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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 8 Term 3
Thursday 1st September 2022
Edition 13**

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 thank the following parents and friends who were able to spend a couple of hours on Sunday to help us complete work around the school at our working bee on Sunday 21st August: Sophie and Michael S, Katie H, Donna M, Tara K, Cassie M, Laura S, Robyn Sandy and Sophie's Auntie Sally. We completed the following jobs in the couple of hours we were there; the new slide was installed, lines were painted on the basketball court for down ball, cricket pitch, staff carpark and steps, the guttering was cleaned on the sports shed and undercover eating area, the fence was stained at the school house, soil was filled in around the cricket pitch, the outdoor seating was assembled which included seated workbenches and assembly seating, weeding was completed near the sandpit, leaves were swept and the area in the outdoor undercover area was decluttered, cardboard etc was removed to the tip, the air filters were removed and replaced and the lawns mowed near the maintenance shed. We accomplished a lot in a short amount of time.

On our Curriculum Day last Friday, Mr Johnston and I applied for a \$30,000 grant to support our literacy and numeracy program going forward into 2023 and we reviewed our online learning programs, as well as our School Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan.

Over the next week, we will see the installation of our new outdoor learning space taking shape with the new shade sail going up. We look forward to using this space when the warmer weather arrives. We also had the new blinds installed in the senior classroom and ceiling fans put in too.

I have put out an expression of interest for the afternoon school care which we are still pursuing. If you are interested, please contact the school.

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

Yarrabee

Sarah

Principal

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 see Julie our business manager for an enrolment package. We will be doing face to face tours, an information evening and kinder to foundation transition activities starting early in Term 4.

WE ARE ONE - VIDEO LINK

As a school we are practising the song, 'We Are One' by the Seekers and singing this in English and Aboriginal Language.

Students are learning this sing off by heart and are encouraged to visit the following website for reference: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roL9Q_DpN68

PARENT OPINION SURVEYS ONLINE

Thank you to the two families who have completed the parent survey. A reminder that this survey is open until the 16th September and we encourage all families to participate before it closes. **The school relies on this feedback and data to guide the direction of the school going forward.** It will only take approximately 10 minutes so make a cuppa and pop online to complete it. The password was in the last newsletter but if you have forgotten it just send me a text and I will give it to you. My mobile is 0409559359. Thanks Julie.

Parent Voluntary Contributions for 2022

Thank you to those parents who have paid the voluntary parent payment of \$300 per student. These funds assist to cover the costs of swimming, online subscriptions, excursions as well as essential education items for your child's curriculum. If you would like to make a contribution please make a direct deposit into the school account.

The school will inform you of your child's account balance that can go towards excursions and camps. However going forward into 2023 we are not anticipating any Government contributions and therefore it will only be the CSEF for families who meet the criteria.

Expression of Interest - School Slide.

The school installed a new slide on the day of the working bee to be compliant with occupational health and safety guidelines.

School Council asked if we could donate the slide back to interested families. We are happy to do this.

Please let Sarah know if you are interested by Tuesday 6th September. Please note you will need to supply nuts and bolts for installation purposes and pick up the slide from the school premises.

She will put each name on a ticket and put this in a draw and will ask the school captain and or vice-captain to randomly choose the winning ticket.

Expression of Interest - After School Care Opportunity

We are currently in talks with Buchan Uniting Early Learning regarding the introducing out of hours school care. At this stage we are looking at implementing after school care 3 nights per week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3.15 to 5.30pm at Buchan Primary School.

However, for this to take place we require another facilitator,. The school was successful at the end of last year in acquiring a grant towards the implementation of this community program.

For applicants who are interested in applying for this role, you will need to be 18 years or older and enroll yourself in a free TAFE course to attain your certificate 3 and or being enrolled in a child related teaching degree or equivalent.

Please see me for further information and distribute to the wider school community.

On Wednesday the 24th of August students spent the whole day learning about STEM. Mr John Sentry graciously donated his time to come and work with the whole school, giving students a taste of multiple areas of the science curriculum. In the morning, students built their theoretical knowledge about electronics, circuit boards and binary code.

After recess, students used their new theoretical knowledge to construct a drawing bot. This required senior students pairing up with junior school students to attach an out-of-balance motor to texters. This required multiple materials, including a cup, tape, texters, battery pack, a motor and cables. The motor rotating caused vibrations, which allowed the texters to jolt across the paper and make lots of drawings. Students were given autonomy in testing and designing this bot, with many deciding to test for the freedom of rotation. This led to students having to make alterations to the design, so the cork was able to rotate freely without banging into the battery and/or getting blocked.

The afternoon was focused on coding, with numerous engaging activities that allowed students to work at their own pace and stay challenged, thinking like programmers.

We would like to thank John again for his time.s



THURSDAY HOT LUNCH / MILO / ICY POLES

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 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.

JUNIOR SCHOOL READING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

125 NIGHTS OF READING



150 NIGHTS OF READING



100 NIGHTS OF READING

175 NIGHTS OF READING



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JUNIOR SCHOOL READING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



75 NIGHTS OF READING



50 NIGHTS OF READING



25 NIGHTS OF READING

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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

William H— For showing excellent perseverance with his handwriting as it relates to writing on the line and starting in the correct position. Keep up the positive attitude!

Jackson M—For making the connections when he reads with his reading strategies that have been taught in class and his sound blends. This is excellent to see!

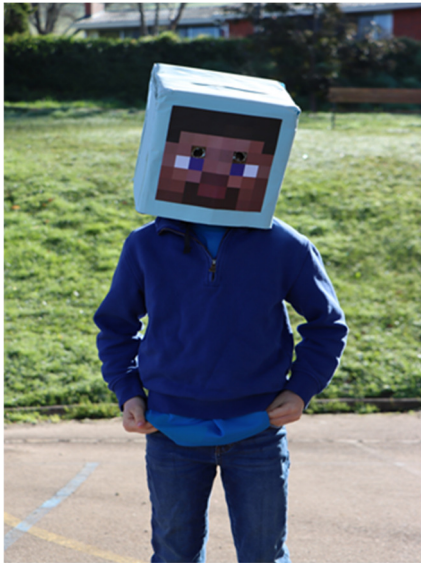
Thomas H—For being more focused in the classroom when working on given tasks and completing them on time. Well done!

Sky De W—For always attempting mathematical problems in daily review. It has been great to watch your problem solving strategies continue to develop and the way you work through tasks to prove your theories.



BOOK WEEK





NEW SEATING FOR ASSEMBLIES!



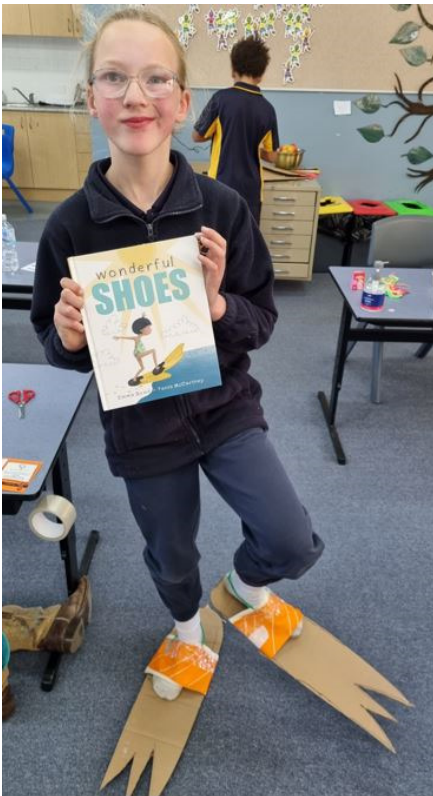
MARC VAN PHOTO'S FROM YESTERDAY



Jackson with scuba gear.



String puzzle.



Hope's wonderful feet.



Walk of the whales rescue crew.