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ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

“Just because something isn’t happening for you right now doesn’t mean that it will never happen”
by unknown.

Word of the week: Anomaly—something different or unusual.

IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST

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| School Council | - Monday 10th August at 5pm. Webex will be available. |
| MARC Van | - Wednesday 5th August
- Monday 10th August (Extra session)
- Wednesday 19th August
- Monday 24th August (Extra session) |
| Hot lunches | - Thursday 6th August (Dim sims).
- Thursday 13th August (Hot dogs).
- Thursday 20th August (Dim sims).
- Thursday 27th August (Hot dogs). |
| Special day out | - Friday 14th August |

Dear Parents, Students and the School Community,

I am always surprised how much information we actually communicate home to families when I finish typing up the day to day happenings at Buchan Primary School. For a small school the size of Buchan I think we really do a great job. Our staffing configuration this term has changed and Karen is now working full time at the primary school until the end of the year. This will make a huge difference to providing extra support and learning guidance in the junior room and during specialist classes. 2020 will be remembered for all the wrong reasons for many of you who have been impacted by the bushfires and COVID-19. Many of the activities I planned for Terms 2 and 3 have been cancelled due to COVID-19. So rather than wait I thought we as a school could provide some fun activities for the children and we would begin this by having a whole school day out. Karen has put the finishing touches to our special day out. Hold this date: Friday 14th August. We will be spending the day at Lakes Entrance where children will be participating in mini golf, a movie which will include pop corn and a drink and lunch at the fish and chip shop. More information to follow shortly regarding transport etc. We will have exclusive use to these venues to reduce the risk of interaction with others.

Kind regards

Sarah

PEBBLES

A truck load of pebbles was delivered on Monday outside the Library and Art Room. These will go in the garden bed at the front of the Library and between both portables.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions in Melbourne, school photos will take place in Term 4.

DRINK BOTTLES REQUIRED

The staff and students have been doing an amazing job to ensure everyone stays healthy and safe. Drink bottles are still required for Term 3.

UPDATE OF PERSONAL DETAILS

Please let Julie know of any changes to your contact details. This is applicable to mailing addresses as it relates to road side delivery and or post office box, telephone or mobile numbers for work or home and emails.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD

Skye D – For the attention to detail and drawing excellence she displayed in her poster ideas for the Buchan playground.

Our junior school student of the week was absent so they will be awarded their certificate and specially chosen book next week.



LITTLE BOOK ROOM IN MELBOURNE

At the commencement of Term 3, I received an email from Rachel Bell from Save the Children Foundation who asked me if our school would be interested in receiving some books from a bookstore called the Little Book Room in Melbourne. As a teacher I would never say no to books and the value of reading. So the following week 3 boxes of brand new books arrived with some books including the author signatures. As an incentive for our children to read and as a reward for achieving the student of week award, we thought it would be a beautiful gift to give to the children. The remaining books will be catalogued and put in our Library once the new furniture arrives.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST AND SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

We have Ainsleigh and Hannah working with some of our children via ZOOM and or in person. These sessions will happen fortnightly and parents and staff will be given feedback via email. We will be working closely with both Ainsleigh and Hannah to implement strategies in the classroom.

TRAFFIC FLOW DATA—SCHOOL CROSSING

For your information the Shire is collecting data regarding traffic flow. This box is set up beside our school crossing. This data will be used to inform Vic Roads and The Shire with feedback as to whether our school crossing warning flags and or road signs need to be updated to reflect the traffic conditions.

Welcome to Kelly Duncan

This week we welcomed our new Bushfire Recovery Practitioner, Kelly Duncan, to our school community. Kelly joins us on the Outer Gippsland Area team and will be part of the Department's newly established Trauma Recovery Team, which has been supporting Outer Gippsland schools' bushfire recovery since January 2020. Kelly is a social worker by trade and will work with our school to support our students, staff and families to identify our needs over our bushfire recovery journey. If you have concerns about your child, please speak to Sarah. Kelly is available on certain days and times. Please speak to Sarah if you would prefer that Kelly did not speak to your child, whilst she is spending time at the school. Community experience after the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires tell us that recovery can take a long time, so we are pleased to announce that Kelly will be working with us until December 2022. Kelly has worked in Student Support Services, in the Bairnsdale / Tambo team for the past 18 months and prior to that was a school wellbeing leader. Kelly has over 20 years of experience as a Social Worker. Kelly is passionate about social justice and spending time with her family and horses. You can learn more about Kelly, here: <https://youtu.be/A0JGTEiV6WY>.

NEW FENCING

Fencing was installed in front of the staff and visitor car park last Friday. What a great first impression this makes to the entrance to the school! Now all that is left to do is stain it to match the planter boxes.



PARENT / TEACHER PHONE CONVERSATIONS

Thank you for giving up your time on Tuesday night to have a chat to Bill and I regarding your child's Semester 1 reports. We appreciate your support and feedback.

SENIOR SCHOOL HOMEWORK

Homework will be given out to students in the senior school every Friday. Children have been given a timetable as to what they need to do each week. Homework will comprise of spelling words, a spelling sheet and reading. Spelling tests and the correction of spelling sheets will occur each Friday.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

We are currently revisiting our school values this term. Once this has occurred we will use these values and introduce value tokens that we will hand to children who are displaying these values in the classroom and outside in the school ground. These tokens will reinforce positive behaviours and each classroom will keep a tally of each child's tokens so that they can reward these children for their positive behaviours. Our next newsletter will have some information on school values.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DRILL

Sometime next week we will be having a lockdown drill. We had a whole school discussion on Wednesday regarding what this would look like and the reasons why we have to have practice such drill scenarios.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

This will finish at the end of this term. Hopefully everyone is reading well and writing the books read down on their Reading Challenge sheet.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

In the senior school we are showing and doing random acts of kindness towards our fellow classmates. All students have been given 2 people and 2 acts of kindness they are to show towards their chosen classmates throughout the week. The act of kindness and the 2 people will change weekly. We will check in each Friday to see if each child can guess what the act of kindness was and who they thought was the person who gave the act of kindness.

