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Discover What's Happening at Our School!

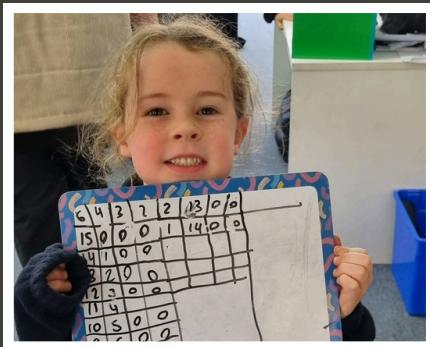
FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER



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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Recent Updates:



Junior Classroom

The juniors have been playing lots of maths games as part of their warm-up for the main mathematics lesson. This promotes engagement, active learning, mathematical fluency, and collaborative problem-solving skills.



Senior Classroom

In Science last week, students worked in pairs and trios to design, draw, and build domino chain reactions using classroom materials. They tested and improved their creations while learning how chain reactions work.

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

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 3:

As we approach the end of Term 3, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our staff, students, and parents for their invaluable contributions to what has been a truly successful term. Our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that every program was delivered with excellence and to the highest standards. Term 4 will start on Monday the 6th of October and I wish everyone a fantastic two week break.

Grade 5/6 Coolamatong Camp:

The Grade 5/6 camp will be held at Coolamatong in Paynesville this year. We are excited to be joined by Swan Reach Primary School and Nungurner Primary School from the TUBBS cluster. Final costings are still being confirmed, but the camp is expected to be approximately \$500 and students will have to make their own way there, which is to keep transport costs down (a bus would cost an extra \$200 pp). The dates are Monday, November 24th through to Friday, November 28th. If you would like to arrange a payment plan, please contact Julie in the office, who will be happy to assist.

2026 Enrolments:

If you have family or friends considering enrolment for 2026 or who would like to schedule a tour and discuss potential enrolment, please encourage them to reach out to Julie to arrange a visit and a meeting. We will be hosting a parent information session in early November. Similarly, if you are planning to leave the area or our school, please let me know, as we are putting plans into place for staffing in 2026.

School Hats:

All children and staff will be required to wear school hats in Term 4. Please ensure these are washed and clearly labelled with your child's name. If you need to purchase a new hat please go and have a chat to Julie in the office (or Aidan if Julie is not working).

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Principal

TUBBS Grade 3/4 Karoonda Park



TUBBS

Grade 3/4 Karoonda Park Camp

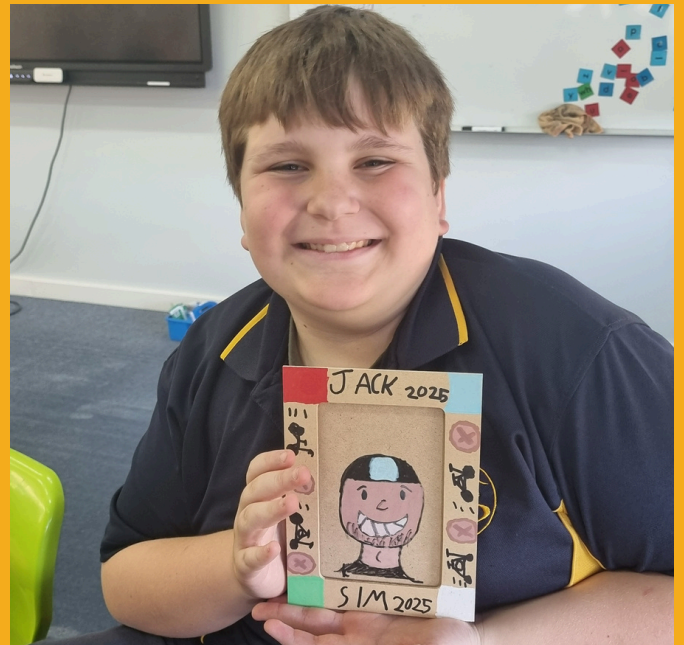
On Wednesday the 10th of September, our Grade 3/4 students set off to Karoonda Park for an unforgettable three-day, two-night adventure. They were joined by friends from Swan Reach, Metung, and Nungurner Primary Schools. From the very beginning, students embraced the chance to connect, and staff noticed some of the strongest friendships yet forming across the schools. Activities kept everyone buzzing with excitement, whether soaring on the flying fox, scaling the climbing wall, or working together on the initiative course and low ropes. Horse riding was another highlight, giving many students a new skill to be proud of. A big thank you goes to the wonderful Karoonda Park staff who ensured the camp was safe, supportive, and full of fun - like always!!!



Father's Day Craft with the EYLC

On Thursday, September 4th, the Early Years Learning Centre made their way up to the school to take part in an exciting morning filled with arts and crafts. The students rotated through three activity stations where they had the opportunity to decorate socks, design picture frames, and make colourful key-chains for their fathers. Each activity encouraged imagination, fine motor skills, and plenty of fun, as students proudly created their special gifts.

It is always a highlight to have the kinder children join us at the school. These occasions help strengthen the sense of community and foster relationships between our EYLC and primary school students. Building these relationships plays an important role in supporting smoother transitions into school life. We are especially excited about the upcoming transition days in Term 4.



Water Posters

Students have once again been busy designing creative water posters for the East Gippsland Water Poster Competition. Over the past five years, we've celebrated three winners, and we're hoping for another success this year! The 2025 theme, "Water Heroes: Save Every Drop", inspired thoughtful, colourful entries that highlight the importance of caring for this vital resource.





Sounds-Write
FIRST RATE PHONICS

Free Phonics Resources for Parents and Carers



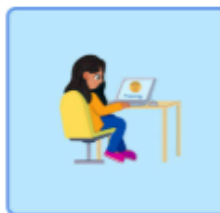
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HELP YOUR CHILD TO
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Parents and carers have
enrolled in our **free course**



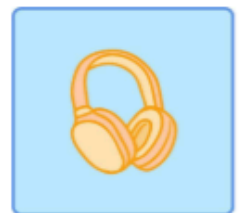
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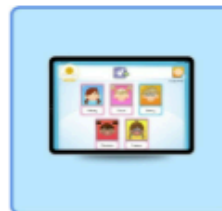
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Webinar

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Sounds-Write - Free Resources (Foundation & Grade 1 Parents only)

Over the past three years, Buchan Primary School has been using Sounds-Write as our Systematic Synthetic Phonics Program (SSP). All F-1 students participate in a 25-minute session 5 times per week as part of their 2 hour literacy block. All staff, including Education Support staff, have completed a minimum six-week (38-hour) professional learning course to deliver the program to a high standard. In addition, Moira has completed the Sounds-Write Intervention (tutoring) course and published decodable readers for the company, while Aidan has completed the Phonics Masterclass & Coaching course. We are proud to share that this approach has delivered excellent results for our students. Sounds-Write has now developed practical strategies for supporting early reading and writing at home, using a structured, easy-to-follow approach. No prior training required: just short, accessible sessions that fit around everyday home routines. **This is aimed at Foundation/Grade 1 parents only.**



Download the Parent Phonics Resource Pack here → <https://url.co/789X5>

East Gippsland Art Gallery

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Fletcher Sandy, Koala inspired by Mulga the Artist. Oil pastel. Buchan Primary School 2025

Opening event 4.30-6.00pm Friday 19 September. All welcome FREE
East Gippsland Art Gallery 2 Nicholson St. Bairnsdale
Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm | Saturday 10am-2pm

 **19 September - 25 October 2025**

Fletcher Sandy, Koala inspired by Mulga the Artist.
Oil Pastel. Buchan Primary School, 2025.

Fletcher Sandy

Congratulations to Fletcher Sandy!!! His artwork has been selected to feature on the banner for this year's Next Generation: Celebrating Young Artists Exhibition at East Gippsland Art Gallery. This exciting exhibition showcases student creativity from across the region, with each school contributing up to five works in a wide variety of mediums. The exhibition runs from Friday 19 September to Saturday 25 October, with a special opening event on Friday 19 September, 4.30–6.00pm.

Also - A big thank you to Mrs Z who has been completing art with both classes and selected the 5 artwork pieces to enter into the gallery.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

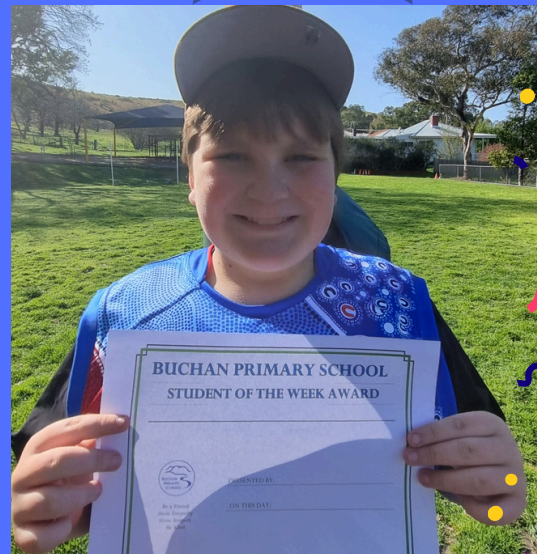


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For consistently demonstrating care and responsibility by treating school property with respect and showing pride in maintaining our learning environment.

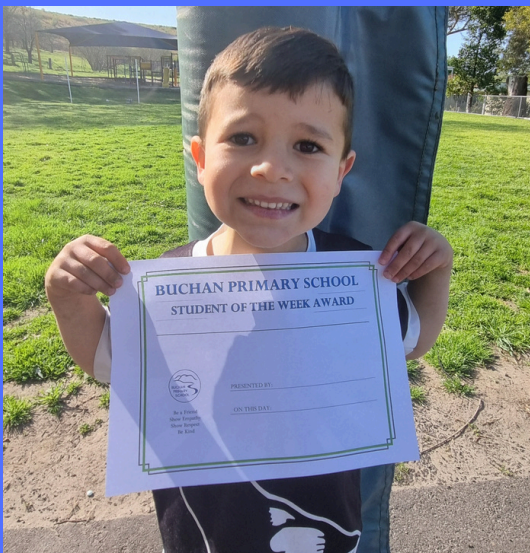
THOMAS

For consistently showing a high level of enthusiasm towards your work. You are doing a great job!



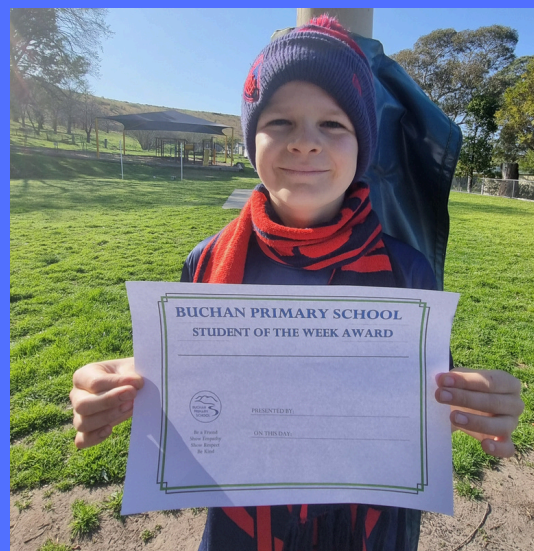
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For his outstanding effort and determination at mini golf! It was so wonderful to see you try your best and do so well.

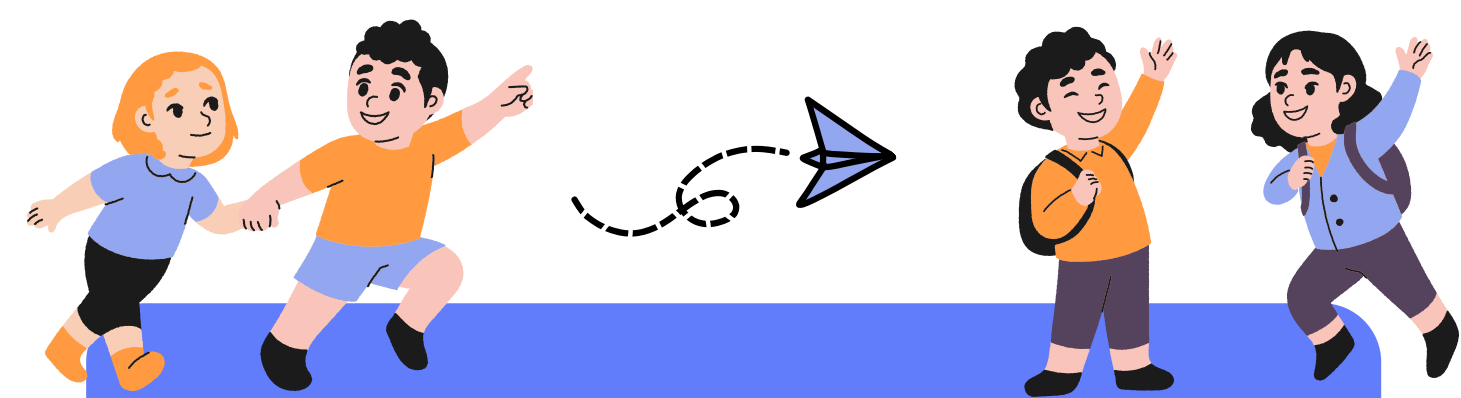


LACHLAN

For showing a high level of leadership at Mini Golf, your efforts were high quality. You were noticed leading by example and having a positive impact on other kids. Great work!



Pictured below is a schedule of events that will be held over Term 3 & 4. Please continue to monitor School Stream and each fortnightly newsletter, as events are always being added!



Upcoming Events - Term 3 & 4

September 18:	Footy Day
September 18:	Optional Lunch Orders (Buchan Valley Roadhouse)
September 19:	Final Day of Term 3 - 1pm Finish
October 6:	First Day of Term 4
October 10:	Grade 5/6 Summer Sports
October 27 (Exact Date TBC):	Trash Puppet Performance (Whole School with TUBBS)



FREE EVENT!

BOOK AN
Adventure

80 YEARS OF AUSTRALIAN STORIES

Children's Book Party

Local Children's Authors

James Hart Illustrator



James Hart Illustrator



CBCA Gippsland Region



THE CHILDREN'S
BOOK COUNCIL
OF AUSTRALIA

SINCE 1945 — YOUR CONNECTION TO STORY

Storytime
Competitions
Birthday cake
Treat bags
Calligraphy with Danny!
Raffle & more!

Dress up as your
favourite book
character
and join our dress
up parade!

Tuesday 23rd September
10-12.30pm
Scan QR code for bookings

SCHOOLWORKS
SUPPLIES

147 Macleod St, Bairnsdale VIC (Next to EG Water)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SHOWS

The Velveteen Rabbit

Tuesday 30 Sept
11.00am and 6.00pm

A playful and poetic
reimagining of the
classic tale



Polite Mammals

Friday 3 Oct 11.00am
and Saturday 4 Oct 6.00pm

A wacky and delightful
variety show about animals



The Forge Theatre, 80 McKean Street, Bairnsdale

www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/leisure/whats-on-and-buy-tickets

HOLIDAY *intensive* SWIM PROGRAM

FAST TRACK
YOUR CHILD'S
SWIMMING
ABILITY!

Monday 29 September - Friday 3
October 2025

Cost: \$60

On confirmation of booking a \$20
deposit will be required to secure
your child's spot.

Enrolments due
Friday 26 September

ENROL ONLINE OR
SCAN THE QR CODE



DAILY 30 MINUTE
LESSONS OVER 5
DAYS!



43 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance
P (03) 51 55 3333
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SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2025

For your little tribe we have tailored NEW range of our best Saltwater creative workshops to young requirements to keep them busy over the holiday break. Ages 5-15. 1.5 hour art classes with skilled tutors. All art supplies included.

Kids Klay - Monster making

Tuesday 23rd @ 10:30am-12:00pm

Make your very own monster this spring holidays! Were going to learn simple hand building clay techniques to create something totally out of the ordinary!
\$60.00pp

Kids Pottery Wheel Throwing - Intro to the basics

Wednesday 24th @ 10:30am-12pm

Thursday 2nd @ 10:30pm-12:00pm

Kids get to step up to the potters wheel and learn all the basics.
\$65.00pp

Mask decoration

Tuesday 30th @ 10:30am-12:00pm

We are bringing this unique activity back from the dead. Be as creative and out there as you possibly can! \$60.00pp

Textured art workshop for all ages

Wednesday @ 10:30am - 12pm

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Tuesday 1pm @ 1pm-2:30pm

We LOVE getting artsy and this workshop is exactly about that! We take you or/and your little artist through shapes and techniques to create their unique masterpiece of textured art.
\$60.00pp

Kids Acrylic Smash Balloon Painting Session

Thursday 25th @ 1pm - 2:30pm

Using fluid art technique and balloon smashing to create up to three beautiful & bright artworks!
\$50.00pp

Please note depending on the weather you might need to leave the pieces in the studio to dry for 24h.

Please note clay pieces will take 3-4 weeks to be ready.

visit our website for more details or contact us via the details below.

www.thesaltwaterstudio.com



SEPT
22ND - 25TH

BOOK YOUR
SPOT NOW



SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY CLASSES

GYMNASTICS - NINJA - TRAMPOLINE

\$15 FOR 1HR SESSION - \$50 FOR 4HR SESSION

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL
eastgippslandgymnastics@gmail.com