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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 6 Term 4
Thursday 11th November 2021
Edition 17**

“Learn to say 'no' to the good so you can say 'yes' to the best.” John C, Maxwell.

Wuman Njinde Parents, Students and the School Community,

We have accomplished so much over the last 2 weeks and as our photo page will attest, I had to limit the amount of photos we were able to publish due to not enough memory space.

I would like to congratulate the worthy recipients of the nightly reading awards in the junior class. Since the start of the year our junior students have been given weekly take home readers to read and it has been wonderful to see the majority of our students earning the following reading recognition rewards: 25 nights, 50 nights, 75 nights, 100 nights, 125 nights and 150 nights. I would like to acknowledge the parents of the junior students who have consistently supported and encouraged their child's reading practice at home.

With great excitement which I am learning to contain, I am pleased to welcome Marley to our school. Thank you to Mr Johnston, Grace and Noah for travelling down to Banksia Park on Wednesday to collect her. She will be housed at the school house with Mr Johnston and will spend the day at school. Mr Johnston and I prior to her arrival were required to complete a 10 hour plus training program to ensure we are giving her the best start. We will also have weekly check ins with Dogs Connect to assist us with her training and transition as a wellbeing dog. Marely has an amazing temperament and she spent her first day at school today familiarising herself with the sounds and smells of the school. Whilst she didn't enter any classrooms, the children were invited in groups of 2 throughout the day to give her some exercise and toileting in between school hours.

Today our school travelled up to Buchan South to the Avenue of Honour. I would like to say a special thank you to Evelyn of the Buchan Neighbourhood House for conducting the Remembrance Day Ceremony today.

Until next time,
Sarah.

THURSDAY HOT LUNCH & ICYPOLES

Hot dogs –18th November

Steamed Dim Sims –25th November

Hot dogs –2nd December

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

Before School Bike Ride—Friday 12th, 19th and 26th.

Bike Education Day—Monday 15th. Grades P to 2 9.30 to 11.00 and Grades 3 to 6 11.30 to 1.00 and in the afternoon all skills / grades.

MARC Van—18th, 24th and 30th.

Adventure Park—junior class 22nd.

Tree planting / junior ranger and mini beasts—Junior class 24th.

Queenscliff camp - senior class—22nd to 26th.

BIKE EDUCATION

On Monday 8th November we had Brenton spend a day with the students teaching them bike education skills on the basketball court. He will be coming back to the school on Monday 15th where he is planning on taking them out for a bike ride on the roads and or local pathways. I would like to thank our parents who went out of their way on this day to bring their child's bike to school so they could practise their balance and skills on their own bikes and not a bike they were not use to. For children who don't have a bike, they are able to use the school bikes. Whilst we have spare helmets, we would prefer children to bring their own bike helmet. For children who are unable to bring their own bike and or do not own a bike helmet, they will be able to use do the spare school helmets and wear their school hats underneath.

FRIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS

Over the next 5 weeks, our students will be participating in swimming lessons at the Lakes Entrance Aquadome. During their time down there, they will participate in 2 swimming lessons. Children are encouraged to wear their bathers underneath their school uniform each Friday morning if this helps them with their organisational skills. Please remember to ensure your child brings a change of underpants and a plastic bag to put their wet bathers and towel in at the end of the session. Mr Johnston and I discussed the expectations today as it related to the change rooms, lesson times and snack times with the students. Thank you for returning the permission forms as requested, as this has ensured we have covered all basis and legalities. Some of our students will be required to travel in one of the staff cars each Friday due to the limited seating capacity on the bus. I will let you know who they are prior to departing the school grounds tomorrow morning. This transport arrangement will remain in place for the duration of the swimming program. One thing I notice each year on the first day of the swimming program is that some students complain of sore eyes and or don't bring hair ties. If you have swimming goggles, I highly recommend you bring them on the day and tonight show your child how to put them on and take them off. For the younger children, I encourage you to have a discussion about keeping their belongings with them in their bag when they change and ensure they know how to dress themselves without help.

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE (OHSC)

Towards the end of Term 3 I applied for a 3 year grant for OHSC. On Monday I received confirmation that we were successful. I will be working with School Council over the coming month to appoint a service provider. Based on feedback from parents in Term 3, these are the proposed times this service will be available.

Required Operating Hours:

Before school care – **Not applicable**

After school care – **3pm to 5.30 pm** (to be negotiated).

Student free day – **8.00am to 5.30 pm** (to be negotiated).

Vacation care – **8.00am to 5.30 pm** (to be negotiated).

Early school finishes/ End of term Early finishes – **1pm** (to be negotiated).

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Thank you to our school captains Robbie and Noah and vice captain Archie for taking part in the ceremony today and saying a speech, reading a poem and laying the wreath. Julie purchased a beautiful wreath for the commemorative ceremony on behalf of the school.



FROZEN MEALS BUCHAN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

The Buchan Neighbourhood House has a freezer of frozen meals which have been delivered today to the Neighbourhood House.

These meals are available to members of our community and if you would like some to distribute to your clients via your organisations please come and pick some up.

They have 3 boxes of chicken sausage rolls and quite a few of chick pea curry or vegetable soup. See photos for size as well. Suggested that if people add chicken to the curry if they don't just want to eat vegetarian.



SCHOOL CROSSING UPDATE

On Tuesday I received a phone call from the Shire to say that Regional Roads Victoria have funding approval for school crossing supervision. Whilst this is terrific news, this is the first in a series of steps that need to occur before we learn if our school is successful in being appointed a crossing supervisor. The unmanned school crossing has been an concern that School Council has been investigating and following up on since last year. I will keep you up to date of the outcome.

TESTING WEEKS

Mr Johnston and I, as well as Mrs Nowell will be busy over the next several weeks testing the students in readiness for writing the school reports. We are seeing a lot of improvement across the board.

QUEENSCLIFF CAMP / DAYOUT ACTIVITIES

Thank you to the senior class and parents for your understanding with regards to the Queencliff Camp and the last minute change of dates and previous cancellations. When this camp was offered to our school free of charge at the start of the year, it was originally pencilled in for Term 4. Mr Johnston and I never expected there would be COVID-19 restrictions in place once again and we would have to change the dates. Therefore, after monitoring weekly the situation and ensuring we were being compliant with the DET expectations and the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions across Victoria, it is fantastic that the staff were able to once again change the dates which were pushed back to Term 1 of 2022 to now 22nd November. So that the junior class don't miss out, Judie and I have organised 2 day excursions for them. More information will follow closer to the dates.

GIVIT BOND TIGHTS AND HOISERY

I was able to receive through GIVIT several boxes of **brand new** Bonds hosiery. I was in the right place at the right time which is a rarity, as the stock was snapped up very quickly due to the limited boxes available. All families have been given a bag full of assorted tights. I will be giving the Buchan Neighbourhood House several boxes on behalf of the school to distribute to people in the local and wider community.

TENNIS

I am waiting on feedback from Gavin as to when we will run the remaining 4 after school tennis sessions this term. I will let you know as soon as this is confirmed.

Each year our prep students are given brand new racquets from Tennis Australia and ANZ to promote tennis in our community. Thank you to these 2 organisations for providing this opportunity. As a result of our schools involvement with Tennis Australia and the after school tennis coaching sessions, I entered our school in a competition to have a famous Australian tennis player / personality run a special virtual zoom session with their school. We were very lucky to be selected and the whole school had a special 30 minute virtual drop in by Todd Woodbridge who answered questions, shared his tennis journey from the age of 5 and showed us his trophy cabinet.

SCHOOL BIKE REPAIRS

Thank you to Cassie who organised for a person she knows to come out to the school over the weekend and repair, change and replace the tyre tubes for our school bikes. It is terrific to see them being used on a daily basis.

**Kindergarten to Foundation Transition Program 2021
BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Be a friend Show respect Be a friend Show empathy

To enrol, children must:

- Have a birth certificate
- Turn 5 years old on or before 30th April, 2022.
- Have a current interstate certificate

For further information

please contact:
Acting Principal
Sarah Walker on 5195 9249

Activity 1 Tuesday 16th November @ 8.30 pm.	Information Session There will be an information night for students who will be enrolling in the foundation class at Buchan Primary School in 2022.	Parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to attend the night. Please stay afterwards for coffee and tea.
Activity 2 Tuesday 23rd November @ 12.00 to 1.00pm.	Interaction and Observation - Teddy Bears Picnic Children to bring their teddy bear to school and a snack and drink. They will be engaged in a story, mini picnic and play with the students in the junior school before being picked up at 1.00 pm.	Parents are invited to take their child to Buchan Primary School for their first onsite visit.
Activity 3 Monday 28th November @ 9.00 to 11.00am.	Family Morning Visit to Buchan PS Our new 2022 foundation children will join Mrs Walker and the junior class to participate in morning assembly, before they complete some introductory literacy classroom activities. They will then sit with the junior class to eat their morning snack, before being picked up at 11.00 am.	Children need to bring a hat, drink bottle and a snack. Parents are welcome to stay with their child, or leave as they feel appropriate.
Activity 4 Monday 6th December @ 9.00 to 11.00am.	Morning Classroom Visit to Buchan PS Our new 2022 foundation children will participate in our school assembly, as well as some literacy and numeracy activities in the junior class. During this time they will be encouraged to be increasingly independent in the classroom. They will also have the opportunity to meet and get to know their Grade 6 buddy. At the end of their visit, they will then sit with the junior class to eat their morning snack, before being picked up at 11am.	Children need to bring a hat, drink bottle and a snack.
Activity 5 Monday 13th December @ 9.00 to 1.00pm.	Half Day Visit Our new 2022 foundation children will participate in our school assembly, before staying at school for half the day and participating in classroom based learning in the junior class.	Children will need a hat, drink bottle and a snack.

Parent Information Session

Tuesday 16th November @ 6.30pm in the junior classroom. Please use the hand sanitizer on arrival and adults are required to wear a face mask and check in using the QR Code.

Enrolment forms to be returned to the school before 23rd November and your child's first onsite visit.

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