



Bothwell District School Newsletter

DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
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27TH FEB 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON, 2ND MAR
ASSEMBLY AT 2.00 P.M.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MON, 9TH MAR.

TUES, 10TH MAR
SPSSA ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL
GRADES 3-6.

Student Free Day
Thur. 9th April
2020.

School Holidays

Good Friday,
10th April, 2020—
24th April, 2020.

Term Two begins
Mon. 27th April,
2020.

Thank you.

In the staff days before students returned to school, all Bothwell District High School staff complete work focussed on supporting students to be the best they can be. One of the strategies identified was to celebrate the achievements of past and present Bothwell students and staff in this way our students can be proud of their school. It seems quite appropriate that we start with one of our newest staff members. The following, written by Mr O'Toole is an account of how, as a former student of the school, he returns to Bothwell this year with responsibility for the engagement and retention of students supporting the provision of 11-12 at our school.

Hello. I've been asked to introduce myself, or rather re-introduce myself to the Bothwell District School community. My name is Bruce O'Toole and I grew up in Bothwell, living on my grandparent's property known as Hunterston where my Dad and Mum (nee Allison) worked while raising us seven kids. I am married to Lisa who is wonderful (she may read this) and very supportive, 3 perfect sons (panel beater/spray painter, builder and Uni student (another teacher on the way)), two gorgeous dogs, a horse, a small farming enterprise, and a bleed'n big mortgage. I attended Bothwell District School and have plenty of fond (vague) memories, mainly of Mr Husband, the weekly walk to the library, the woodwork workshop, the edge of the building where I cut my head open, the bus trip, the nice people, and the footy ground. I left Bothwell in 1977 (struth!), worked in Hobart for a year or two and joined the Royal Australian Air Force as a Police Dog Security Officer (Doggie). After nine years of service with the RAAF I became the senior ranger for Mt Annan, near Campbelltown, NSW. In the early nineties I returned home to Tassie and worked for the Department of Primary Industries and purchased a small farm in the north of the state. Interest rates were 17%, overdraft 21%, canning peas at 28 cents a kilo, I got top price for a small pen of fat lambs at \$31 a head. That experience didn't end well however it made me more resilient and I decided to follow the dream I'd had from high school, but had always believed it was out of my reach.

In 1996 I enrolled in the University of Tasmania and graduated with a Bachelor of Education in 2000. For the last 18 years I have worked at the one location, playing mentor and educator at a rather unique Tasmanian public school. What wonderful and challenging experiences, from a wee little lad from Bothwell, Tasmania.

When I was growing up, Bothwell was a remote location. A gorgeous place with the wealth of farming and all the wonderful characters that worked on the farms and in the local industries, but as the world gets 'smaller', so too does Bothwell become much less remote. Vehicles are safer and quicker, internet connections are bringing people closer and giving us access to so many services, and schools are more accountable and resourced to ensure equity for all Tasmanian students whilst aiming for the best possible outcomes. That is where my role comes in to play. My position title is Retention and Engagement. I hope that with my skills, genuine desire to see kids reach their potential, and the belief that an inquiry based approach to learning that is underpinned by meaningful projects that connect with our students and their community should help them grow academically whilst applying knowledge in a real world context.

Late last year I approached Ms Davey to see if there was any chance of me returning to Bothwell as one of her teachers. WHY? Well, I believe I was overdue for a move, I am very passionate about helping kids realise their potential and self-worth, I remember school was like wallpaper, and some people thought our hand had been dealt and the remoteness would determine our futures. My first paragraph proves that wrong and I am hoping that with the support of the wonderful teachers and support staff at BDS, I will help instil within our students the belief that their efforts will result in them growing whilst meeting their future needs.

Some of the ways I hope to do the above is through the experiences the BDS farm offers. I want our students to value the significant contribution farming makes to the Australian economy and that farming is extremely diverse, including tractors, broad acre cropping, livestock and intensive horticulture. I want our students to understand that farming is a science that requires innovative thinking, is sustainable and ethical and the industry offers an extensive array of employment opportunities from working on the farm, research and development, education, marketing, transport and self-driven agriculture enterprises. I want to work with industry leaders, utilising their expertise and make connections between the school and the local community. Coincidentally, our first long term monoculture crop has incredibly close connections with Scotland.

I look forward to meeting and catching up with you all.

Mr B O'Toole.

Horticulture Program.

For our horticulture program we are in need of some 2nd hand plastic pots that are no longer needed. Around 100 will be more than enough. If you have and would like to donate to BDS it is appreciated.

Let Mr O'Toole or the office know what you have. Thank you.



Bothwell District School Association.

The School Association held their Annual General Meeting on Monday 17th February, 2020.

All positions were open to be filled. Thank you to those who attended. We are pleased to announce all positions have now been filled.

Our members are as follows:-

Office Bearers:- Chairperson—Racheal Clark

Treasurer:- Katrina Brazendale

Secretary:- Annie Ramsay

Parent Representatives:- Mikaela Wilton

Natasha Lewis

Kristy Mayne

Community Representatives:- Betty Branch

Ros Hunt

EASTER RAFFLE



The School Association are selling raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle.

Raffle will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade. We would be very grateful for any donations of Easter eggs, chocolates for the Easter hamper.

Donations can be left at the school office or contact Rachael Clark on 0408 618 526.

Thank you for your support.

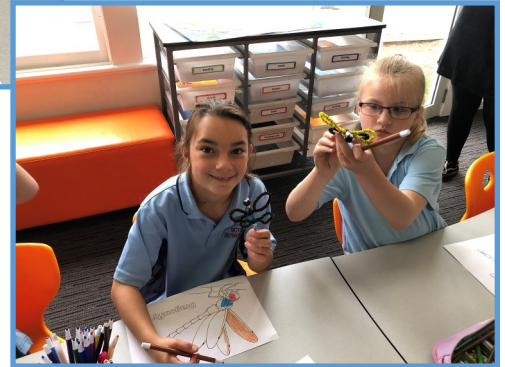


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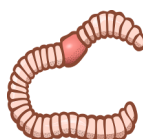
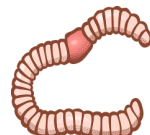
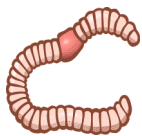


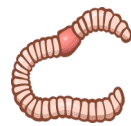
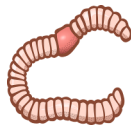
Class 2 had fun making beaded dragonflies with Mrs Wise during a recent craft lesson. They made some very bright and colourful designs.





Class One have been exploring living things this term in Science.
Last Thursday we made observations on earth worms then recorded our
observations through discussions and drawings.



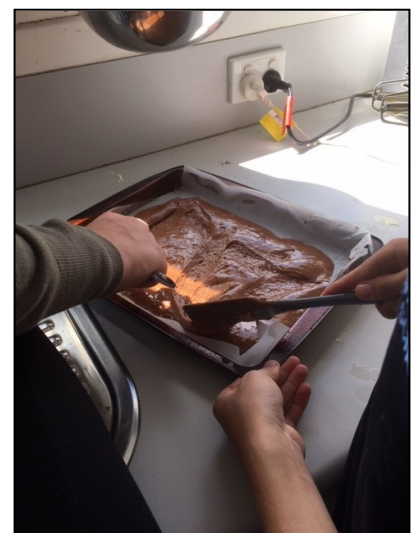




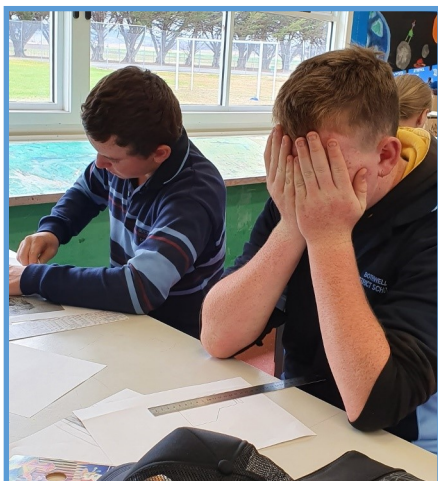
Cooking with Brigitte.

Students cooking their
Chocolate creamed rolls
And scones.





The Grade 8/9/10's in their art/design/technology class were working hard on completing grid drawings. Students were split into groups of four, each student had a section of a drawing to complete. Those sections were then joined together to make a complete image.



Happy World Hearing Day!



World Hearing Day is held on 3 March each year to raise awareness of how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world.

Children with hearing problems often fail to progress well in school. If any parent/ carer has any concerns that their child may have a hearing problem, you can refer your child for a hearing assessment at school. Contact the office to speak to the School Health Nurse for more information.

Some things to look for in your child if you think they may have poor hearing or a problem include:

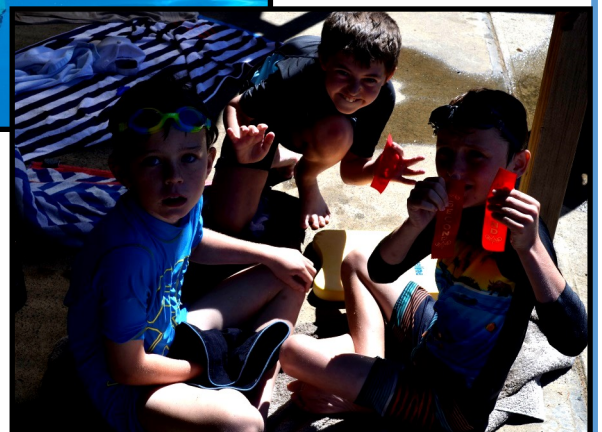
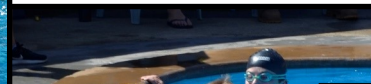
- Has difficulty understanding what people are saying.
- Has speech or language delays or problems articulating things.
- Complains of ear pain, earaches or noises.
- Experience discomfort, fatigue and a short attention span.
- Moves one ear forward when listening or says they can only hear out of their good ear.

www.who.int/world-hearing-day

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES 
Better health for better learning

Splish - Splash!

Photo's of students
At our School Swimming Carnival.
Everyone had a fun
day.





Thanks to our
wonderful
student
photographers.





**Class one
students enjoying their
music lesson
with Mr Hicks.
Song was “Scotland’s Burning”.**



**So nice to see happy faces
and lots of
participation.**



BOTHWELL SWIMMING POOL

SEASON CLOSURE

**THE BOTHWELL POOL SEASON WILL CLOSE ON
MONDAY 09th MARCH 2020.**

**COUNCIL AND GEORGIA WOULD LIKE TO THANK
YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDENCE THROUGHOUT THE
SEASON AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
BACK NEXT SEASON.**

Thank You

Christine Turner and her helpers would like to thank everyone who donated goods for the Wedding catering. It all went off well and the meal was enjoyed by everyone.

Chris would like to thank Pam Jones and Cathy Jones for all their help on the night.

We will let you know how much money was raised to go to Susie's memorial

as

soon as possible.



SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2020



GATES OPEN 8AM - 4PM

@ HAMILTON RECREATION GROUNDS

5595 LYELL HIGHWAY, HAMILTON, TAS, 7140.

TICKETS: FAMILY \$17 - ADULT \$8 - CHILD \$2

CASH SALES AT THE GATE

Website: <https://hamiltonshowtasmania.com>

Email: hamiltonagshow@hotmail.com

A great day out for everyone!



Bothwell Library

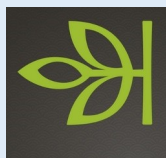
Opening Hours

Tuesday 3.30 p.m.—6.00 p.m.

Wednesday 10.00a.m.—3.00 p.m.

Wi Fi access 8.45 a.m. till 7.15p.m

You can book a session
at the
Bothwell Library,
to enjoy
the experience
Using the Virtual Reality.



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www.libraries.tas.gov.au



CAR BOOT SALES



Saturday 21st March 2020

9.30 am – 2.30 pm

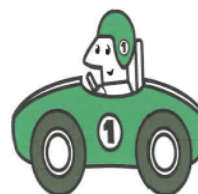
Cnr Patrick Street and Market Place Bothwell

Sites \$5.00

To book a site or for information

Contact Julie on 0417168339 or Leanne at Bothwell

Super Store on 62595508



Sausage sizzle

Cakes, bric a brac, collectables

Don't forget to bring your hats
to
school
as we still get very hot and
sunny days.

U.V levels are still very high.



School Banking newsletter.

Term 1 update.

CommBank Bushfire Support

In light of the recent devastating bushfires, we want to share how we can help. Applications are now open for Bushfire Recovery Grants to help rebuild community facilities, schools, fire brigades and replace lost or damaged equipment. Please encourage your local community groups to apply by 31 March 2020, for grants of up to \$50,000. If you're a CommBank customer and you've been affected, we can also give you a hand with your finances. commbank.com.au/bushfirerecovery



2020 Treetop Savers Adventure.

This year, the Dollamites (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are ready to take children on a Treetop Savers adventure to the enchanted Treehouse of Savings. Here they'll discover lots of fun financial activities and rewards for saving.

Many surveyed parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour*. And this year, we're changing our School Banking rewards for the better. We're introducing new eco-friendly and reusable rewards, alongside other rewards that encourage creativity, as well as indoor and outdoor play.

Activity 1: Add up Addy's pocket money

Addy gets \$2 pocket money every time she does a job in the Treehouse of Savings. If she does 9 jobs, how much will she have earned?

A: \$_____.

Activity 2: Find and count how many frogs and butterflies you can see

A: _____ Frogs and _____ Butterflies.



Term 1 Treetop Savers rewards

When your child makes 10 deposits with School Banking, they can redeem one of our Treetop Savers rewards. Term 1 rewards are available now, while stocks last.



Terry Denton's
Activity Book



Mini
Soccer Ball

Any questions about the School Banking program? Ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a parent's pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

*Parents of Australian primary school children, School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124

Answers: Activity 1: \$18. Activity 2: 10 Frogs and 11 Butterflies



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Launching into Learning

Thursday's are our fun days
at LiL
We will be excited to see you there.



School Office Opening Times 2019

8.00 am—4.00 p.m.
**Keep an eye on Facebook as any
changes to the above will be
posted on there.**

Chris & Tanya

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ARE YOU SHOWING RESPECT?

R	Responsibility
E	Engaged
S	Safe
P	Positive
E	Effort
C	Community
T	Teamwork

Bothwell District High Values

Our students are working hard on the schools values in class, if they have done well they are given raffle tickets.

The raffle is drawn at an assembly.
Two students names are drawn and they receive a prize as their reward.

School's
Mobile.

No is
0474 533 146

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