

# BUCHAN

## Primary School

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'It's not what's under the tree that matters, it's those whose gathered around it.' Unknown.

Dear Parents, Students and the School Community,

I am super excited to announce my appointment as acting principal at Buchan Primary School for 2020. I thought I would wait until this week's newsletter to officially share this with you. Clare Edwards will be taking up the acting principal appointment at Metung Primary School for 2020 and I wish her all the best with her new appointment. I would also like to introduce William (Bill) Doring to Buchan Primary School. Bill will be teaching the junior class in 2020 and he will be employed 5 days per week. Bill will also be introducing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) as a specialist subject to the school curriculum in 2020 and this will be taken as a whole school activity. Bill met all of the children last Thursday after lunch and he spent the afternoon with us in the Library. Unfortunately, due to timing, he was unable to visit the kinder kids.

Next year I will be implementing quite a few changes to the curriculum. At this stage, I will be teaching in the classroom 5 days per week to ensure we have consistency and stability across the school and my administration and Principal duties will take place before and after school hours and in between. There will be opportunities throughout the year for the whole school to come together and this will be announced early in Term 1 once Bill and I have worked out the timetable and I will share this with you in the first week's newsletter for the year. I will be taking Physical Education and Health next year as a whole school activity, as these are my specialist subjects. Students will also be involved in the following extracurricular activities; Respectful Relationships, Zones of Regulation, School Wide Positive Behaviours Support (SWPBS), Art (We are looking at introducing pottery into the art curriculum), cooking and an equivalent to bush kinder for primary school students. The MARC Van will again be operating next year and this will commence a couple of weeks into Term 1. I will also be introducing Literacy Planet as an online learning tool and we will continue our membership with Mathletics. I'm really looking forward to making a positive difference to your child's education in 2020 and working with you next year.

Kindest regards

Sarah Walker  
Acting Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

Term 4 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**Reports handed out** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Sleepover for the Prep/Grade 1 students with Miss Gray and Mrs Walker.

School Council Meeting – New meeting time and date Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.

Free dress day – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Concert Day / Night at Buchan Community Hall – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6pm start.

Water Fight – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – **Bring a spare change of clothes and a towel!**

Pack up – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Finish at 1pm** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### **CLASSROOM CONFIGURATION**

In 2020 the classrooms will be set up as the following:

Junior School – Mr Bill Doring

7 Foundation students.

3 Grade 1 students.

Senior School- Mrs Sarah Walker

4 Grade 2 students.

3 Grade 4 students.

3 Grade 5 students.

3 Grade 6 students.

### **HELLO FROM MR DORING**

I'm Bill Doring, and I am the newest teacher at Buchan Primary School. Before becoming a teacher I studied to be an archaeologist, however I preferred working with kids and school-groups and teaching them about the work, so I studied teaching instead. I've been a teacher for a year now, mostly working as a substitute at various primary schools in Melbourne. I also taught English overseas in Morocco for a year. I love teaching and I'm really looking forward to living in Buchan. I'll be moving into town towards the end of January, so I'm sure you'll see me around.

Feel free to say hi!

### **OVERDUE MARC VAN BOOKS**

Notices for overdue books have been handed out to children today. Would you please find the books and return them to me to avoid paying a replacement fee.

### **OVERDUE SHIRE LIBRARY BOOKS**

All students were given a print out this week of overdue books from the Shire Library Van. Would you please return these books to the Buchan Neighbourhood House so they can collect the books on behalf of the Shire Library. Thank you in advance.

### **END OF YEAR CONCERT**

The concert will commence at 6pm sharp at the Buchan Community Hall. Our rehearsals are going very well. I would like to thank the Buchan Kindergarten for kindly loaning the junior class a class set of reindeer antlers. These are available for children in the junior school to borrow if they are unable to buy or borrow some on the night.

### **SCHOOL CLOSURE**

I would like to thank you for your understanding last Monday when we had to close the school early due to 'Watch and Act' and again on Tuesday. During these times, I am required to follow DET regulations and unless I have parent permission, I am unable to allow another parent to sign another child out. Even if the parent has good intentions to help another family out with transport and or they may be a close friend or neighbour, I have a duty of care to follow. My duty of care also extends to not allowing children to walk home / or to a neighbours or friends house. If I am required to phone parents due to a 'Watch and Act' or other emergency situation, I will phone the mobile number listed first on the contact list. If I can't speak directly to a parent / guardian, I will leave a message on the mobile requesting the person to call me back and I will ring the next number given. If I can't speak directly to a parent / guardian after exhausting all emergency contacts, I will wait for the parent / guardian to respond and then I will repeat the process.

### **SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATION**

Clare was successful in obtaining an Equipment's Boost for schools grant for Buchan Primary School. Of the 976 applications received, only 383 applications were either fully or partially funded with the remaining 593 applications receiving no funding. This \$18,752.00 grant will go towards technology equipment.

### **FOOD BANK**

I placed our first order with Food Bank last week in readiness for Term 1. We should receive the delivery of breakfast, snacks and lunch packs around week 3 of this term. Our breakfast room will be operating where the Library was, as there is a sink and kitchen cupboards and bench space there. Breakfast will comprise of Cheerio's and or Weetbix and the snacks will be apples and fruit cups with the lunch packs comprising of tuna and pasta dishes.