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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.

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## AROUND THE CLASSROOM

The past few weeks have been quite eventful for us! We have had a pange of activities, including the Variety Club event at the Rec Reserve, the Sovereign Hill Camp for our 5/6 students and NAPLAN assessment for Grade 3/5 students. Inside the classroom, our Foundation students have been dedicating ample time to developing their fine motor skills. They've been engaging in activities like threading, shaping playdough into the letters they're learning, practicing cutting, and using tweezers and pegs to manipulate objects. During this time, our older students are immersed in their daily literacy reviews. For Grades $3-6$, a big focus has been on delving into morphology, exploring the meanings of bases such as "port," "rupt," "tract," and "scrib(e)/script." They have also been learning to effectively apply prefixes and suffixes to these bases e.g. word building words like "inscription".

## ACTING 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 Torpes Strait Islander students and families of Buchan Primary School.

## NAPLAN

Yesterday marked the beginning of NAPLAN for our Grade 3 and 5 students. Students completed writing yesterday and over the next few days will undertake assessments covering reading, language conventions (including grammar and spelling) and numeracy. Our students are genuinely eager to tackle NAPLAN with many telling me their writing session yesterday was "fun".

## Eastep Raffle:

Buchan Primary School is excited to announce the return of our Easter raffle! Scheduled for the final day of Term 1, Thursday, February 28 th, we're aiming to gather chocolate donations once again - all donations can be given to Julie in the office. Your support is greatly appreciated as we prepare for this festive event!

## School Council:

Just a friendly reminder that this year's School Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Monday, March 18th. We look forward to seeing our new nominations and renominations on Monday.

## TUBBS Cross Country - POSTPONED

Regrettably, due to the closure of the caves, coupled with the discovery that the alternative area we had earmarked for our event is curpently overgrown with vegetation, we have decided to postpone the TUBBS Cross Country from the $22 / 3 / 23$ until the 19/4/23 (Friday, week 1 of Term 2). This may mean that the caves are reopen after Easter, if not, we have requested that the shire clears the overgrown area. The next round of cross country is at Nagle in Term 2, week 5, so we have plenty of time, even with the delayed timing.

## Smile Squad:

Reminder that the new date will be Monday the 18 th of March to Friday the 22 nd of March (or until all of the students who returned their forms are seen - which is looking like Smile Squad will leave well before the Friday).

## Hapmony Day:

Harmony Week is fast approaching, spanning from March 18 th to March 22 nd. As part of our celebration, we invite students to be out of school uniform and join us in wearing opange on Friday, March 22 nd, and engaging in various Hapmony Day activities. Since its inception in 1999, orange has been the designated color for Harmony Week. This special day offers us the opportunity to celebrate Australia's pich tapestry of cultures and traditions that contribute to our unique national identity.


## MARC Van

Students read the book called "The Man Who Walked Between the Towers". This book is a fascinating children's book that tells the incredible true story of Philippe Petit, a French tightrope artist. It recounts how Petit secretly planned and executed a daring tightrope walk between the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City in 1974. The book beautifully captures Petit's bravery and creativity, as well as the awe-inspiring spectacle he created. It's a captivating story that celebrates courage and the power of human imagination, perfect for sharing with childpen.

In last weeks MARC Van, students integrated a series of engaging balancing activities after peading the book, which were designed to enhance students' motor skills and spatial awareness. They actively participated in walking personalised tightropes, an exercise promoting balance and concentration. Furthermore, they crafted balancing birds, which not only encouraged creativity but also provided a practical understanding of equilibrium ppinciples!

## variety

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On the memorable morning of Monday, the 4th of March, our school welcomed guests from the Variety Club for a delightful morning tea during their adventurous journey through the scenic routes of Buchan on their 4WD expedition. Their gracious contribution of $\$ 5,000$ towards providing each of our students with a bicycle for school use was met with heartfelt appreciation. They also rallied a further $\$ 2,000$ on the day - which was absolutely amazing! We also extend our sincerest thanks to the local businesses whose generous donations enriched our raffle, as well as to our vibrant community whose spirited participation amplified the joyous atmosphere of the occasion. A huge shout out to our parents as well who baked lots of yummy morning tea, everyone commented on how wonderful it was!

The event commenced with a reflective glance back at the past few years and the environmental impacts the students have battled, as well as an introduction to Variety and housekeeping for the day. This was followed with a diverse array of engaging activities that awaited our guests, including the ever-popular parachute games. Among these, the enthralling cat and mouse game captured the imaginations of our students and adults as they eagerly assumed the roles of cunning felines in pursuit of elusive mice concealed beneath the billowing parachute. The day wrapped up with students being given lots of chocolate and toys, as well as taking some cool pictures in 4WD vechicles! A huge thank you to everyone who made the day a roaring success.



## STUDENT OF THE WEAK WEEKS 5 AND 6



## CAMPBELL HILL

For your ability to think critically and approach learning creatively, along with your enthusiasm for tackling challenges, it truly impresses me! I also loved the effort you put into your writing last week and in diligently preparing for NAPLAN.

## OLIVIA MATHERS

For always listening carefully to everyone no matter who they are and for sharing her fantastic insights in classroom discussions.


## LAST DAY OF SUMMER

Every student reveled in bidding farewell to summer with a huge water fight and slip-and-slide extravaganza. The water fight took place on February 29th, running from 2:15 pm to 3:00 pm.
Enthusiastic students have already expressed their desire to repeat the water fight and slip-and-slide once more in Term 4, eagerly anticipating the return of summer!

## GRADE6T-SHIRTS

Our Grade 6 jumpers have aprived! Check out the excitement on our students' faces as they proudly display them. Our Grade $6 s$ will deliver their captain speeches at Monday's assembly. A big thanks to all of our parents who have helped fundraise throughout the year, so we can pay for the shirts.


Pictured below is a schedule of events that will be held over Term 1. Please continue to monitor School Stream and each fortnightly newsletter, as events are always being added!


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March 14:
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March 15:
March 18:
March 21:
Mapch 22
March 25:
Mapch 28:
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March 29:

NAPLAN Stapt (writing for Grade 3s\&5s)
NAPLAN (Reading \& Language Conventions for Gpade $3 s \& 5 s$ )
Optional Hot Dog Lunch Orders
NAPLAN (Numeracy for Gpade 3s\&5s)
School Council - AGM!

Optional Toasted Sandwhich Lunch Orders
Hapmony Day - OUT OF UNIFORM DAY IF YOU WEAR ORANGE
NAPLAN Finish (Catch up 13th to 25th)
Optional Roadhouse Lunch Opdeps
LAST DAY OF TERM 1-1PM FINISH
PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY

