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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

17TH OF AUGUST, 2023

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AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

The junior classroom have continued to thrive across reading and writing, with most students looking at word level strategies the past few weeks and crafting simple or complex sentences. Judie Browbridge has also joined the classroom as a pre-service teacher and will be with us until August the 30th.

The Senior Class is now full steam ahead and all the students are giving everything a go, which makes for a very exciting learning environment. Students have learnt how to use protractors in Maths and write Cinquain Poems in literacy. In Art, some very bright Pop Art name posters are being created which will be a treat to see.



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 Torres Strait Islander students and families of Buchan Primary School.



The week brought fantastic weather, setting the stage for our students to engage in outdoor activities. From crafting cubbies to playing games like chasey, football, basketball and soccer, the sunshine added an extra touch of joy to their experiences.

Get ready for the upcoming Book Week! Join us in celebrating this exciting event starting from August 21st and finishing on August 30th. Throughout the week and a bit, students will dive into captivating reads from the Book of the Year award shortlist and partake in enjoyable activities. It's a fantastic opportunity to embrace our rich Australian culture. This year's theme, 'Read, Grow, Inspire', sets the tone. **Mark your calendars for the Book Week dress-up day on August 30th.** Mr. Robbo is eager for his costume to arrive, and we're hopeful that the Early Years Learning Centre are able to join us for the festivities!

In order to find out what parents and other guardians think of our school, we are conducting a poll. The Department of Education conducts the Opinion Survey on a yearly basis to help schools better understand how families see school climate, student behavior, and student participation. Although participation in the survey is optional, we urge all families to do so. It would be great if we could get responses from all families. The survey is one of the most important and easiest ways for parents to help direct and guide future planning and improvement efforts. Attached to this newsletter is each families individual and unique pin with the website URL you need to visit to answer the questions, the survey only takes about 15 minutes so **please help us out and complete the survey!**

Please make sure you look at the upcoming term dates, there are some very important events coming up - Curriculum Day (student free day), caving excursion, gymnastics, Book Week Dress Up Day, 3/4 TUBBS Karoonda Camp etc.

There is a nasty virus going around at the moment and our community has been hit hard. Please keep your children home if they are unwell to help us prevent the spread of this illness. Many thanks for your support!

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Acting Principal

Show Respect • Show Empathy • Be Kind • Be a Friend

Graymont Quarry Donation

As seen in last newsletter, Graymont Quarry graciously donated over \$480 worth of non-fiction decodable readers that will be used in the classroom for fluency practice and as take home readers. Graymont Quarry have now also purchased Buchan Primary School a further \$600 worth of fiction decodable readers. Furthermore, Amy Hogan from Graymont is looking at organising a visit from a well known structured literacy expert. We thank them for all of their support.



MARC Van

In a captivating exploration of "The Ultimate Sock Puppet" book, our junior class unveiled the art of crafting amazing sock puppets. Inspired by the book, students engaged in lively discussions before translating ideas into action. With newfound knowledge, creative sparks ignited as they crafted their own unique sock puppets.



Earth Science

The 'Beneath our Feet' science inquiry unit in the senior class piqued curiosity, leading to water erosion experiments. Anticipation continues to build for the 'Shades of Death' caving excursion, an exciting opportunity to vividly connect with their learning. Students eagerly await the thrilling educational experience ahead.



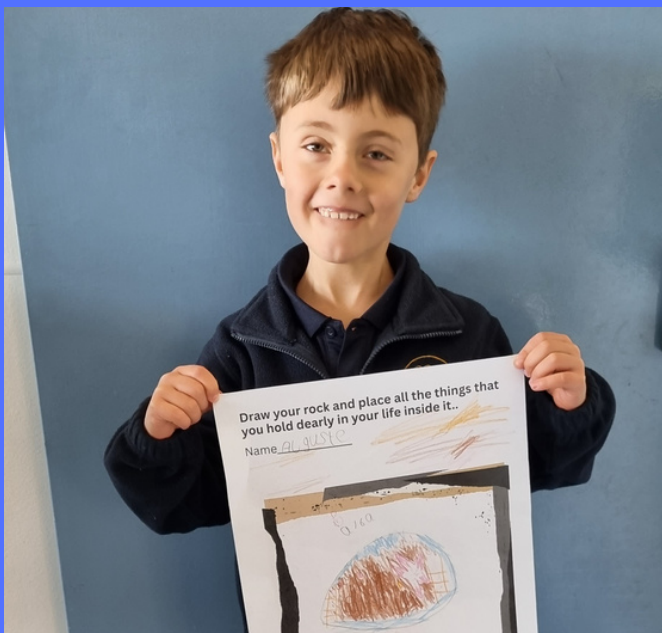


Rock & Water

Just two weeks ago, our students embarked on an exciting adventure with Warren in the Rock & Water program. This program is all about raising self-awareness regarding our personal strengths and abilities, while also learning how to thrive in collaborative settings.



Throughout the program, the concepts of 'rock' and 'water' serve as metaphors, guiding our children and young people in exploring diverse forms of communication. For instance, they learn to discern whether a situation requires a steadfast 'rock' approach or a flexible 'water' approach. The program employs practical physical exercises and activities that seamlessly translate these skills into real-life scenarios.



Rock & Water is thoughtfully crafted to bolster our students' resilience skills. It equips them to recognize and manage reactive behavior patterns during stressful times, while also fostering effective teamwork by dissecting the dynamics that fortify relationships. Most importantly, Rock & Water empowers each student to stand resolute, focused, and determined.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



EMILY MCCOLE

For consistently having a positive attitude towards all parts of her learning. Your fantastic effort is being shown in all parts of your school work.

MICHAEL SOWDEN

For showing such great enthusiasm during the maths lesson about shapes. Great work, Michael!



HOLLIE RABBIDGE

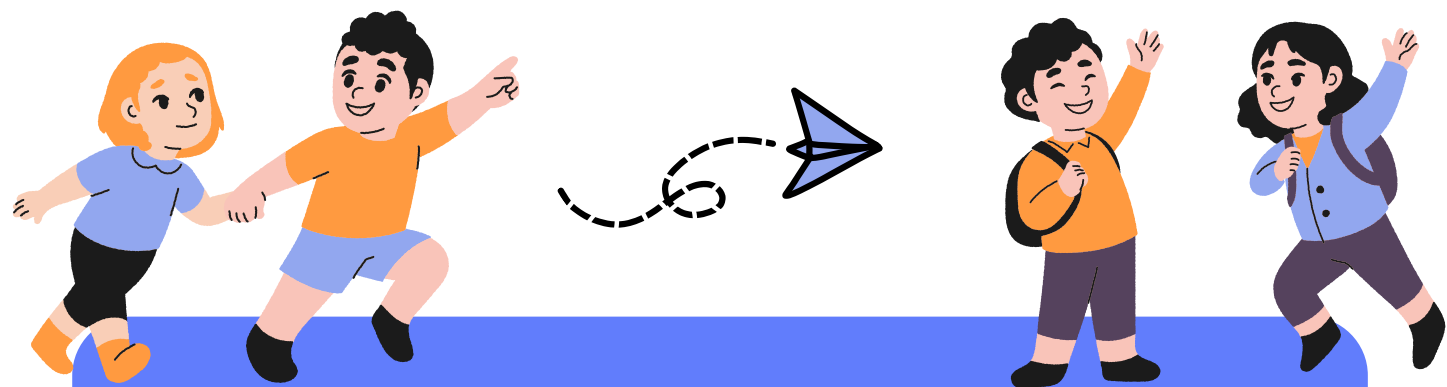
For her kind, caring and helpful attitude. You display all of our school values and are a pleasure to have in the junior classroom!

ALENA SOWDEN

For doing sensational shape art work by adding colourful details. You followed instructions carefully. Great work, Alena!



Pictured below is a schedule of events that will be held over Term 3. Please continue to monitor School Stream and each fortnightly newsletter, as events are always being added!



Upcoming Events - Term 3

August 16:	MARC Van
August 19 - 25:	Book Week
August 22:	Gymnastics
August 25:	Shades of Death Caving Excursion
August 28:	Curriculum Day
August 30:	Book Week Dress Up Day
August 30:	MARC Van
August 31:	Father's Day Stall
September 4:	School Council
September 7:	Optional Roadhouse Lunch Orders
September 6 - 8:	Grade 3/4 Karoonda Park TUBBS Camp
September 13:	MARC Van



Australian Government Mobile Service Centres



If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.



INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

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Serving Regional Australia

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