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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.

**Week 6 Term 3
Thursday 18th August 2022
Edition 12**

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.

Wuman Njinde Parents, Students and the School Community,

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter where we share our school's journey and achievements.

I would like to congratulate our senior school teacher Aidan Johnston who has been appointed a full time ongoing position at our school. We look forward to Aidan continuing to be part of our school community and bringing current pedagogy and high quality teaching and learning practices into the classroom.

Data continues to be a presence in all schools as it relates to student learning and growth and the culture and climate of a school. Our Parent Opinion Survey is now available for parents to access online. Aidan and I, along with the DET analyse this data to look at what is working well and what areas we need to improve in. We were very pleased with the 100% satisfaction feedback we received from our Student Opinion Survey across the majority of areas in our school.

We are no longer marking the bus roll at the end of the day and any changes to your child's transport from school to home will need to be communicated to staff before 2pm via the school mobile, school phone and or the school stream app. These changes will be communicated to your child in person.

Please ensure you return your child's permission notice back to school on time. The earlier, the better, as we will no longer be following up with parents on the day of an excursion for notices that have not been returned.

Our book week parade is this Monday 22nd August and the theme is Dreaming With Eyes Open. For costume ideas, I suggest you look up ideas on the internet and or dream up your own character in a story that your child enjoys reading.

Just a reminder we have a Curriculum Day on Friday 26th August. There will be no children required at school on this day.

Please remember that the School stream app is our preferred method of communication.

Yarrabee

Sarah

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

The whole school celebrated “100” days of school on Tuesday with fun activities organised in the morning by the senior students and on the day each child was given a celebration cup cake as a tasty treat. Whilst this day is usually celebrated by students in the Foundation year, I thought it would be a great idea to celebrate this concept with the whole school considering we have had an uninterrupted year without remote learning from home taking place.

Congratulations to the following students who have reached this celebration milestone: Olivia M, Jackson M, Emily McC, Skye DeW, Edward K, Ashleigh L, Campbell M, Roman M, Lachlan C, Beau F, Hope DeW and Campbell H. I look forward to handing out more certificates in the up and coming weeks.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Now that we are finally in the last month of winter, please make sure that your child continues to wear school uniform and comes to school with warm clothes in school colours.



2023 STUDENT ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are now being taken for 2023. If you know of any neighbours, relatives or friends who are moving to the area, please direct them to our school website and Julie our business manager for an enrolment package. We will be doing face to face tours, information evening and kinder to foundation transition activities starting early in Term 4.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY

As part of the 2022 Victorian Government Schools Agreement, teachers are able to undertake 2 professional practice days in Terms 3 and 4. For Term 3, DET have allowed schools to have a common day to alleviate pressure on sourcing replacement staff in the current climate with illness which includes COVID-19. Our day is scheduled for the last day of Term 3, Friday 16th September. As a result of this, the last day of school for students is Thursday 15th September and students will finish school at the normal time which is 3.15pm.

WE ARE ONE - VIDEO LINK

As a school we are acknowledged National Reconciliation Week 2022 with the theme “Be Brave. Make Change”. This year’s theme—Get up! Stand up! Show up! encourages us all to

Final video: I think this video show cases this theme, our students, community driving & leading change https://youtu.be/roL9Q_DpN68

Here is the link if your child would like to practice during their own time.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roL9Q_DpN68

THURSDAY HOT LUNCH / MILO / ICY POLES

Week 7—Dim Sims 25th August

Week 8—Hot dogs 1st September

Week 9—Buchan Roadhouse 18th August (No milo, Dim Sims, hotdogs or icy poles)

Orders and payment to be sent to school on Wednesday 17th. No late orders accepted.

Week 10—No lunch orders.

IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST

East Gippsland Mobile Library Service—Tuesday 23rd.

MARC Van—Wednesday 17th, Monday 22nd and Wednesday 31st.

School Council—Monday 22nd.

Passion Project—Thursday 18th and Thursday 25th.

Working Bee Parent Helpers— Sunday 21st August at 10am.

Celebrating Science Week With Wednesday Afternoon Activities—Wednesday 24th.

Curriculum Day—**No students at school.** Friday 26th.

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Forge Creek Theatre—Junior Class Friday 2nd.

East Gippsland Mobile Library Service—Tuesday 6th.

MARC Van—Wednesday 14th.

Grades 3 and 4 camp to Allambee—Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th.

P- Grade 2 mini athletics day—TBC Thursday 15th.

Last day of school for students—Thursday 15th at 3.15pm.

Professional Practice Day—**No students at school.** Friday 16th.

PLAY THERAPY

Play Therapy which is facilitated by Natalie from Relationships Australia is run on a fortnightly basis at our school. The school is offering a community service by hosting this activity on the school grounds and advertising this service in their newsletter. We strongly encourage parents to follow up with Natalie regarding how their child is progressing and the frequency of how often Natalie sees your child.

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS STARTS—FRIDAY 19th AUGUST

The school applied for and was successful in obtaining a grant from Tennis Australia to deliver after school tennis coaching sessions in Terms 3 and 4. This will be delivered either by Gavin and or one of his team. The first coaching session commences this Friday, tomorrow. Please remind your child to bring a snack and a drink bottle if they are attending and suitable foot-wear. I will keep you informed of the next session via the school stream app and students will be reminded verbally. Whilst the school has organised this activity for the school community, we are not responsible for supervising this and we strongly recommend parental attendance.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following recipients who received their award last week:

Olivia M—For her positive and can do attitude when writing a story.

Makayla S— For her commitment during literacy, doing her best when reading out loud, responding to texts and reading her stories during writers workshop. It was also great to hear you read part of Storm Boy to the class.



WORKING BEE

We have our first working bee this Sunday at 10am. As the saying goes, many hands make light work and if you can give up an hour of your time, then that would be appreciated. The jobs we need doing are the following:

Putting up the new slide

assembling the new assembly seating

assembling the new outdoor seating / tables

pumping up sports equipment

weeding and gardening

putting pebbles in garden beds

pathway maintenance (Filling in gaps with concrete)

painting new school house fence

soil around the cricket pitch

concreting sandpit and basketball court section

cleaning the gutters on the sports shed

using line marker to paint lines for staff parking and on steps

organising book boxes in junior classroom and library books in the library

painting the feature wall in the under cover seating area and

painting the school house fence.

PASSION PROJECT



JUNIOR SCHOOL READING AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved the following reading awards which reflects the number of nights they have been reading at home.

25 nights—Emily, Olivia, Will, Campbell, Noah, Jackson, Beau, Fletcher, Tom and Lachie.

50 nights—Emily, Olivia, Will, Campbell, Noah, Jackson, Beau, Fletcher, Tom and Lachie.

75 nights -Emily, Olivia, Will, Campbell, Noah, Jackson, Fletcher, Tom and Lachie.

100 nights -Emily, Olivia, Will, Campbell, Noah, Tom and Lachie.

125 nights -Emily, Olivia, Will, Campbell, Noah and Tom.

150 nights -Olivia, Will, Campbell, Noah and Tom.

175 nights -Will, Noah and Tom.

ROADHOUSE LUNCH MENU

This menu will be available for students to purchase this term on Thursday 18th August and Thursday 8th September. Icy poles and hot milos will not be available on this day. This menu was introduced based on student voice during one of our junior school council meetings.

Menu:

Mrs Mac sausage roll and sauce \$4.00

Chips and gravy \$4.00

Four'N Twenty pie \$5.00

Noodles, sauce and cheese \$4.00

Potato cakes \$1.20 each

Fried Dim sims \$1.00 each

Calamari or chicken medallions (3 pieces) with chips \$5.00

Toasted ham and cheese sandwich \$5.00

We do not supply lunch order bags. Please write your child's name and order on a brown paper bag and enclose money in preferably a zip lock bag the day before (Wednesday). No late orders taken.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

This closes the 2nd September. Julie is collating the entries and will enter the books on the system. Hopefully everyone is working hard on their reading and writing their books on the sheet they have been provided.

2022 Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK! Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Last year we used the survey results to plan and inform our AIP and School Strategic Plan.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

Your school's generic PIN is: #####

Please note that this PIN will only be sent home on the paper copy of the newsletter and not published on the website or public media.

www.ruralaid.org.au

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, I have recently started working with Rural Aid Australia in the capacity as a counsellor and community representative.

Rural Aid is a not-for-profit organization who aid farmers, their families, and rural communities through various programs. Initially developed as a disaster response organization, providing hay and fodder through their buy a bale campaign, it has increased to develop other programs including building resilience and mental health and well-being. This is where I fit in, as a counsellor I can provide free mental health and counselling sessions to farmers and their families in a general nature, not just in response to a disaster. My role also allows me to work on farm and remotely to support farmers and their families to link with other supports and services to help address areas of need that they may identify.

Gippsland has not had a Rural Aid counsellor in the region previously and any contact was via phone. As I am a local, living in Mirboo North, I am on the ground here to help build a presence and be accessible to Gippsland farmers and their families, and to the various organizations, agencies and services that farmers interact with to develop a conduit for referrals into our service.

As a Gippslander based in Mirboo North I cover all of Gippsland, from east of Pakenham to the NSW border, north to the border of Gippsland and Alpine and south to the coast. As a local I am able to attend farmers properties and other agencies and organizations to help facilitate a timely and effective response to support farmers and their families.

My professional background is as a qualified social worker, having previously worked in public health both as a practitioner and team leader and in mental health and youth work. While in mental health I also worked as a dual diagnosis clinician (mental health & substance misuse). I ran my own counselling practice for about 5 years, providing relationship, grief and loss, trauma therapy receiving referrals from Victims of Crime.

I was also an active volunteer with the CFA with Churchill fire brigade for 16 years, up until 2019. The last 4 years with the CFA I held a position as a CFA peer support worker, providing psychological first aid and debriefing to CFA personnel as well as general emotional support.

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