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.



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Across the School

Over the past couple of weeks, students have been busy completing their unfinished artworks in preparation for the Annual Buchan Flower Show. They have demonstrated creativity, persistence and attention to detail, ensuring their pieces were ready for display.



Students completed a wonderful variety of creative artworks, including colourful paintings, detailed portraits, imaginative sculptures, decorated skateboards and intricate textile pieces. This impressive collection highlights the diverse range of artistic techniques, materials and creative approaches explored by students throughout the year. Please look at page 5 to see a collection of photos taken from the Buchan Flower show.

Senior Classroom

In Art, senior students have begun an exciting new project that will continue through to the end of Term 4. Students have been exploring colour, texture and dimension as they create their own 3D-inspired water artworks. Using a variety of painting techniques and materials, students are experimenting with layering, patterns and shapes to bring their creative designs to life.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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.

School Review

Next week, Buchan Primary School will participate in its School Review, an important process undertaken every four years by Victorian government schools. The review provides a valuable opportunity to celebrate our achievements, reflect on our progress and identify key priorities for continued growth and improvement. The findings will help guide the development of our next four-year School Strategic Plan (SSP), ensuring our future direction remains focused on strengthening teaching, learning and wellbeing.

Throughout the review, the panel will observe classroom practice and engage in discussions with students, staff and parents to gain a deeper understanding of our school's strengths and opportunities for further development.

We look forward to showcasing the positive work taking place across our school, recognising the dedication of our staff, parents and students.

Foundation Transition

Our first Foundation Transition session for our 2027 Foundation students will take place tomorrow, Friday the 13th of November, from 9:00am to 11:20am. We are very excited to welcome our newest little learners to Buchan Primary School as they begin their school journey! On Wednesday, some of our older students visited the Kinder to share all the wonderful things they can look forward to at school, helping build excitement and confidence ahead of their first visit!

East Gippsland Water Poster Competition

A big congratulations to Dietrich, who achieved an impressive 3rd place in the East Gippsland Water Poster Competition! What a fantastic achievement. You can see Dietrich's poster on page 8 of the newsletter. Well done, Dietrich!

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston,
Principal







Buchan Flower & Art Show

It was a pleasure to visit the Buchan Flower Show on Saturday the 31st of October and admire all the fantastic artwork on display. A massive well done to all our students, Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Z for their wonderful efforts, as well as the volunteers and judges who helped make the Buchan Flower Show such a successful day.

Students showcased an impressive variety of artworks, including colourful paintings, detailed portraits, imaginative sculptures, decorated skateboards and intricate textile creations. The displays highlighted the range of artistic techniques, materials and skills students have explored throughout the year.

From vibrant ocean-inspired paintings and creative animal designs to carefully constructed sculptures and mixed-media pieces, there was so much creativity to admire. It was wonderful to see the students' hard work and dedication celebrated within the wider community, with so many unique and colourful pieces proudly on display.









Avenue of Honour Rememberance Day

A big thank you to Evelyn for inviting us to attend the Remembrance Day service at the Avenue of Honour. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, reflect on the importance of remembrance, and pay our respects to the brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Well done to Fletcher who raised the flag.







Kinder Visit

Some of our Grade 6 students enjoyed a special visit to the kinder, riding down to spend time with the kinder kids and share their excitement about starting school. It was a wonderful opportunity for our senior students to show leadership, build connections and help our future Foundation students feel more comfortable and confident about their transition to primary school. Through conversations, shared experiences and plenty of smiles, our Grade 6 students helped ease some nerves and build excitement ahead of the kinder children's first transition day tomorrow!





Bike Service

A huge thank you to Giant for coming out and servicing our fleet of 29 bikes! Giant praised our fleet as one of the best and best-maintained of all the schools they have visited. Our Bike Ed program is a fantastic part of our school community, and we are so fortunate to have these bikes and such amazing places right on our doorstep for our students to explore, learn and build their confidence on two wheels!



Global Citizenship

Warren has been working with the junior classrooms to explore global citizenship and the importance of staying safe online. Students have been learning how to be responsible digital citizens, show kindness and respect towards others, and make safe choices when using technology. These lessons are helping students become thoughtful and responsible global citizens.



Walk to School

We are thrilled to announce that our school has been named one of five winners of the Gippsland Lakes Complete Health Walk to School competition! This fantastic achievement reflects our students' commitment to staying active and healthy. We were delighted to receive new sports equipment and sincerely thank GLCH for their generous donation and ongoing support of local schools.

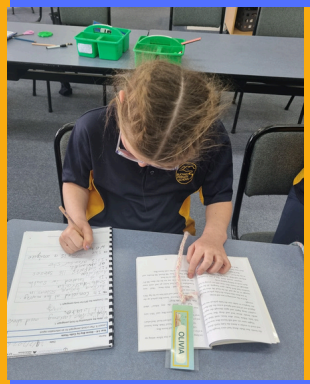
CLASSROOM NEWS

BOOK STUDIES



Part of our literacy block includes book studies, which build vocabulary and cultural literacy, strengthening comprehension and critical thinking. Through structured literacy and explicit instruction, students engage deeply with complex texts, reinforcing decoding, fluency, and understanding. This approach closes knowledge gaps, promotes equity, and empowers all of our students to access and discuss challenging ideas with confidence.

SENIOR CLASSROOM



Our seniors have been immersed in War Horse, exploring its characters, setting and powerful themes. As part of their book study, students have been investigating World War I, developing their historical knowledge and understanding of the challenges faced during this period. Students have also strengthened their sentence-level writing through explicit instruction, focusing on expanding sentences, incorporating appositives (noun phrases), and identifying and using independent and dependent clauses to create more detailed and sophisticated writing.

JUNIOR CLASSROOM



Our juniors have been exploring a range of engaging picture books, beginning with The Fabulous Friend Machine, where they learnt about friendship, online safety and the importance of real connections. Through The Snail and the Whale, students explored themes of courage, adventure and helping others, discovering that even the smallest individuals can make a difference. They will also be studying The Imagineer over the next couple of weeks, exploring creativity, imagination, innovation and the power of curiosity.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

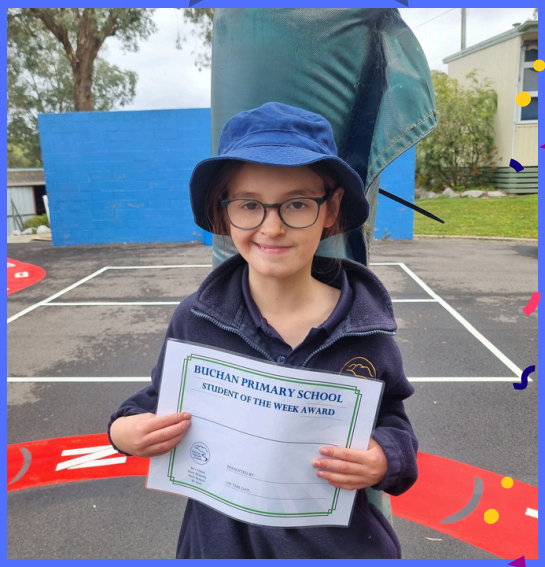


AUDREY

For trying your best in learning activities, sharing your ideas and being kind to others. Last week, you did a fantastic job during daily review. Demononstrating your awesome understanding of the content we have learned. Great work, Audrey!

LEXI

This student is demonstrating incredible dedication and effort throughout her War Horse book study. Your hard work, persistence and commitment to producing your best work have been fantastic to see. Keep it up, Lexi!





RAGNAR

Throughout this term, this individual has consistently shown a high level of focus during learning activities. As a result, he has been able to demonstrate his fantastic understanding of topics. Great work, Ragnar!

EMILY

For being a quiet achiever who consistently shows kindness, initiative and a willingness to help. Emily was especially thoughtful and helpful when Mrs Z and Mr Lee were away, stepping up without being asked.



EAST GIPPSLAND WATER

National Water Week Poster Competition

PREP/FOUNDATION CATEGORY



WINNER!

Katie Buchanan
Mallacoota P-12 College

2nd!

Jaxon Warner
Tambo Upper Primary





Dietrich McAuliffe
Buchan Primary

3rd!

Term 4: 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
November 9th	November 10th	November 11th	November 12th	November 13th
MARC Van		Mr Johnston to visit the Kinder		Kinder to Foundation Transition Day
November 16th	November 17th	November 18th	November 19th	November 20th
	School Council		School Review	Whole School Bowls
November 23rd	November 24th	November 25th	November 26th	November 27th
MARC Van Kinder to Foundation Transition Day				Whole School Bowls
November 30th	December 1st	December 2nd	December 3rd	December 4th
Kinder to Foundation Transition Day & Nagle Transition Day #1	Nagle Transition Day #2	Nagle Transition Day #3		Grade 6 Big Day Out - Aqua Park Junior Sleepover

GIPPSLAND Golf

GET INTO GOLF

Women's Beginner Golf Clinic

Enjoy a fun, social and relaxed introduction to golf with Instructor, Serrin Bertino

Monday 30 November
4:30pm - 5:45pm
Buchan Golf Club

Note: this session runs concurrently to Jack Young's junior clinic. So why not bring the whole family for a fun afternoon out!

For more info & to register -
Gippslandgolf.com.au
Search Pop-up clinic & BUCHAN clinic

