



BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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.

Senior Classroom

This week in art, senior students explored line, shading and movement by creating detailed wave drawings inspired by the power and beauty of the ocean. Using pencil techniques, they carefully built texture, depth and contrast to capture the energy and flow of each unique wave.



Junior Classroom

Last week, juniors started participating in the Rock and Water program, which helps children develop self-confidence, resilience, self-awareness and positive relationships through active games and activities that encourage teamwork, communication and emotional regulation.



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.



Term 3:

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope all our families enjoyed a restful break and have returned feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting term at Buchan Primary School.

Term 3 is always a busy and rewarding time, with students well settled into their routines and ready to make the most of every learning opportunity. It is often the term where we see significant growth in confidence, independence and academic achievement, and we look forward to celebrating the progress our students make throughout the coming weeks.

We also have a wonderful range of opportunities planned beyond the classroom. Senior students will be representing our school at Division Athletics and participating in the Outward Bound excursion.

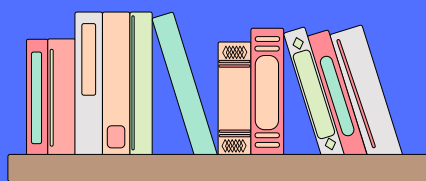
Several of our senior students have been selected to attend extension opportunities that recognise their outstanding achievements. A group of high-performing writers from the senior classroom (Grade 3&4 workshop and Grade 5&6 workshop) will participate in a Writers' Workshop with acclaimed Australian author Ingrid Laguna at Nungurner Primary School.

In addition, some of our talented spelling students in Grades 5&6 will represent Buchan Primary School at the District VicSpell competition hosted by Bairnsdale West Primary School. These experiences are a fantastic way for students to extend their learning, challenge themselves and showcase their talents.

We look forward to another successful term filled with learning, growth and memorable experiences for all of our students.

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Principal

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2026



As mentioned and distributed in Term 1, the theme for the 2026 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is 'Stories to discover. Stories to tell'. Don't forget to complete the Challenge! All reading record forms must be returned to Julie by the end of August to allow time for results to be entered into the system. If you need another reading record form, copies are available from the office shelf.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents. Students from Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 15 books.

The Challenge is not a competition; every student is encouraged to enjoy their own reading journey, discover new books, and develop a lifelong love of reading.

All students who successfully complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

Parents and carers are encouraged to read with their children.



GRADE 5/6 SOMER'S CAMP

Our Grade 5/6 students have the exciting opportunity to attend Somers Camp, a nine-day residential camp that promotes independence, resilience and teamwork. Students join children from schools across the region and enjoy a wide range of activities including archery, boating, environmental studies, rock climbing, bushcraft, flying fox and campfire activities, all under the supervision of experienced teaching staff. To secure your child's place, all required consent forms must be completed and payment processed by Tuesday, 28th of July 2026. Places cannot be guaranteed after this date and may be reallocated if paperwork and payment have not been received.

Cost of Camp: \$350

Grades: 5/6 students

Forms & Payment due date:
Tuesday 28/7/26

Dates: Tuesday the 25th of August to Wednesday the 2nd of September.

TUBBS GRADES 3-6 ATHLETIC'S DAY



Students from Buchan Primary School in Grades 3-6 will be participating in the annual TUBBS Athletics Day on Thursday the 6th of August at Howitt Park in Bairnsdale. This exciting event brings together students from Tambo Upper, Metung, Swan Reach, and Nungurner Primary Schools to compete in a range of track and field events. It's a wonderful opportunity for students to show their sportsmanship, challenge themselves, and connect with peers from neighbouring schools.

Events will begin at 10am, and we warmly invite all parents and families to come along and cheer on the students throughout the day. We're looking forward to a fun and active day for everyone involved! Students who place in the top 3 during any event will qualify for Districts Athletics, which will be held on Thursday the 20th of August.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP

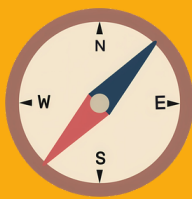


On Thursday, September 10th, we will be celebrating Book Week at Buchan Primary School and we are excited to be joined by the Buchan Early Years Learning Centre. The theme for Children's Book Week 2026 is "Symphony of Stories", as announced by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA). Based on artwork by award-winning author and illustrator Briony Stewart, this inspiring theme celebrates the magic of stories and the colourful characters, ideas and adventures they bring to life.

Although the official Book Week dates are 22–28 August 2026, we will celebrate on September 10th, as our Grade 5/6 students will be attending Somers Camp. As part of the celebrations, students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and take part in our much-loved Book Week parade.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the dress-up parade, which will commence at 9:30am. Following the parade, students will participate in a themed activity to further develop their appreciation of literature and storytelling.

OUTWARD BOUND GRADES 3–6



On Friday the 7th of August, Grade 3-6 students will take part in an exciting excursion to Outward Bound's Bette Belong camp site, where they'll enjoy a day of outdoor learning, teamwork and adventure. This experience is designed to help build resilience, problem-solving skills, and confidence through a range of engaging, hands-on activities. This is free and no cost to families.

AUTHOR'S WORKSHOP AT NUNGURNER



On Monday 10th and Tuesday the 11th of August, a small group of Buchan Primary School students will travel to Nungurner Primary School to participate in writing workshops with award-winning children's author Ingrid Laguna, author of Songbird, Sunflower and many other popular children's books. Places are limited to three students from Grades 3/4 and three students from Grades 5/6. Parents of selected students will receive a permission form next week.

BUCHAN SPELLING BEE

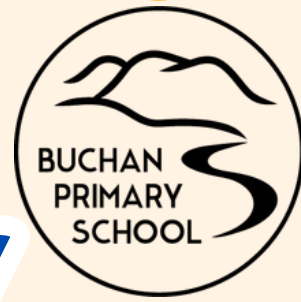


Buchan Primary School will be hosting a Spelling Bee for the first time in a very long time! **Parents are warmly invited to join us on August the 14th for the Buchan Primary School Spelling Bee Competition. All grades will be participating.** Please refer to the attached flyer in the newsletter for more information.

VICSPELL

This year, Buchan Primary School is excited to participate in Vicspell, Victoria's statewide spelling competition that celebrates and rewards strong spelling skills. Two Grade 5 and two Grade 6 students will be selected to represent our school at the East Gippsland competition, held at Bairnsdale West Primary School on Thursday the 20th of August at 11:00am. We recognise this coincides with District Athletics, making it a very busy day for our school who will be everywhere!!

BUCHAN PRIMARY



SPELLING BEE

Competition

Join us on August the 14th for the Buchan Primary Spelling Bee Competition, where the brilliant minds of our students compete for glory, confidence, and the title of Buchan Primary School Spelling Champion.

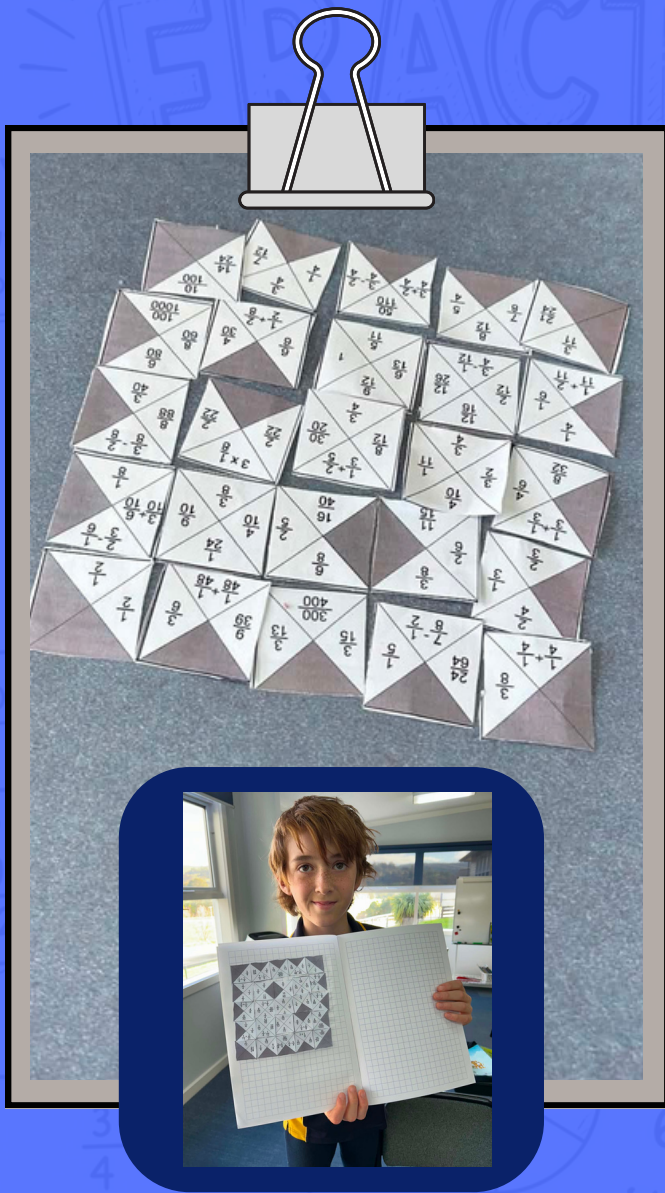
**14 AUGUST |
9 – 11 AM**



All parents are
warmly invited to attend.

Numeracy

Over the past two weeks, students have been building their understanding of fractions through a variety of engaging experiences. They have explored equivalent fractions, compared and ordered fractions, and investigated how the same value can be represented in different ways. To consolidate their learning, students completed an equivalent fractions puzzle, carefully matching fractions of the same value to create a completed design. This activity challenged students to apply their knowledge, think critically and explain their mathematical reasoning while checking the accuracy of their work. It was fantastic to see students demonstrating confidence as they identified equivalent fractions, discussed strategies with their peers, and persevered when faced with more challenging examples.



Performing Arts

In Performing Arts, junior students explored how performances can communicate different ideas through storytelling. After discussing the learning intention and participating in movement warm-ups, juniors practised using facial expressions such as happiness, sadness and frustration to show emotion. Students then worked in pairs or small groups, using a picture prompt to create and perform a short performance inspired by the image. Prep students focused on developing simple story ideas, while Grade 1 and 2 students incorporated clear facial expressions to enhance their performances.





NAIDOC WEEK

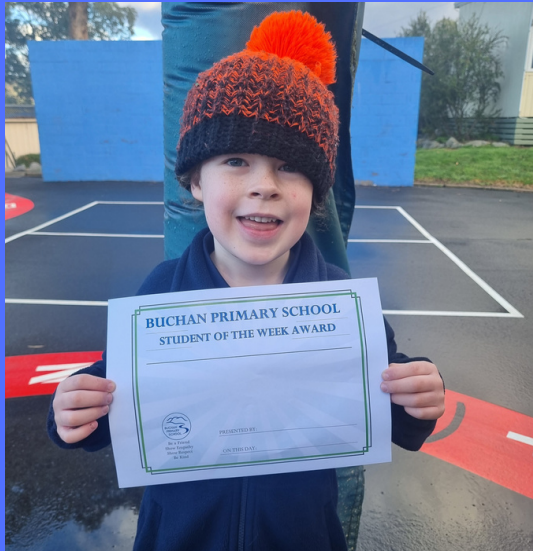
Although the official NAIDOC Week celebrations took place during the school holidays, Buchan Primary School proudly celebrated from the 13th to the 17th of July (Week 1). This year's theme, "Fifty Years of Deadly", recognised 50 years of celebrating and honouring the histories, cultures, achievements and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Throughout the week, students participated in a range of learning experiences that explored Aboriginal culture, storytelling and art. In Art, our senior students created beautiful turtle artworks using painted paper and collage techniques inspired by Aboriginal art. Our junior students designed colourful patterned paper snakes, carefully using repeated symbols and vibrant colours to create unique pieces.

It was wonderful to see students engaging thoughtfully throughout the week with the different activities, celebrating the richness and diversity of First Nations cultures.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



JAMES

For consistently using kind words and looking out for your friends. We appreciate you.



SOPHIE

This student embraced every opportunity on their first camp, showed outstanding respect, stepped outside her comfort zone, and built some great friendships with students from other schools. Fantastic effort Sophie!



RAGNAR

Last week, you were seen going above and beyond helping other students. You have made a fantastic start to your term, great job!



ISLA

This student had a fantastic first week at Buchan Primary School. She has shown kindness towards her classmates, a willingness to have a go at new challenges, and a positive attitude every day.

Term 3: 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
July 20th	July 21st	July 22nd	July 23rd	July 24th
MARC Van				
July 27th	July 28th	July 29th	July 30th	July 31st
		Regional T-Ball for TUBBS (Tom and Campbell)	Roadhouse Lunch Orders	
August 3rd	August 4th	August 5th	August 6th	August 7th
MARC Van			TUBBS Division Athletics Day (Grade 3-6)	Outward Bound Excursion (Grade 3-6)
August 10th	August 11th	August 12th	August 13th	August 14th
Author's Workshop at Nungurner PS Grades 3-6	Author's Workshop at Nungurner PS Grades 3-6 School Council (5pm)			Buchan PS Spelling Bee (Whole School)

Events Later in Term 3

August 20th:

Grade 4-6 District Athletics Day (for students who made it through at Division - top 8)

August 20th:

Vicspell for 2 Grade 5 students and 2 Grade 6 students

August 25th to September 2nd:

Somer's Camp for Grade 5/6 Camp

September 10th:

Book Week Dress up Day

September 15th:

School Council at 5pm

