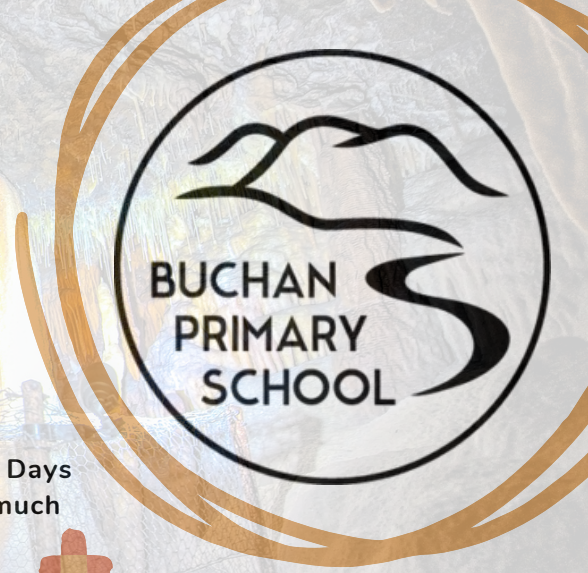


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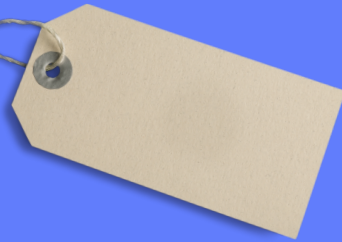
BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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.

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23RD OF MARCH, 2023



## Birthdays:

Happy birthday for Hollie Rabbidge who will celebrate her birthday on the 29/3.

## Inside the newsletter:

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# STUDENT REPORT

## Junior Classroom Olivia Mathers

Over the last two weeks I have enjoyed doing lots of handwriting and art. In art, we made a handprint display about Harmony Day and had to write what Harmony Day is. I also learnt what Kahoot was and it is really fun and I want to do it again!

## Senior Classroom John Sowden

We went to the cross country walk through on Friday the 17th of March and it was really fun. I am looking forward to tomorrow because I am going to be great and win!



# ACTING 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.



It has been another busy couple of weeks, I cannot recall a Term 1 being so busy! Term 1 will be going out with a bang over the next couple of weeks with TUBBS Cross Country tomorrow, surfing at Cape Conran the following Friday and an end of term BBQ, Easter hunt and senior (4-6) students vs staff game of basketball on the final day of Term 1. F-3 students will do some fun craft activities instead.

NAPLAN has now been finalised, with all participating students in Grades 3 and 5 having now completed all testing and catch up testing. Congratulations to all of our students who have successfully completed NAPLAN in 2023! These results are used to look for trends within our school and contribute to other information we use to set future goals. NAPLAN was conducted earlier this year to allow schools more time to focus on areas of need throughout the year. Feel free to message me if you have any questions about NAPLAN.

The mandatory Department of Education Foundation and Grade 1 English Online Interview testing period also finished last week. While it is required by the Department of Education, it has been a timely opportunity for myself to spend time with new students who started school this year.

The school's 2022 Annual Reports draft will be finalised before the school holidays, this document provides principals and school councils with an opportunity to share the year's achievements and progress with the school community. This includes reflecting on the school's performance and explaining the impact of school improvement efforts on student outcomes. The Annual Report goes through numerous stages and will be ready to be shared with the school community sometime in July.

Please remember that if you have any concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. We are all part of the same team.

Best regards,  
Aidan Johnston  
Acting Principal



## FOODBANK

Our school has been a member of the school's breakfast club program for some time now and funding allows us to select a range of items from Foodbank which our students can benefit from. Students are encouraged to take this nutritious and yummy food home, the newest order arrived last week.

## TUBBS CROSS COUNTRY



TUBBS Cross Country is tomorrow, Friday the 24th of March. We will be going to the Buchan Caves Reserve with Tambo Upper Primary School, Swan Reach Primary School, Nungurner Primary School and Metung Primary School. There will be a sausage sizzle from 11:30am - 1:00pm. The top 6 placegetters from the 10 year olds and up will make it through to district at Nagle College.

## VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Buchan Primary School is excited to be participating. The Premier's Reading Challenge offers a range of exciting features. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023. Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. The official flyer was sent home last week



## JUNIOR READERS

We are missing a few decodable readers. These are new and expensive, so if you can please have a look around, that would be fantastic. There will also be a comment section for parents to provide feedback on recording sheets next term.

## EASTER RAFFLE



Easter Raffle tickets went home last week. We are still hoping to receive more Easter chocolate donations to make hampers with for prizes. Please give any donations to Julie in the office.

## SURFING



Buchan Primary School will be going to Cape Conran on Friday the 31st of March for 2 hours worth of surfing lessons. Permission forms were sent out last week, please try to get these back asap if you have not returned them yet.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## WEEK 6 & 7



### **SOPHIE DALLEY**

For her fantastic learning and concentration! Well done Sophie, you are showing such amazing determination and persistence with your work, keep it up!

### **OLIVER SANDY**

For his enthusiastic effort in class.



### **AUGUSTE KOCH**

For having an outstanding week and improving his learning behaviours, allowing him to stay focused and complete his learning tasks!



### **MAKAYLA SOWDEN**

For demonstrating exceptional leadership across the school and always looking out for her buddies.





# World Harmony Day

Students celebrated World Harmony Day on Tuesday the 21st of March. World Harmony Week is a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. The week is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Students showed their participation and support through wearing orange and immersing themselves in a wide variety of activities on Tuesday.

Both the senior and junior students spent the morning session together learning about what Harmony Week is and why it is celebrated. Senior and junior students then paired up together and completed a fun and engaging Kahoot (quiz) on the information they had just learnt. Both classes then completed a mural together, each student was given a cube and they were required to draw a pattern that signified harmony in orange on the top part of the cube. The left hand side of the cube was a word, feeling or a thought that students associated with harmony and the right hand side represented something cultural or traditional.

In the final block, junior students completed another fun craft activity in the art room. Students coloured in a picture that represented unity and put their handprint in the center. These were then cut onto orange paper and students wrote a sentence or paragraph about what Harmony Day is.





# Cross Country Practice

On Friday the 17th of March we walked down to the Buchan Caves Reserve and looked at the exact course the students will be running. It was fantastic for the kids to see where they will be running and the kids loved having a play on the Frank Moon playground.



# Teddy Bear's Picnic with Kinder

Unfortunately, I was unable to make the Teddy Bear's Picnic! However, from all reports it went really well and the junior school loved spending the day with the kinder. It was fantastic for the foundation students to see their old kinder teacher and kinder friends. We are looking at having the senior school run some activities down at the kinder in Term 2.



# Physical Health and Education

Mr Hodge has been taking the junior class for P.E every Thursday afternoon and focusing on skill development. The last few weeks students have been focusing on basketball and working on their shooting, dribbling, defence, rebounding and passing!





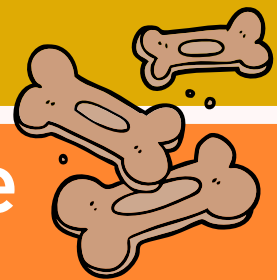


# MARC Van

The students have had another 2 sessions of MARC Van this fortnight. In one of the two sessions, students read Ordinary Oscar. Ordinary Oscar is a little snail who lives in an ordinary garden full of ordinary leaves. But Oscar longs for a life less ordinary. He wants to be different. He wants to be famous. Students used inspiration from the book and did lots of hands on construction type activities.



Junior students read the book "Guff", a funny and delightful picture book for 4+ for anyone who's ever had a little fabric friend. From the award-winning and best-selling author, Aaron Blabey.

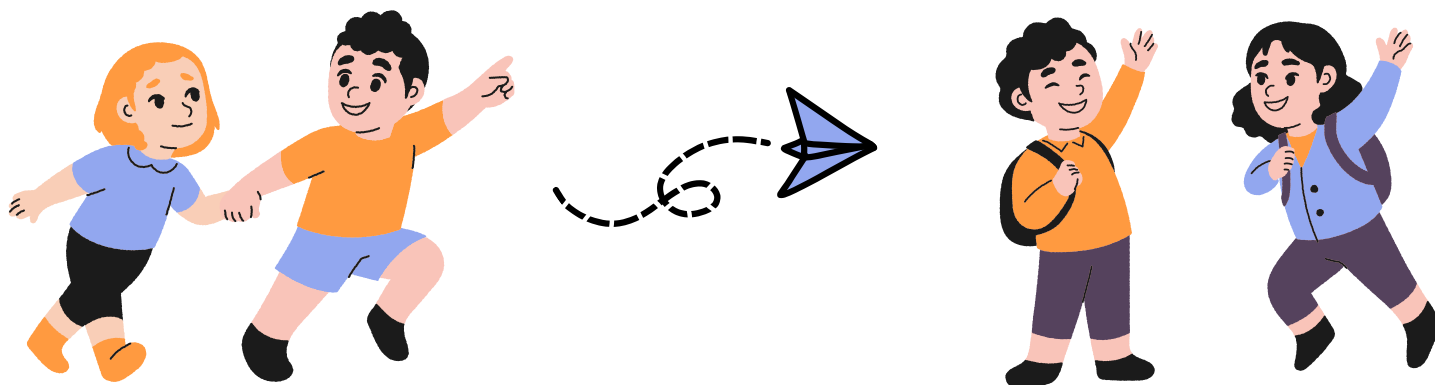


# Marley Update



It is a requirement of Dogs Connect that a minimum of two staff are trained in the program for sustainable and effective implementation, as well as forming a core group of parents and community members. Unfortunately, with Sarah currently at Newmerella Primary School, only I was accredited. We have now put into place a second staff member who has finished the sideline course and two parents have joined into the core group! Marley has now been back in the classroom on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Thanks to those who stepped up!

Pictured below is a schedule of events that will be held over Term 1. Please continue to monitor School Stream and each fortnightly newsletter, as events are always being added!



## Upcoming Events - Term 1

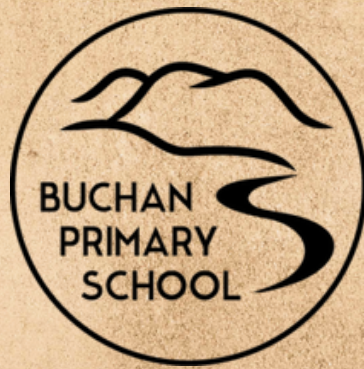
March 23:	Optional Dim Sim Lunch Orders
March 24:	Cross Country
March 28:	Tennis
March 29:	School Council AGM
March 30:	Optional Roadhouse Lunch orders
March 31:	Surfing at Cape Conran with Surf Shack
April 4:	Tennis
April 6:	Last Day of School - 1pm Finish Kids Sausage Sizzle & Easter Hunt



**Term 2:  
Starts Monday 24th of April**







# **BBO**

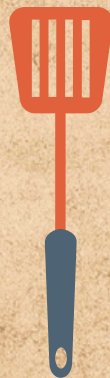
## **FUNDRAISER**

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

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**FRIDAY  
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**BUCHAN CAVES  
RESERVE  
BBQ ON FROM:**

**11:30AM - 1:00PM**

**PRICES**

**SAUSAGE IN BREAD - \$2.50**

**VEGETARIAN BURGER - \$5**

