

Bruny Island District School



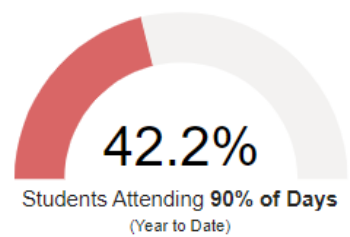
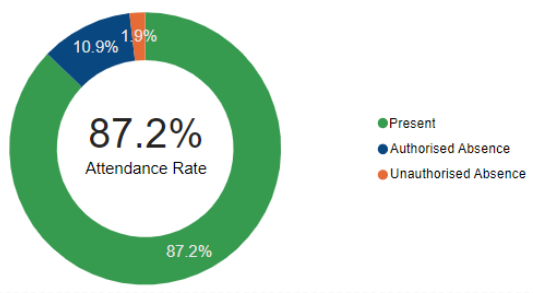
Where every child is empowered to develop the skills and confidence to enrich their lives and the lives of others.



6 SEPTEMBER 2023

CURRENT ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

Year to Date Attendance



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4th: School Fair

TERM DATES

Term 3

25 July 2023— 29 September 2023

REMINDER

School finishes at 2:30 each Friday

Dear Families

It has been three weeks since I joined the Bruny Island School community. I have been overwhelmed by the welcome and support I have received from staff, students and parents alike. The last three weeks have also been incredibly busy with a range of school performances, events and excursions. In the last three weeks we have enjoyed science week, book week, a Terrapin puppet performance, 1-2-3 Swimming, tree planting, a marine discoveries centre excursion as well as our regular hot lunches and kitchen garden program.

We have also experienced some success in recent competitions and events. India Smith represented the Huon Hawks at a recent netball carnival. In the Arts field we have had Julian Briceno and Shay Tkacal receiving highly commended awards for their Young Archies entries, and Beach Thornton was the winner of the year 5-6 category. I would like to congratulate India, Julian, Shay and Beach on their achievements.

On Thursday, our year 6 students will be participating in their first visit to Woodbridge District High as they begin to transition to high school. This will be the first of a number of visits in preparation for their year 7 school year in 2024.

As we experience the change in seasons, it is a reminder that students will need to be wearing a hat on days where the UV rating is 3 or above. This will occur more frequently as we approach the term 3 holidays. I would ask that parents ensure that their child has a hat that can be worn at school.

I am excited about the work that our Parents and Friends association is doing in preparation for the school fair on the 4th of November. This is shaping up to be a fantastic school event. I would like to acknowledge the work that Steph Harrison leading in this space.

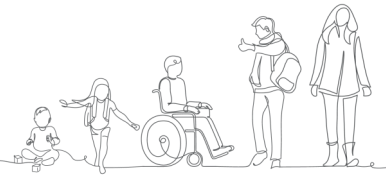
I would also like to thank Sonja Daly, who has been replacing Karen as School Business manager over the majority of term 3. Sonja has been extremely helpful in welcoming me into the school and answering all of my questions in such a professional manner. Sonja will be enjoying a period of leave and travel prior to re-joining us in November. We welcome back Karen to the SBM role next week.

Kye Vincent
Acting Principal

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Marine Discoveries Centre Report

On Monday the 4th of September the Grade 1/2/3 class went to the Marine Discovery Centre in Woodbridge. We took the bus with Tameka there (the ferry ride was really rough and we did a lot of swaying!). Once Tameka dropped us off, we met Andrew who was our teacher for the day!

Firstly, we identified animals in the tanks, there was a skate, a draughtboard shark, fish, seahorses, and shark eggs to look at! We could put our hands into the tank and pat the animals, they felt slimy.

Next, we moved into the touch tank room. Here we picked up hermit crabs, looked at starfish and slugs! It was interesting to see the different types of sea creatures that we could see near the shoreline.

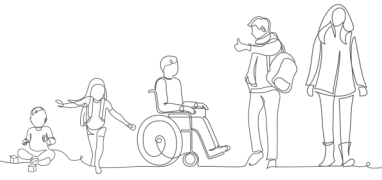
We ate recess in the lab (it was super windy!). We worked on a few different activities after this, we made dioramas of an ocean area you might find in Tasmania, a life cycle of a moon jellyfish, identified living and non-living animals/objects, and glow in the dark pictures and badges! We got to take our pictures into the dark room and turn off all the lights, watching them glow with the UV touch, we then used the torch to look into the tank too, where some of the green seaweed had turned red!

We ate lunch in the lab again, before watching the video footage that from the camera that Andrew had dropped in at the beginning of the day. We saw a huge draughtboard shark! It was cool! He showed us some videos of other sea creatures that he had gotten footage of too including an octopus!

Our last activity was the best! We got to use some bait to feed the animals in the tank!

We then took the bus back home, it was a big day but really exciting!





Book Week Parade

On Tuesday the 22nd of August, we held our annual book week parade. It was a spectacular celebration of reading and children's literature. The creativity and innovation of the BIDS community was on display through the elaborate and imaginative costumes representing a diverse range of characters.



Young Tassie Scientists Visit

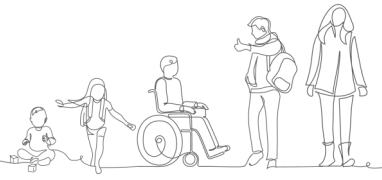
We were visited by three young tassie scientists from the University of Tasmania. We heard about the interesting careers and lives our scientists live in a range of fields including neuroscience, microbiology and space engineering. Students asked some excellent questions about all aspects of the science field.



Terrapin Puppet Performance

On Monday the 28th of August, we were treated to a performance from the Terrapin Puppet Company in our multipurpose room. The story was about the relationship between a boy and his mother and touched on themes of belonging, loneliness and connection to place. The performance appealed to a wide range of ages and students were intrigued by the unique puppet that represented an imaginary creature had features of a kangaroo, eagle and wolf.





Attention: Parents and Carers of students in [Year 4-6]
Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey

The wellbeing of our students is important to us - we want to hear how students feel, and think, about different things going on in their lives.

Those in Year/s 4-6 at Bruny Island District School will be taking part in the *Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey*. The results from this survey will help us get a picture of the current wellbeing of our students, and what we can do to improve future wellbeing for learning. The more students who take part, the clearer our picture will be.

The Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey is part of the [Department's Child and Student Wellbeing Strategy](#) .

The details for the survey are:

- When:** Week 8, 12th September
- Who:** Grades 4-6 students
- What do I need to do:** You and your child don't need to do anything. The survey will be done in class time and will not require your child to prepare in any way.

A letter with more information has been sent home with all Year 4-6 students, including Frequently Asked Questions and a form to sign and return to the school if you do not want your child to participate in the survey.



REMINDER: ALLERGIES

We have a number of students who have allergies to nuts and kiwi fruit. We kindly ask that these foods do not make it into student lunchboxes.

END OF DAY BUS LINES

We have been experiencing large numbers of changes to bus arrangements for students at the end of the day. In order for us to be able to have a clear process for informing students of changes to going home arrangements, it would be appreciated that any changes be communicated to the school office prior to 1:00pm. We recognise that there will always be circumstances where last minute changes will happen from time to time.

BRUNY ULTRA MARATHON

Expressions of interest are sought for children and adults who might like to make up a Bruny school team for the Bruny Ultra Marathon in early December. If there is sufficient interest we will aim to borrow the Bowls Club Bus again and make a great day of running the length of Bruny in relay. Please email or text myself if you or your child are interested in being part of a team.

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EARLY LEARNING FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS WORKSHOP

The Department for Education, Children and Young People

INVITES

PARENTS/CARERS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND SERVICES

To a **Community Workshop** to hear more about and be part of the design of quality early learning for three year olds in your community.

This workshop will involve recapping what we know about opportunities and challenges in your community and starting to plan a **Trial Site** to provide greater access to early learning for three year olds.

Tuesday 12 September 2023 @ 10.45 - 12:30pm
Bruny Island District School | 15 School Rd, Alannah 7150

RSVP: Contact the school office on 03 6293 1147
or Email: e13@decyp.tas.gov.au and add the words 'Bruny Island Workshop'

Please note this will be face to face workshop only.

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