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15TH OF OCTOBER

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AROUND THE SCHOOL

What a fantastic start to Term 4! Students have been making the most of the beautiful weather over the past two weeks, enjoying plenty of time outdoors.

In literacy, our senior students have begun their book study of War Horse, exploring themes of friendship, courage and resilience through the experiences of a horse during World War I. Meanwhile, our junior students have been reading The Fabulous Friend Machine, learning about friendship, kindness and the importance of real-life connections.

In numeracy, students have been exploring statistics and probability. Our senior students have been investigating nominal, ordinal, discrete and continuous data, putting their learning into practice through some exciting AFL-related investigations!



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Footy Day

We celebrated football with team colours, games and fun. on Thursday 17/09/26



Art

Students have created some beautiful mats in art over the past few sessions.



Cricket

On Friday 16/10, our Grade 4-6 students participated in TUBBS Cricket.

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.



Term 4

Welcome back to all our students, staff and families. It is wonderful to have everyone back as we begin Term 4. We have a big term ahead of us, with 11 busy weeks filled with learning, opportunities and special events across our school community. We also have plenty of exciting events to look forward to, including Movie in a Cave, Summer Sports, Grade 6 Fun Day Out, our School Concert and Graduation. We encourage families to keep an eye on the school calendar in the newsletter and on School Stream, as we would hate for you to miss out on anything!

School Stream

Just a friendly reminder that School Stream is our preferred method of communication with families. While we send home a fortnightly newsletter, School Stream is where we share a weekly update to help keep families informed about what is happening during the current week, as well as upcoming events and key dates throughout the term. Any changes or last minute reminders are also sent through School Stream. If you are new to the school and need help accessing or setting up School Stream, please come into the school and a member of staff will be happy to give you a hand. You can download the School Stream app from the App Store or Play Store by searching for School Stream, then search for Buchan Primary School to find and connect to our school.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday, and to those attending this afternoon. These conferences are a valuable opportunity to celebrate student achievements, discuss progress and learning goals, and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Hats

Just a friendly reminder that hats are required throughout Term 4. As we are now towards the end of Week 2, we ask families to please ensure students bring their school hat each day. In line with our SunSmart Policy, students who do not have an appropriate hat will be required to remain undercover in a designated shaded area during outdoor break times.

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Principal



Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day

On Friday the 11th of September, our school took part in Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day, helping to raise awareness and funds for children in foster and kinship care. Thank you to all of our families who donated, and a special thank you to Bernie and Julie for visiting our school and speaking with students about the importance of this cause.



Football Day

On Thursday the 17th of September we celebrated Football Day with plenty of fun and footy spirit across the school. Students enjoyed taking part in our annual football parade, followed by a range of fun footy games and activities. We also announced the winner of our Senior Class Football Tipping Competition. It was a great day celebrating football together. Congratulations to the Brisbane Lions who went 3x in a row in the AFL.



Art

Our senior students have been exploring the art of weaving by using hula hoops to create colourful circular mats! Using strips of fabric and a variety of colours and patterns, students carefully wove their materials around the hoop to create beautiful designs. There were some fantastic mats produced that will be put on display in the Buchan Flower Show.

MARC Van

During our last MARC Van session, students enjoyed listening to *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae. The story follows Gerald the giraffe as he discovers the confidence to be himself and dance in his own unique way. It is a lovely story about courage, individuality and believing in yourself. Afterwards, students got creative and produced some fantastic giraffe portraits inspired by the book.



Grade 4-6 Summer Sports

A big shout out to our Grade 4–6 students who took part in a cricket day with the TUBBS Cluster. Our students were split across three different teams, giving them a great opportunity to mix and play alongside students from Swan Reach, Tambo Upper, Metung and Nungurner Primary Schools.



War Horse

Students have started reading the novel “War Horse” this term. Students are also currently planning their own narrative writing, focusing on developing characters, settings, problems and resolutions. They are also exploring onomatopoeia, using words that imitate sounds to add excitement, expression and impact. This helps students create engaging story openings and bring their writing to life.

1 **Reading the novel**



From one of Britain's best loved storytellers
MICHAEL MORPURGO
WAR HORSE

We have been exploring *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo and discussing characters, themes and key events from the story.





Buchan
Primary School

Movie (Documentary) in a Cave



Thursday 22/10/2026

A huge thank you to Jess and the team at the Buchan Caves Reserve for giving our students a very special learning opportunity on Thursday the 22nd of October.

Students will watch a short film/documentary in the Royal Cave, with the experience linked to environmental science and local megafauna. If time permits, students will also get to enjoy a walk through Royal Cave.



Please note:

Unfortunately, due to capacity limits within the cave, the movie session and cave walk will be for students and staff only.



Following the cave experience, we will be holding a BBQ and invite all families to join us.



BBQ will be at 11:45am
and we encourage all of our
families to come and join us.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

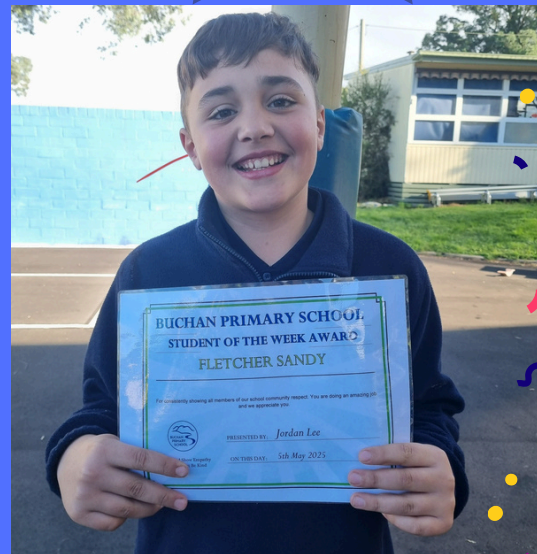


PENELOPE

During the last week of Term 3, this student showed a high level of kindness and respect towards others. She worked hard and continued to contribute her awesome ideas in class. Well done, Penelope!

FLETCHER

This student consistently demonstrated a fantastic attitude in class, worked hard and set a wonderful example for others. On the final day of Term 4, they also went above and beyond to help clean and tidy our classroom, showing great responsibility and maturity.



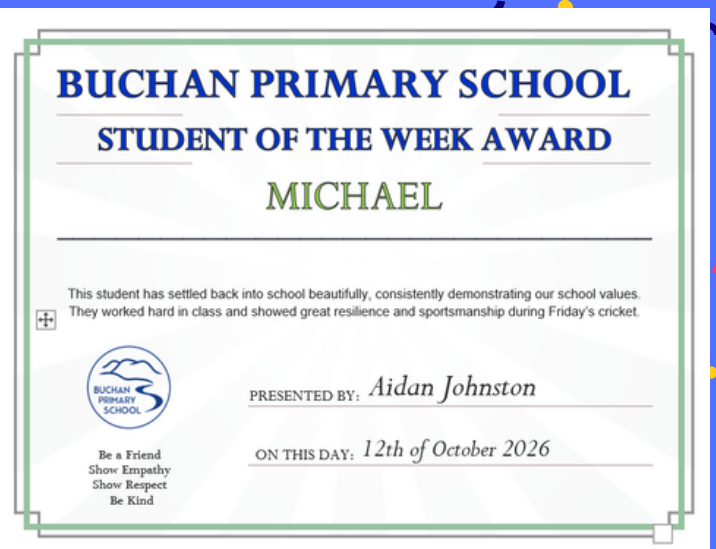
CILLIAN

You have made a fantastic start to Term 4. You consistently apply yourself and have shown a strong understanding of the 10s, 5s and 2s timetables. Keep up the fantastic effort.



MICHAEL

This student has settled back into school beautifully, consistently demonstrating our school values. They worked hard in class and showed great resilience and sportsmanship during Friday's cricket.



TERM 4 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
October 5th	October 6th	October 7th	October 8th	October 9th
				Summer Sport for Grade 4-6 Students
October 12th	October 13th	October 14th	October 15th	October 16th
MARC Van	Parent- Teacher Conferences	Regional Athletics Day and Parent- Teacher Conferences	Parent- Teacher Conferences	
October 19th	October 20th	October 21st	October 22nd	October 23rd
	School Council		Movie in a Cave and BBQ at the Buchan Caves Reserve	
October 26th	October 27th	October 28th	October 29th	October 30th
MARC Van				

Better Golf. Brighter Futures.

**TERM 4
AFTER SCHOOL
KIDS GOLF LESSONS**

LEARN / BUILD SKILLS / MAKE FRIENDS / HAVE FUN

 STARTS Monday 19th October	 TIME 4:30pm – 5:30pm (1 hour)	 DURATION 7 consecutive weeks	 LOCATION Buchan Valley Golf Club	 COST \$20 per child per session
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WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL GET:

- ✓ Coaching by a PGA Associate
- ✓ Professional, supportive and friendly environment
- ✓ Fundamental skills and game development
- ✓ A fun and inclusive program
- ✓ Build confidence, focus and respect
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Small group sizes – numbers are limited so get in quick!

All skill levels welcome!

**NUMBERS ARE LIMITED
so get in quick!**

TO REGISTER & FOR MORE INFORMATION
Email: jyoung@pgamember.org.au
Call: 0423 495 194

Great habits start early.

BUCHAN VALLEY GOLF CLUB

**WE ARE
FAMILY, FUN & FITNESS**

Registrations are now open for Season 2026-27 **REGISTER TODAY**

Lakes Entrance Little Athletics

Come and join Lakes Entrance Little Athletics!

When: Starts Friday, 16 October at 4:30 PM
Where: Lakes Entrance Secondary College
Cost: \$100 for the full 18-week program
(all registrations include the option to join our Autumn/Winter 2027 cross-country season)

FIND ALL THE LINKS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: Lakes Entrance Little Athletics
OR EMAIL US: lakesentrance@lavic.com.au

Special Offers & Vouchers:

- 2 week free trial to all new athletes
- Get Active Kids Vouchers: Eligible families can use the Get Active Kids Voucher program.
 - Provider Number: 3351840

To sign up or find out more, reach out to our team or head to our registration page today!

lavic.com.au/centres/lakes-entrance/



East Gippsland Children's Expo 2026
Friday 23rd October • 2pm - 6pm

**Free Entry, Activities & BBQ
plus Giveaways & Prizes!**

**Meet & Greet with Bluey
& Fireman Sam!**
2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

**Ages
0 - 12**





Bairnsdale Squash & Table Tennis Centre
64 Great Alpine Road, Lucknow

INCLUSION MATTERS!

Children's Week 2026