

Bruny Island District School



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



14 JUNE 2023

CURRENT ATTENDANCE THIS TERM



UPCOMING EVENTS

b kinder day

Thursday 22 June

Symons 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.

I am very excited to be taking on the role of Acting Principal at beautiful Bruny Island District School for the rest of this term. Over the last few days, I have felt very welcomed by staff, students and families and have been impressed with the beautiful learning environments as well as the learning happening in classrooms. Bruny feels like a great place to work and learn! I would like to thank Ashley for trusting me with the leadership of Bruny whilst he is enjoying his well deserved leave.

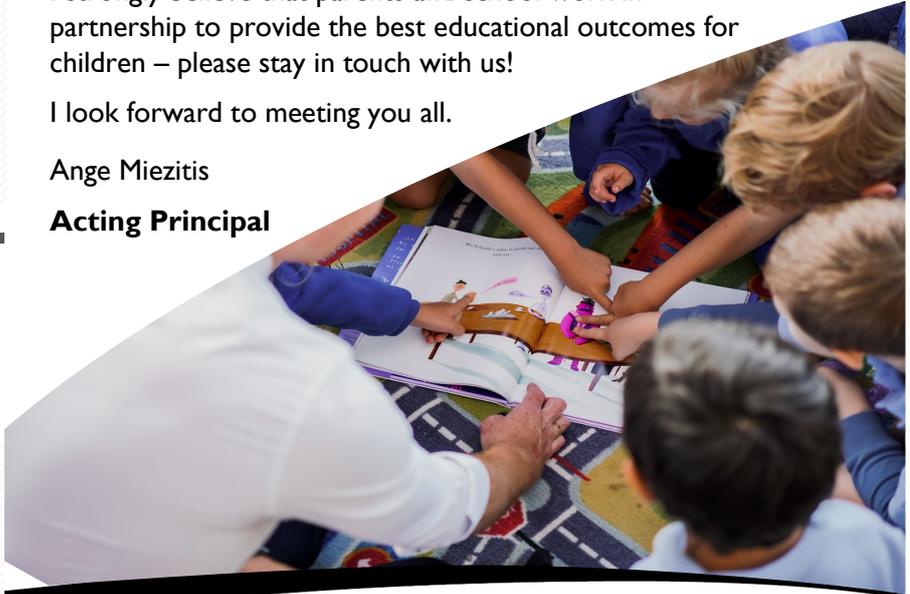
I am sure some of you are wondering who I am and what my background is. I have taught at Gladstone Primary, Levendale Primary and Lauderdale Primary, mainly in the early years. I was Principal at Moonah for 9 years and implemented the first Stephanie Alexander kitchen garden in the state and then co-founded 24 Carrot Gardens with MONA (I am passionate about all things food!!) I have been Principal at Brighton for 5 years. My most recent role has been as Acting Principal at Howrah Primary School. I have also had two other roles within the department over my career – Assessment Support Leader and School Improvement Leader.

I strongly believe that parents and school work in partnership to provide the best educational outcomes for children – please stay in touch with us!

I look forward to meeting you all.

Ange Mieзитis

Acting Principal



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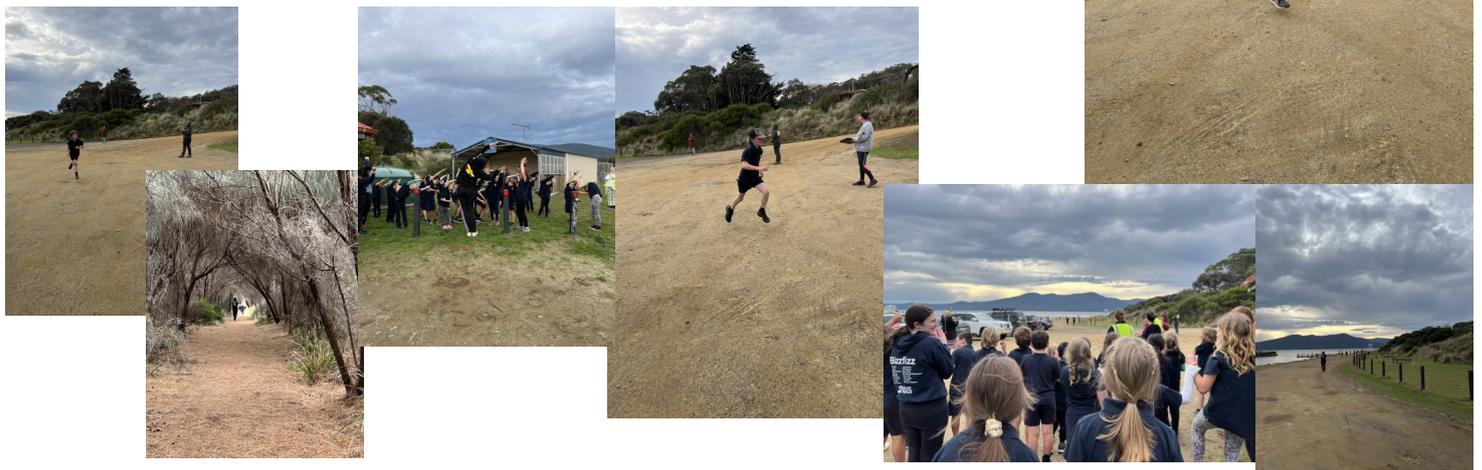
Cross Country

On Tuesday 13th June we were blessed with sunshine and still weather for our School Cross Country. What a beautiful track for our students to run and walk! A huge thank you to Claire for organising the Cross Country and to all of our enthusiastic parent helpers. We couldn't do it without you!

The K-2 class had first turn of running and walking and it was wonderful to observe their enthusiasm and the way they cheered each other on with big smiles.



In the afternoon the 1/2/3 and 4/5/6 classes had their turn to enjoy the run/walk along the track. The senior students were very impressive with their finish times and it was great to once again have so many supportive and helpful family members to share the experience. The day was a huge success with students enjoying their run/walk and the kind, supportive culture clearly evident!





FRIENDS OF ADVENTURE BAY (FAB)

Recently we received a generous donation from the Friends of Adventure Bay (FAB) committee to purchase equipment or to fund a special environmental focused project.

Anne has spent several weeks talking to our staff about the best way to utilise this donation and researched many various options to find the best possible prices and the best quality items available.

I'm pleased to share with you that with this donation we have been able to purchase new gardening equipment, new environmental books and two new microscope sets to enrich our teaching and learning program.

We would like to thank FAB for their generous donation.



Department for Education, Children and Young People

About Us Children, Youth and Families Learning Support Students Learning Wellbeing

Welcome to your child's Tasmanian education

Information for Families.

Together, we can improve the learning and wellbeing outcomes of our children.

NEW ONLINE INFORMATION HUB FOR FAMILIES

Some exciting news!

The Department for Education, Children and Young People has recently launched a new online information hub for families with school-aged children in Tasmania. Our new website has information to help you navigate your child's education, from birth all the way up to 18 years of age.

Visit our new webpage at [Welcome to your child's Tasmanian education - The Department for Education, Children and Young People Tasmania \(decyp.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/information-for-families-and-students) (<https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/information-for-families-and-students>)

Some of the things you'll find include:

- tips on how to support your child's learning at home
- information to help you keep your child safe and well
- a guide to explore courses for the career they want
- school holiday and term dates

Friday 23rd June



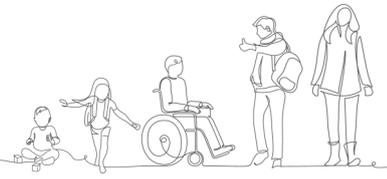
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Over The Top 4:30-7pm

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





BRUNY ISLAND EXCURSION REPORT - 1/2/3 CLASS

The 1/2/3 class were exceptional on the excursion which toured Bruny Island to view areas of historical significance.. They showed the community our school values and used their inquiry minds to participate and communicate as researchers and collaborators. A special thankyou to Hayley who joined our class for the day to share her knowledge around First Nations history.



Class Report:

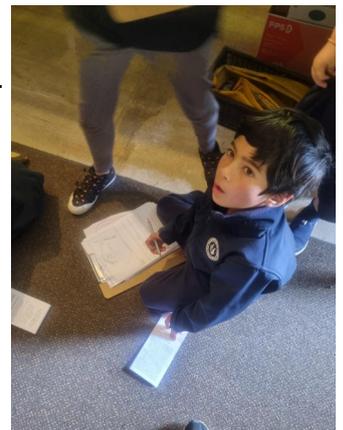
On Monday the 5th of June Bruny Island District School 1/2/3 class went on an excursion. First we went to the Quarantine Station. The Quarantine Station is a place where people would get quarantined after war. They had to stay here for a week. There are buildings, one is a mortuary, one is a plant room, and one is a cleansing room. The class went in five at a time to the mortuary, in there was a table, a cupboard, a cabinet with tools they used to examine people after they died, and a bath for cleaning them, The cleansing room had a small bag that you put your clothes in and they would put the bag in a tub for an hour. Then next room had a display of what the doctors wore.



Next the class went to The Neck. The Neck has a monument for Truganini and looks out over the place where her ashes were spread between Bruny Island and the rest of Tasmania. Hayley talked about how Truganini was buried in the female factory and was found there one hundred and fifty years later, and then moved to the museum for another one hundred years! The government then decided to spread her ashes along the channel, we got back on the bus and took off for Coal Point.

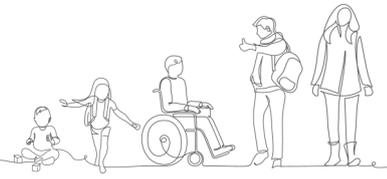
Coal Point is a place to gather items such as abalone shells, crayfish and bull kelp that's washed onto the rocks, it is also a good spot for fishing and diving. Hayley spoke about how the First Nations people created water carriers from the bull kelp and that this was a living site (A place First Nations People would often cook and be together). We spoke about the perspective from the First Nations People watching the boats arrive in Adventure Bay from this spot and reflected on how they would have felt during this time. I bet they were very scared.

Finally, we went to Bligh's Museum. Barry, the museum keeper, told us some very interesting facts! We learnt that Captain Cooks wife was named Elizabeth Cook. In the museum I saw the tree that Captain Cook tied to when he first arrived. I thought pf lots of great questions. The items in the museum are very old, older than my mum and dad! They are also very precious. The 1/2/3 class had lots of fun.



Silas, Tilly, Zoe, Laney.





reading as a **thinker**



reading as a **collaborator**



reading as a **self-manager**



reading as a **researcher**



reading as a **contributor**



reading as a **communicator**

We value reading at Bruny!

Reading every day is such a crucial part of learning. As a department and as a school we know that reading is the foundational skill that helps with all other areas of learning.



One of our key messages for our parents and carers is the value and importance of children reading at home every single day. This is the most important thing that parents can do to help their children succeed at school. Reading familiar books is a crucial step in learning to read so don't be alarmed if your child wants to read the same book over and over. Even independent readers need the opportunity to read aloud to check on their fluency, pronunciation and expression.

- Enjoy books together, discussing the story and illustrations
- Talk about the book – what do you like, dislike
- Discuss new vocabulary – were there words your child didn't know the meaning of? Talk about what they mean.
- Take turns at reading, especially if your child is reading a more challenging book
- Make sure you read a mixture of fiction and non-fiction books

Have fun reading together!

Reading is a fantastic bedtime activity! If you would like more information about reading, please see your child's teacher.





CUBBY HOUSE



Our Year 4-5-6 students have really enjoyed their new Cubby House space that was designed in consultation with our SRC.

To ensure everyone felt safe and to have a quiet corner to read, draw and talk to friends, it was important to our SRC that we kept the cubby house, but made

some changes to make it more inviting.

We decided to remove the front wall, to paint the cubby house, to include a blackboard and some new outdoor furniture.

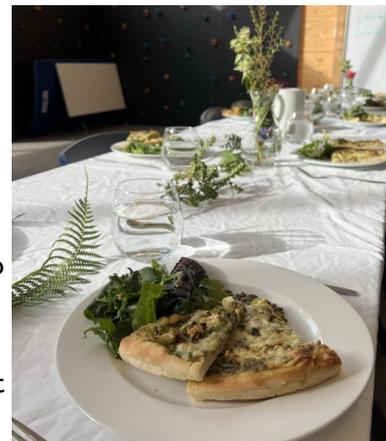
The result? A beautiful new space that we love!



KITCHEN-GARDEN LEARNING

We love the learning that is occurring with our Kitchen-Garden Learning program.

Our students are coming into the kitchen to talk about the menu, discuss the ingredients, harvest produce from our garden and then work together to create a beautiful meal which is shared by everyone in the group that helped to make it.





BARK HUT BUILD



Recently we collaborated with SETAC (South Eastern Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation), to work with families and Hayley to create this beautiful bark hut.

The bark hut has been made as a permanent structure within the school grounds as a way to remind us of the importance of community, working together and valuing First Nations culture and history.

We thank Hayley, SETAC and our children and families for working together on this project.

The bark hut has now been within our playground for a almost a week and it has become a very popular play space for children. We are excited to hear our First Nations students talk to their peers about the process they went through to make the structure and how proud they are of the finished build.

We will continue to host events such as this in the coming months and we look forward to further collaborating with SETAC in the future.



**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.





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 \(decyp.tas.gov.au\)](#)

ROB V—BACK AGAIN TO BIDS

We welcomed back educational consultant Rob Vingerhoets to Bruny Island District School last week and enjoyed a full day of Mathematics across our school.

Our educators spent the day with Rob participating in professional learning and watching Rob as he taught a maths block in each classroom. This rich professional learning opportunity has helped us to consider how we address our School Improvement Goal: As a thinker, researcher, communicator, collaborator, contributor, and self-manager, what do I need to do and think about when I'm problem-solving?

Thank you Rob! A great day of learning for everyone.



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