 13 June, returning at the start of Term 3. The acting Principal during this time has not yet been appointed, but I will share this information with you as soon as we know. I am confident that the last month of this term will be full of rich and exciting learning opportunities that will continue to advance our students academically, socially and emotionally. I thank the team of educators, our staff and our P&F Committee who will continue to lead the teaching and learning programme and events in my absence.

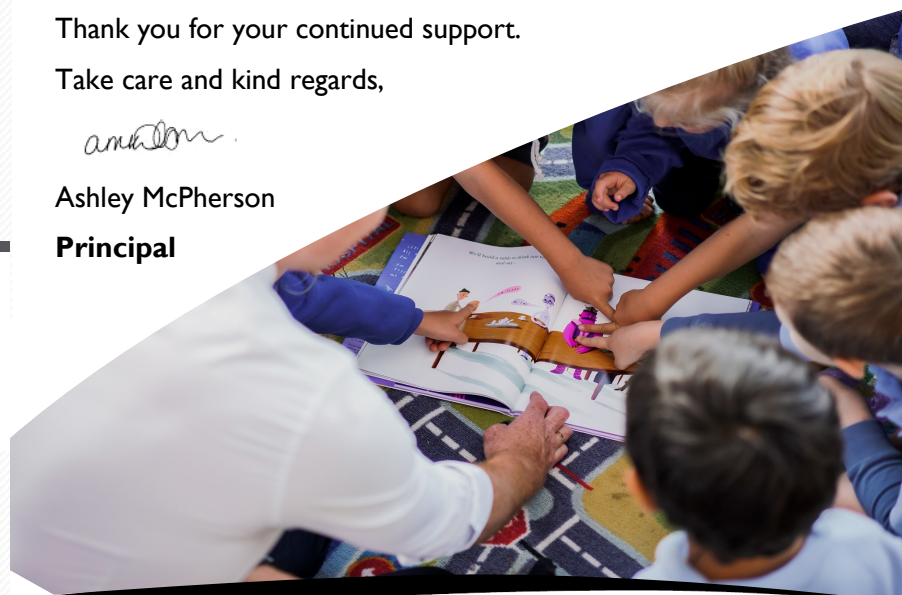
I look forward to seeing you all in Term 3 and hearing about the learning that has occurred in the remaining weeks of this term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson

Principal



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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023

27 MAY — 3 JUNE

BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS

NRW.RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU

#NRW2023



FIRST NATIONS LEARNING

At Bruny Island District School we are proud to support an educational focus on the history, culture and resilience of our First Nations people. We are privileged to be guided by our Aboriginal Education Worker, Hayley, and by the resources provided both by our Department for Education, Children and Young people, and those from our local community.

In recent weeks we have acknowledged and focused our attention on Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week and continued our inquiry learning which is focused on the 2023 NAIDOC Week theme—*For Our Elders*.

NATIONAL SORRY DAY



On Friday 26 May we acknowledged and paid respects to Sorry Day. We invited students to wear something purple and hosted a gathering at the flag pole 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.

We related this to our school motto of *We Care*. During our gathering I invited our school to consider our motto. *We Care* for each other. *We Care* for our environment. *We Care* for ourselves. *We Care* for those that have suffered mistreatment.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION DAY

This week we are acknowledging National Reconciliation Week and the theme of: **Be a Voice for Generations**. This theme invites us to learn about our shared history, culture, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

In the lead up to this week, our students have been learning as researchers and thinkers, but this week they were sharing as contributors at our Reconciliation Day Assembly. Our students considered what the theme means for us and shared their learning about racism and reconciliation.

The word *reconciliation* means to apologise without reservation. To really mean what you say and 'the restoration of friendly relations'.





BRUNY KIDS GO RAZZAMATAZZ!

On Friday 19th May, five of our Kinder and Little Penguins families went to town for a special treat - the live theatre performance of 'Razzamatazz'.

We saw magic tricks, clowning, plate spinning, and lots of juggling. One of the jugglers, (or 'junglers' as one child called them), juggled suitcases with their feet! Another juggled swords while bouncing on a pogo stick! Can you believe it?!

It was a great day out and very enjoyable for the whole family. Some of the mums and dads laughed even more than their kids! What a treat.

This wonderful experience was made possible thanks to some very generous businesses who donated the tickets to raise money for the IDFA - Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia.

A big thank you on behalf of all the families who attended.



INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2023

Congratulations to our Year 4-5-6 class who represented our school at the recent *Interschool Cross Country* event at Huonville.

Majority of our students chose to run on the day and represented our school values of *Aspiration, Growth, Courage and Respect*. All students tried their best and the whole team encouraged and supported each other to do their personal best.

Although our participation at this event was focused on encouragement and supporting our team mates, we are still pleased to report the outstanding success of many of our students.

Within their race, the following students placed:

- 1st: Ella B
- 3rd: Finlay
- 4th: Orson and Xavier
- 5th: Tanami, Evie and Adele
- 7th: John, Willa, Noah T and Noah Y
- 10th: India
- 14th: Beach
- 20th: James

Congratulations to all of our students for their effort and participation at the Interschool Cross Country.





PIRATE DAY 2023

Our school has once again raised important funds and awareness for Childhood Brain Cancer Research by recently hosting Pirate Day.

We would like to thank our families for supporting the students with both an outfit for Pirate Day and for providing your child with a donation towards The Kids' Cancer Project.



We would also like to thank Loren who volunteered her time to give our Prep– Year 3 students an underwater themed experience. The students thoroughly enjoyed this, thank you!





KITCHEN/ GARDEN LEARNING

Each week small groups of students are continuing to engage with our Kitchen/ Garden Learning programme.



Our menu this term consists of fresh garden pesto pizzas, fresh garden salads, and tasty bread rolls.

Each week when we prepare our meal, we invite different people from our school to join us to share the food together. Over the coming weeks, we will also be inviting members of the public to come in and join us for a very special lunch prepared by our students. We look forward to seeing who will join us next at the table.



With thanks to a generous donation from Kirsha Kaechele, we have started a project for our students to make a set of plates, serving bowls, dishes and vases that will be used each week at the serving of our cooked meal.



Guided by Nicole Adams, small groups of children will take turns each week this term to create something for the collection.

We would like to thank Nicole, Kirsha and the Ladies Who Jump local group for their ongoing and continued support of the our school. It is because of this collaboration that we are able to provide these rich learning experiences for our students.



KINDERGARTEN 2024 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten for 2024.

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To book a school tour with our Principal.

Department for Education, Children and Young People

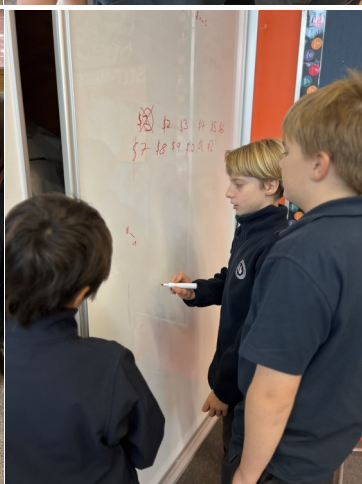
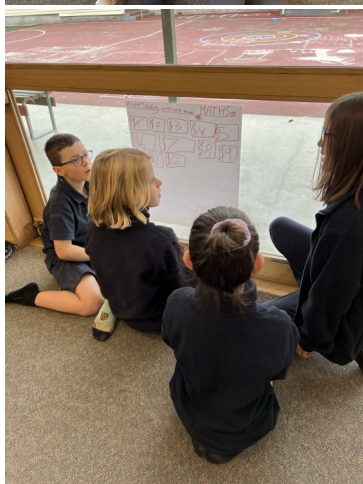
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PROBLEM SOLVING

Our School Improvement Goal for Mathematics this year is: *As a thinker, researcher, communicator, collaborator, contributor, and self-manager, what do I need to do and think about when I'm problem-solving?*



Inspired by the text: *Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics*, our Year 4-5-6 class engaged with a problem solving task this week which required them to work together as collaborators and thinkers whilst recording their thinking on various vertical surfaces.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR READERS



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Right across Australia, children and families were listening to the same story at the same time.

The Speedy Sloth is a fantastic book full of rhythm and rhymes and a story with a great ending. At the end of today's reading we stood up and acted out some of the parts of the story.

Have you read *The Speedy Sloth*?



CONGRATULATIONS

Each week during our Values assembly we acknowledge and celebrate students that have demonstrated our school values. A *Certificate of Merit* is given to students at our school from any of our staff members.

Congratulations to our students!



THE INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS





**Friday
23rd
June**



**School
Disco**

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Over The Top

4:30-7pm

BIDS multipurpose room
Dinner provided, please bring
something sweet to share

REMINDER: AFTER HOURS SUPERVISION

We welcome students and families to use our school grounds both before and after school times, as well as during the weekend and across the school holiday break.

We believe that this is a valued and important part of our community and we welcome children and families using our site.

We do ask that if your child will be at school before 8:30am that you contact the office and discuss this with us at least one day prior to ensure we have appropriate supervision.

We also ask that families are onsite and actively supervising their children after school times.

If you are running late for the end of day pick-up, please contact us and we will do our best to support you.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

MID-YEAR REPORTS

A reminder to families that mid-year reports will be distributed later this term.

The report will show your child's learning achievement on a 9-point visual scale for students in Years 1 to 6 (and for Prep students at the end of the year).

The 9-point scale shows where your child's learning achievement is against the expected standard for their year level.

There will be no teacher comments in the report.

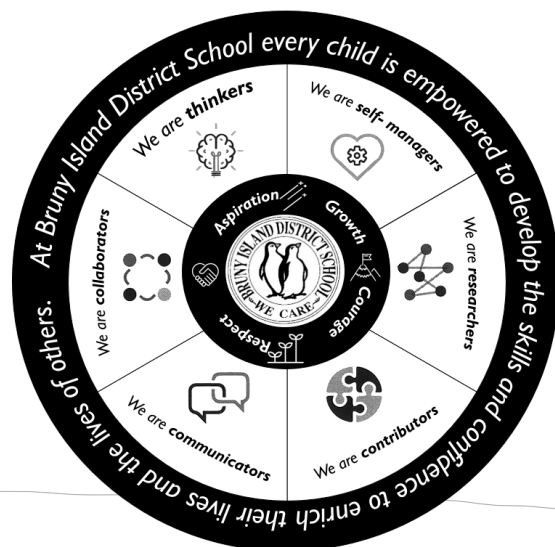
This term parent/teacher conversations will be offered in Week 10 and 11. These are a great opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing with their learning. We will provide more information and a booking system for the parent/ teacher conversations in the coming weeks.

For more information about reports:

[School Reports FAQs](#)

[Understanding the 9-point scale](#)

Visit the Department's website at: [Reporting - The Department for Education, Children and Young People Tasmania \(decyp.tas.gov.au\)](#)



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Nature Holiday Program

July Winter Holidays

Running for three days! July 11th, 12th, 13th
More dates on demand.

For children aged 5 to 11. We provide:

- Whittling
- Nature Explorations
- Tree climbing
- Mud & water play
- Bush Craft
- Using real tools
- Story time
- Cubby building
- Fire by friction
- Hot Chocolate

When: *July 11, 12, 13 | 9am to 3pm Daily | Drop Off
Where: The Lea Scout Camp, between Hobart and Kingston
Ratios: Max. 1 educator to 15 children (often smaller)
Cost: \$110 inc. gst (discount available for siblings and 3 bookings on any days.)



Bookings essential: www.naturebeinit.com/booking

Who are we?

Nature. Be in it. is hosted by Kara Spence who is a senior Teacher, Forest School Level 3 Guide, Nature and Forest Therapy Guide former Park Ranger. She has over 30 years experience working with children and communities to bring learning alive through unique outdoor sensory experiences. She employs experienced staff from education and outdoor backgrounds who provide a safe and respectful child-led program.



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