

CARING COMMITMENT  
CREATIVITY COLLABORATION COURAGE

**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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Week 4 Term 1  
Thursday 18th February 2021  
Edition 2

**ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." -Nelson Mandela (<https://blog.hubspot.com/sales/famous-quotes>)

Wuman Njinde Parents, Students and the School Community,

It was encouraging to learn yesterday morning that the unexpected enforced 5 day lock down by the Victorian Premier was lifted last night and children were allowed back to school today. We would like to thank you for your support during this time and I am hopeful going forward that this will be a one off as the Government fast tracks the implementation of a vaccine. At this stage, all adults entering the school buildings are required to wear a face mask. We will provide you with further mandatory requirements and updates as we receive them from the DET (Department of Education and Training).

At the end of 2020 we were successful in obtaining a grant submission to appoint a school chaplain to be employed over a 2 year period commencing 2021. I would like to welcome Kaylene who has been appointed as our new School Chaplain. Kaylene will commence working with us this coming Tuesday 23rd February and we look forward to welcoming her to our school. Kaylene will work with us each Tuesday.

We have quite a few new activities we are introducing in March and I encourage you to make a note of these. Further information will be given to you closer to the event.

Aidan and I would like to thank you for taking the time to discuss your child's education and learning during the Parent / Teacher conferences we held last Tuesday and Wednesday after school. We really appreciated your feedback and input as we guide your child's learning journey and hopefully next time these conferences occur again in Term 3 it will be done in person at the school.

Shrove Tuesday new date - Tuesday 23rd. Pancake batter and equip provided by school.  
Shelter in place drill - Wednesday 24th.  
Julie (Business Manager) - Tuesday's and Thursday's.  
School chaplain commences - Tuesday 23rd.  
No school for Preps - Wednesday 24th.

### **IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH**

Storm Birds parent session - Monday 22nd at 9.30. (Please read articles on School Stream).  
Storm Birds student sessions - Monday 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th.  
Shire Library - Tuesday 9th and 23rd at 9.30am.  
Newsletter - Thursday 4th and 18th.  
Labour Day - Monday 8th Public Holiday.  
Aero stimulator Flying Drs Service - Wednesday 10th.  
School Council AGM - Monday 15th at 5pm.  
Bug Blitz Field Day - Thursday 18th.  
Ride to School Day - Friday 19th.  
MARC Van - Wednesday 3rd, 17th and 31st and Thursday 11th.  
Julie (Business Manager) - Tuesday's and Thursday's.

### **TERM 1 DATES**

Hats to be worn - Friday 29th January to Thursday 1st April. **1pm finish.**  
Term 1 dates - Friday 29th January to Thursday 1st April.

### **HOT LUNCHES**

Please refer below to what is on the menu each week.

25th Feb - Hot dogs	4th March - Dim Sims	11th March - Hot dogs
18th March - Dim Sims	25th March - Hot dogs	

### **WELCOME KAYLENE ODOHERTY**

Dear Parents/Gardians,

Hi, my name is Kaylene ODoherty and I am excited to be working as the school Chaplin/ School Counsellor at Buchan school this year. I grew up in Mallacoota but shifted to Lakes/ Bairnsdale area in my early 20s and have worked in childcare Kindergarten( including Buchan) and many community service organisations ie Save the Children and Relationships Australia as well as Gippsland Grammar and Clifton Creek primary school. I love anything to do with nature and the ocean and spending time with my boys.

My role is to work as a member of the school's wellbeing team in the delivery of student well-being services through activities that enhance emotional and social skills, resiliency building.

To work with teachers on behavioural support for best management of individual students and their needs and sometimes just being a friendly ear when needing someone to talk to.

Kind regards

Kaylene O'Doherty

day. You tried really hard to do your best and stay focused.

Luca Wieland -For always being courteous and respectful in class. As well as always displaying resilience and a growth mindset when encountering challenging tasks.

Jack McAuliffe - For applying himself to his studies in a mature and diligent manner, mostly remaining on task and utilising his time effectively. His impeccable attention to detail during persuasive writing has been great to witness.

### **GIPPSLAND SPORT REGION CALENDAR FOR 2021**

Interschool sports has now started. I will keep parents updated as the year progresses as to when these will occur. Please be mindful that a lot of these activities will not include the whole school as we don't have the staffing capacity and budget to take a small group of students to these events and provide a replacement teacher as well. Therefore, if your child is interested in participating, it will be up to you the parent to provide the transport and supervise. We are happy to organise the logistics regarding paperwork etc. The main sports that will be occurring this year will be cross country at Buchan in March (Date to be confirmed), the athletic trials in July at Howitt Park and the Big Five Individual trials (AFL boys, basketball boys and girls and netball) at Traralgon Basketball Stadium in May. Unfortunately at this stage, we do not have enough numbers to be involved in representing a team for the winter sports which are AFL, Netball, Soccer, Tee Ball and Hockey and the summer sports which are basketball, softball and volleyball. Having said that, I am open to ideas and suggestions and I will have this discussion with the senior students and if we have enough numbers I am happy to put something in place.

### **Parent Payment Policy**

Please find attached to the newsletter the Parent Payment Policy for this year.

### **Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund!**

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Your card must be current as at 27th January or 19th April, 2021.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

**new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.

**changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Please call into the office for an application form or ask your child to pick one up to take home.