

BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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(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.



SENIOR CLASSROOM

Senior students have been extremely busy over the past two weeks. Our Grade 6 students prepared and delivered their School Captain speeches on Monday, demonstrating confidence, leadership and excellent presentation skills. Congratulations to Jackson Murphy, Thomas Hodge and Lachlan Cross who have been appointed our 2026 School Captains. Well done also to Fletcher Sandy and Michael Sowden, who will serve as Vice Captains and support our captains throughout the year. All leadership speeches were of an outstanding standard, and we are very proud of every student for their effort, courage, preparation, and willingness to represent their school community.



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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.



TUBBS Cross Country:

Yesterday, students walked to the Buchan Caves Reserve to familiarise themselves with the course they will be running tomorrow. This opportunity allowed students to practise the route ahead of the event, helping to reduce anxiety and minimise any confusion on the day. In response to parent feedback in previous years, we have incorporated this preparation walk over the past couple of years to ensure students feel confident, supported, and well prepared.

We warmly invite all families, parents, grandparents, and friends to attend tomorrow. A BBQ fundraiser will be held from 11:00am to 1:00pm, with the price list attached to the newsletter. If you're available to help, please contact our School Council President, Sophie Sandy.

Easter Raffle:

Buchan Primary School is excited to announce the return of our Easter raffle! Scheduled for the final day of Term 1, Thursday, April 2nd, **we're hoping to gather chocolate donations once again.** All donations can be given to Julie in the office. Your support is greatly appreciated as we prepare for this festive event! Raffle tickets were sent home on Tuesday. Thank you to those parents and staff who have already donated.



NAPLAN:



We would like to give a massive shout out to our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students who persevered with NAPLAN last week. All students put their best foot forward and should be incredibly proud of their efforts. NAPLAN provides a valuable snapshot of student learning in literacy and numeracy, helping teachers to better understand individual progress and inform future teaching and learning. While it is just one of many assessment tools we use, it offers helpful insights that support student's ongoing development.

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Principal



Stories to discover.
Stories to tell.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2026

Dear parent/carer,

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and we're excited to be taking part!

All children from birth to Year 10 are welcome to join in.

This year's Challenge theme is 'Stories to discover. Stories to tell'. Stories can inspire and challenge us, and help us grow. They open our eyes to new worlds and new ways of thinking.

The number of books read can be varied for everyone's needs.

All children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers.

To learn more about the Challenge, visit [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

Children have been given a sheet today with the number of books they need to read to complete the Challenge.

You can also contact our Challenge Coordinator at Julie Cameron with any questions.

Happy reading!

Aidan Johnston



MARC Van

Students across the school participated in MARC Van this week, where they enjoyed engaging with a range of stories and creative activities. Students in the junior classroom created colourful clover suncatchers using a variety of bright shapes and tissue paper. They carefully cut, arranged, and glued the pieces together before sealing their designs to let the light shine through.



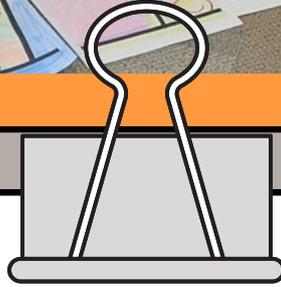
Drumbeat

Students in the Junior Classroom have been enjoying participating in the Drumbeat program this term with Warren and Vicki from GLCH. The sessions focus on teamwork, rhythm, and building positive connections through music. Warren and Vicki visit the Junior Classroom each Wednesday from 2:15pm to 3:15 pm, working alongside Mr Lee to run the program throughout Term 1. Students have been having a fantastic time learning new rhythms and working together as a group.



Literacy

Over the past couple of weeks, the Grade 1 and 2 students have been learning about the long 'o' sound and exploring the different ways it can be read and spelled, including o, oa, o_e, ou, ow and oe. Students have been working hard to recognise these patterns in words and practise using them in their reading and writing. One of their favourite activities last week was completing a word sort with Moira, where students grouped words based on the spelling patterns of the long 'o' sound.



Harmony Week

During Harmony Week at Buchan Primary School, students spent time learning about the importance of inclusion, respect, and belonging. Classes discussed how people from different backgrounds, cultures, and experiences contribute to Australia and why it is important that everyone feels valued and included.

Students dressed out of uniform in orange to promote inclusiveness, respect, and cultural diversity, recognising that everyone belongs and should feel valued within the school community, encouraging unity, kindness, acceptance, and appreciation of different backgrounds and cultures.

As part of the celebrations, students completed a creative art activity. Each student designed and decorated a cardboard circle with an orange painted base, representing the colour of Harmony Week. They added raised elements such as cardboard letters spelling words like "Harmony" or "Everyone Belongs," along with a meaningful quote and an image that represented harmony to them.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



PENELOPE

For consistently treating others with respect and kindness. This term, you have made your peers smile, by your positive approach to learning. Great work!

JACKSON

For being so flexible and helpful throughout the week. Several teachers commented on how supportive and helpful you were during their classes. Keep up the fantastic effort, Jacko!



JESSIE

Across the term, you have consistently displayed kindness, empathy and respect towards your peers. You have continued to approach each learning task with a high level of enthusiasm. Keep up the great work!



HOLLIE

This student showed great perseverance in her learning last week and continued to work hard even when things were challenging. Well done Hollie, keep up the fantastic effort!



Term 1: 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 2nd	March 3rd	March 4th	March 5th	March 6th
March 8th	March 9th	March 10th	March 11th	March 12th
LABOR DAY PUPILS HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	March 13th	NAPLAN STARTS (Grade 3&5)	Roadhouse Lunch Orders	March 14th
March 16th	March 17th	March 18th	March 19th	March 20th
March 22nd	March 23rd	CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICE	Harmony Week Celebration Day	TUBBS CROSS COUNTRY
March 23rd	March 24th	March 25th	March 26th	March 27th
NAPLAN FINISHES (Grade 3&5)	School Council AGM		Roadhouse Lunch Orders	

Events Later in Term 1

April 1st

Surfing with Phil and his team at Surf Shack

April 2nd

Last Day of School - 1PM FINISH



**Term 2 starts
Monday 20 April**



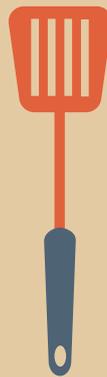
BBQ

FUNDRAISER CROSS COUNTRY

Hosted by

**BUCHAN PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY
MARCH
20**



**BUCHAN CAVES
RESERVE
BBQ ON FROM:**

11:00AM - 1:00PM

PRICES

SAUSAGE IN BREAD - \$3

BURGER - \$8

VEGETARIAN BURGER - \$8

CAKES / SLICES - \$3



BUCHAN

FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

All welcome to join our club

U/12 Netball

Coach name - Cassie Mathers

- Female and male
- Players can be maximum age turning 12 on or before 31 December 2026. Min age players turning 8 on or before 31 December 2026
- Membership \$75 inclusive of registration with VNA cost \$73
- Training - Thursday nights 4.30-5.30pm commencing 12/3/2026

AUSKICK

Coach name - Lynton Hill

- Female and male
- Age range 5 – 12 years
- \$90 registration fee includes starter pack
- Training commences Thursday 30 April 5.30pm
- Till Thursday 25 June

U/17 Netball

Coach names - Paige Carter and Darcey Carter

- Female and Male
- Female players turning 17 on or before 31 Dec 2026.
- Male players <15 years of age on or before 31 Dec 2026. Min age players turning 12 on or before 31 December 2026
- Membership \$75 inclusive of registration with VNA cost \$73
- Training nights Thursday 5pm commencing 12/3/2026

U/16 Football

Coach name - Tim Davidson

- Females and males
- Under 16 years as of 1 January 2026, Must be 8 years of age as of 1 January 2026
- Membership \$75
- Training commences Thursday 19 March 5.30pm (and at Family Fun Day 15/3/26 1pm)

Enquiries to buchanfnc@hotmail.com



- Hamish Hancock – President 0423 816 146
- Suzie Healy – Netball Coordinator 0408 320 504
- Chris Mathers – Football Coordinator 0408 825 094
- Susie Edwards – Secretary 0419 486 559





2027 Year 7 - Information Evening

Wednesday 29th April 2026
5.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Bairnsdale Secondary College invite students, parents, and carers to our Information Evening for 2027 Year 7 students.

Time	Item	Location
5.00 pm to 6.00 pm	McKean Street Campus open to tour and chat with staff and students from Key Learning Areas including English, Maths, Science and PE.	Year 7 Hub, Science Centre and Inclusion Hub
6.00 pm to 7.00 pm	Information Session - Presentation from current Year 7 students and student leaders.	Malgobila Building

For further enquiries please contact us on 5150 4800 or at bairnsdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au

The enrolment process begins in early Term 2 .

Information will be distributed initially via your Primary Schools.

For Government Primary Schools

Your Primary Schools will distribute an Application for Year 7 Placement early in Term 2

For Non-Government Primary Schools

Your Primary School may provide an Application for Year 7 Placement early in Term 2 , if you do not receive one please contact the College directly.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING WEBINAR SERIES 2026

GIPPSLAND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE SUSTAINABLE LIVING SERIES 2026, A FREE YEAR-LONG PROGRAM OF ONLINE WEBINARS DESIGNED TO HELP HOUSEHOLDS CUT ENERGY COSTS, IMPROVE COMFORT, AND REDUCE THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. PRESENTED BY INDEPENDENT EXPERTS FROM NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION RENEW, THE SERIES COVERS PRACTICAL TOPICS INCLUDING SOLAR, HOME BATTERIES, ELECTRIC VEHICLES, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND RENTER-FRIENDLY UPGRADES. THE FIRST TWO SESSIONS 'INTRODUCTION TO SOLAR' AND 'HOME BATTERY STORAGE' HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE WITH ATTENDEES GATHERING AT THE BAIRNSDALE LIBRARY TO ENJOY THE WEBINAR TOGETHER, SHARE IDEAS, AND ASK QUESTIONS OVER A CUPPA AS PART OF THE LIBRARIES AFTER DARK PROGRAM. PARTICIPANTS CAN CONTINUE TO ATTEND ONLINE, OR JOIN UPCOMING SESSIONS AT THE BAIRNSDALE LIBRARY.

ALL SESSIONS RUN 7.00 PM — 8.30 PM AND INCLUDE Q&A WITH TECHNICAL EXPERTS, ON THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY EVENINGS:

- ALL-ELECTRIC HOMES — 26 MARCH
- ELECTRIC VEHICLES — 16 APRIL
- WINTER COMFORT AT HOME — 18 JUNE
- WINTER COMFORT FOR RENTERS — 9 JULY
- FINDING A SUSTAINABLE TEAM — 30 JULY
- DESIGNING FOR RESILIENCE — 13 AUGUST
- SUSTAINABLE BUILDING MATERIALS — 27 AUGUST
- WATER AND GREENING — 10 SEPTEMBER
- SUMMER COMFORT AT HOME — 12 NOVEMBER
- SUMMER COMFORT FOR RENTERS — 26 NOVEMBER

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL, ALONGSIDE BASS COAST SHIRE COUNCIL, WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL, LATROBE CITY COUNCIL, AND SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL, HAS PARTNERED WITH RENEW TO PROVIDE FREE ACCESS TO INDEPENDENT, EXPERT ADVICE TO HELP CREATE MORE EFFICIENT, COMFORTABLE AND SUSTAINABLE HOMES ACROSS THE REGION. THE WEBINARS WILL ALL BE RECORDED AND CAN BE WATCHED BACK.

TO BOOK AND VIEW THE FULL PROGRAM,

VISIT:

[HTTPS://THECAP.COM.AU/SUSTAINABLE-LIVING-SERIES](https://thecap.com.au/sustainable-living-series)



TOPIC:

Electric vehicles

