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BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

IS A BARR SCHOOL. (BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER)

This means our school will be closed and unstaffed on Code Red Days as well as other days deemed

unsafe. Families will be given as much warning as possible. Safety is our first priority.

Week 6 Term 4

Thursday 10th November 2022

Edition 17

We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work, learn and play. We pay our respect to Gunai Kurnai elders past, present and emerging and extend our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and families of Buchan Primary School.

Wuman Njinde Parents, Students and the School Community,

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter where we share our school's journey and achievements.

It was wonderful to see the township of Buchan thriving over the Melbourne Cup week with a lot of locals, visitors and tourists enjoying the spring weather and participating and or watching an array of activities which included the magnificent Buchan Flower and Art Show, camping and visiting the Buchan Caves Reserve and attending the Wulgulmerang Penning weekend.

This community gathering continued last weekend when the Buchan Bush Nursing Centre hosted a cinema night from funds from the Black Dog Institute. Thank you to the staff at the Bush Nurse Centre for organising this fundraiser.

Today we completed our compulsory Emergency Management Drill and all students were involved in a scenario that focused on a snake sighting in the yard and what they should do if a staff, student or visitor was bitten by a snake.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to attend our Curriculum Day at Churchill Primary School last week. The professional learning that occurred on the day was extremely informative and worthwhile and will guide our learning in 2023.

I will be organising some before school bike rides starting at 8.20am. All students participating in this activity will need to return a signed permission notice. This event will proceed, regardless of the weather.

I was very proud of our school's efforts on Tuesday when we spent an hour and a half gardening at the Avenue of Honour in readiness for Remembrance Day this Friday.

Please remember that the School stream app is our preferred method of communication.

Yarrabee,

Sarah

Principal

TERM 4 LUNCH ROSTER

Dim sims—Week 7 17th Nov.

Hot dogs—Week 8 24th Nov.

Roadhouse—Week 9 1st Dec. (Return lunch order on Wednesday).

Dim sims—Week 10 8th Dec.

Hot dogs—Week 11 15th Dec.

NOVEMBER DATES

EMP (emergency management plan) snake bite drill—Thursday 10th Nov.

Remembrance Day at The Avenue of Honour Buchan South— Friday 11th Nov.

Bike Education - RACV with Mrs Earles—Wednesday 16th Nov.

Friday Before School Bike Ride at the park / toilet blocks in main street —18th Nov at 8.20am.

School Council last meeting for the year—Monday 28th Nov at 5pm.

Friday Before School Bike Ride at the park / toilet blocks in main street —25th Nov at 8.20am.

Friday night junior school sleep over—Karoonda Park—25th Nov.

Nagle College Grade 6 Orientation Day—Tuesday 29th Nov.

DECEMBER DATES

Buchan CFA Fundraiser / Christmas / Stalls Evening to be confirmed —Friday 2nd Dec at 5pm to 7.30pm.

Friday Before School Bike Ride at the park / toilet blocks in main street —2nd Dec at 8.20am.

Friday Before School Bike Ride at the park / toilet blocks in main street —9th Dec at 8.20am.

All students transition to the next grade—Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th Dec.

Bairnsdale Secondary College Grade 6 Orientation Day—Tuesday 13th Dec.

Buchan Primary School End of Year Celebration / Grade 6 Graduation Evening — Wednesday 14th Dec at 6pm.

Secret Santa presents—Thursday 15th Dec.

Last day of school—Tuesday 20th Dec at 1pm.

WORKING BEE

Our final working bee for the year will be held on Sunday 27th November. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. It will be starting at 10am. We will be putting weed mats in the garden beds, weeding and many other jobs that need doing. Whilst we have a wheel barrow, it would be helpful if attendees bring one also.

ELECTION DAY FUNDRAISER

Once again, we will be holding a cake, jams etc fundraiser on election day Saturday 26th November. Please bring any items to school on Friday afternoon or on the Saturday and place them on the table to sell.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN LEARNING - (Information including; parent participation and involvement / school and teacher communication.)

THE SCIENCE OF READING

Last week on our Curriculum Day, Aidan and I travelled to Churchill Primary School to observe their literacy program. This had been something that I had wanted to do since 2020, however due to the bushfires and then COVID-19, it had always been put on the back burner due to circumstances beyond our control. In 2023, we will be introducing the science of reading into our literacy. The science of reading is a vast, interdisciplinary body of *scientifically-based research* about reading and issues related to reading and writing.

This research has been conducted over the last five decades across the world, and it is derived from thousands of studies conducted in multiple languages. The science of reading has culminated in a preponderance of evidence to inform how proficient reading and writing develop; why some have difficulty; and how we can most effectively assess and teach and, therefore, improve student outcomes through prevention of and intervention for reading difficulties.

“If a child memorizes ten words, the child can read only ten words, but if a child learns the sounds of ten letters, the child will be able to read 350 three sound words, 4320 four sound words and 21,650 five sound words.” -Dr. Martin Kozloff

The science of reading is derived from researchers from multiple fields: cognitive psychology, communication sciences, developmental psychology, education, implementation science, linguistics, neuroscience and school psychology.

Scarborough's Reading Rope (2001) fine-tuned this model to specify aspects of each area of reading instruction and how they intersect. As a student's decoding skills become more automatic and they become more strategic in using their growing language comprehension skills, these skills intertwine. The result: students develop into skilled, fluent readers.



Figure 1.9 Reading Rope
(Scarborough, 2001)

REMEMBRANCE DAY CLEAN UP

On Tuesday we visited the Avenue of Honour at Buchan South and we spent 1.5 hours participating in a community service activity which involved raking up leaves, pulling up weeds and collecting sticks in readiness for the Remembrance Day ceremony this Friday 11th November. Whilst we were there, the Shire did some whipper snipping and mulching of the gardens. The students did a great job and were rewarded with an icypole on their return to school.



SUNSCREEN / SCHOOL HATS

We have school hats for sale for \$7.00 which can be purchased at the office and we will be transitioning to these hats in 2023 in lieu of the peak only hats to ensure we comply with SunSmart requirements. Furthermore, we have been encouraging students to apply sunscreen on the warmer days. This is available in every classroom.

HAYFEVER , ALLERGIES AND COLDS

Now that the warmer weather is upon us, we are noticing an increase in the number of insects and jumping jacks and the equivalent in the gardens. Please make sure that your child's medical details are up to date so we are prepared if your child unfortunately is bitten and has a reaction to the bite.

Furthermore, we are noticing a few students turning up to school with the sniffles and or a dry cough. For the majority of our children, this is hay fever related, however please do the right thing for your child and others and remember to keep your child at home if they are sick and it is not hay fever related.

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS COACHING

On Tuesday some of our students participated in the after school tennis coaching session at the Buchan Tennis Courts. Thankfully the predicted thunderstorms didn't happen and the children were able to enjoy a coaching session with Georgie.



EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING - (Information including; High expectations for success, student motivation and support, stimulating learning environment, effective teaching, student voice and agency, confidence and resilience.)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

It was fantastic to recognise the reading achievements for some of our students in the junior class.

Congratulations to Tom H and Will H for reaching the major milestone for 225 and 250 nights of reading.

Congratulations to Tom H, Will H and Noah B on completing the reading requirements for the Premiers Reading Challenge. They also received a special certificate recognising their efforts.

Congratulations to Michael S on achieving 50 nights reading.

Congratulations to Fletcher S on achieving 100 nights reading.

Congratulations to Jackson M on achieving 125 nights reading.

Congratulations to Emily M on achieving 175 nights reading.



POSITIVE CLIMATE FOR LEARNING - (Information including; Managing bullying, promoting positive behaviours, respect for diversity, school connectedness and positive transitions.)

CLIFTON CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT

On Wednesday, the whole school visited Clifton Creek Primary School. The aim of the day was for students to interact with others in a social setting with the emphasis on friendship, social skills and transition. The students were involved in 3 activities which included art, djembe drums and physical education. Thank you to Sue and her staff for organising a day of fun activities for both schools to participate in. On the day we sang 'We are one' by The Seekers in traditional Aboriginal language.



BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION

Last night, we hosted our information evening for our new families enrolling in our school in 2023.

I would like to welcome the following new enrolments to Buchan Primary School. They will be starting their schooling in the junior class in 2023.

- Auguste Koch Grade 1
- Sophie Dalley Prep
- Ruby Sowden Prep
- Alexandra (Lexi) Hill Prep
- Holly Rabbage Prep

Our transition program will commence on Tuesday 22nd November at 12.30 to 1.30 with a teddy bears picnic with the junior class. We look forward to welcoming our new students on the scheduled days.

BUCHAN EARLY YEARS LEARNING VISIT

Last Thursday Emily, Olivia and I walked down to the Buchan Kindergarten to say hello to Amanda and some of her attendees. They were engaged in a responsible pet ownership program when we arrived and we spent half an hour being a part of this activity. We had the opportunity to say hello to Sophie who will be in our prep class next year.

MARC VAN PHOTOS—STUDENTS WITH PROBOTS!

