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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

26TH OF OCTOBER, 2023

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AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Junior students are embarking on a study of Egypt and will soon be crafting Tutankhamun masks. We kindly request any old newspapers for paper mache. In phonics, initial code group is mastering the /ng/ sound, while the extended code group delves into r-controlled vowels. Juniors are enjoying their weekly specialist subjects that are on offer!

Some seniors are making a japense garden, some are preparing to write a procedural text and others are practising origami to make the paper cranes for peace, as they learn about the Hiroshima bombing of WW2, to write an information text. Students are engaging in all their learning very positively and our goal this term has been to practise teamwork in and outside the classroom.



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.



Our staff participated in an "On Country Professional Development Day" on October 23rd, alongside colleagues from Bairnsdale West Primary School. This event was conducted at three distinct locations within the Buchan region, encompassing visits to various sites along the Bataluk Cultural Trail. Dr. Doris Paton provided enlightening accounts of the genuine history associated with these sites. Through her narratives, Dr. Paton facilitated a profound and genuine connection between the staff and the cultural and Indigenous aspects of Buchan. A huge thanks to Matt Holland and Cath Thomas from Parks Victoria who shared some amazing stories from the Buchan Caves Reserve, we are aiming to take students down to hear these stories. Gratitude is extended to Doug Vickers, the Principal of Bairnsdale West Primary School, for his personal visit to our school in early October and the gracious invitation he extended us.

During the past week, I devoted two full days to attain accreditation in bike education. The Bike Ed school program is thoughtfully structured to nurture the riding skills of students, commencing from the early stages of primary education and extending through to secondary education. It seamlessly aligns with the Victorian Curriculum and has been meticulously tailored for implementation in Victorian schools. We are delighted to announce our achievement in securing a \$2,500 grant dedicated to bike education, which will be employed to procure new bicycles and helmets. Our aspiration is to leverage our stunning and picturesque surroundings for outdoor education in the upcoming Term 1 of 2024, by incorporating bike education.

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Acting Principal

Art



In Art, students have been happily creating and exploring different ideas and materials in the art room. With Mrs Sykes, students have been rotating between 4 stations over the last few weeks and have some really cool entries for the Flower Show. Miss Anisah also had the whole school on a few occasions over the past 2 weeks and did some whole school art, with juniors completing a still life drawing, as they studied the shapes and textures in a vase of flowers. Seniors produced stunning Blind Contour Drawings, using dry pastels.



Swimming

In a wave of excitement, students at our school are discovering the joy and confidence that comes with learning to swim at Lakes Entrance Aqua Dome. The Aqua Dome has become the ultimate destination for our young aquatic enthusiasts, where they have been embarking on a journey of aquatic exploration, water safety and skill development.



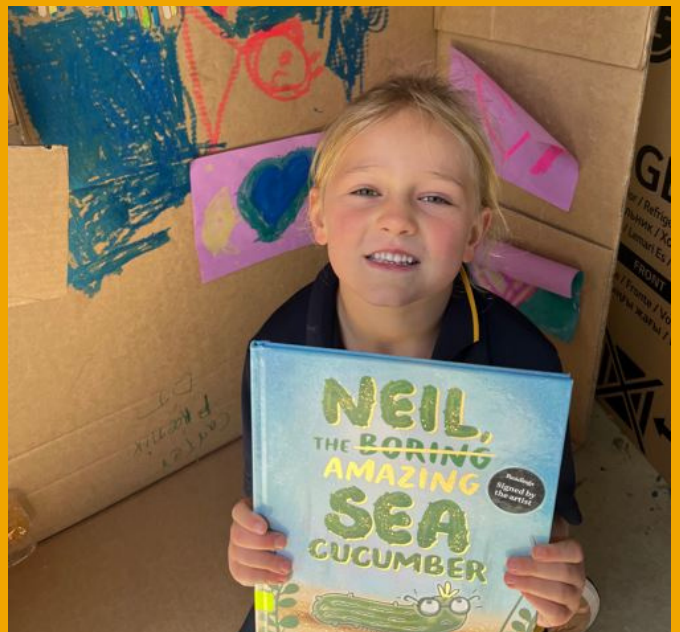
Amidst the glistening waters and expert guidance, our students are gaining invaluable swimming skills that will last a lifetime. But it's not just about learning to swim; it's about fostering a love for the water and all of our students count down the days until their swimming lessons on Friday. Campbell, Ollie, Fletcher and myself even managed to find a turtle last week outside the Aqua Dome!

MARC Van

Engaging in the enchanting narrative characterized by its deadpan humor and accompanied by the captivating illustrations, the students of Buchan Primary School were transported into the mesmerizing world of "Neil the Amazing Sea Cucumber." Within the pages of this story, an exceptional adventure was unveiled, and a truly unconventional hero emerged, much to the delight and astonishment of our young readers.

As their enthusiasm for Neil's journey grew, the students enthusiastically channeled their creative energies into a hands-on exploration of the narrative's vivid world. Guided by their imagination, they embarked on a creative journey of their own, employing a variety of art materials to craft different objects inspired by the book. This hands-on artistic expression not only allowed them to delve deeper into the story's enchanting realm, but also fostered a sense of connection with the characters and themes, enabling them to bring their interpretations to life in a tangible and visually striking manner.

The synergy of literature and art came alive in this immersive experience, as the students not only enjoyed the tale of Neil but also had the opportunity to infuse it with their own creativity, thereby forging a deeper connection with the narrative and enhancing their understanding of the story's underlying themes. Have a look at some of the cool creations on the right!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



ALENA SOWDEN

For being able to recognise all of the words on her 200 word list from Mrs Nowell.

TOM HODGE

For his enthusiastic participation in his work.



LUCA WIELAND

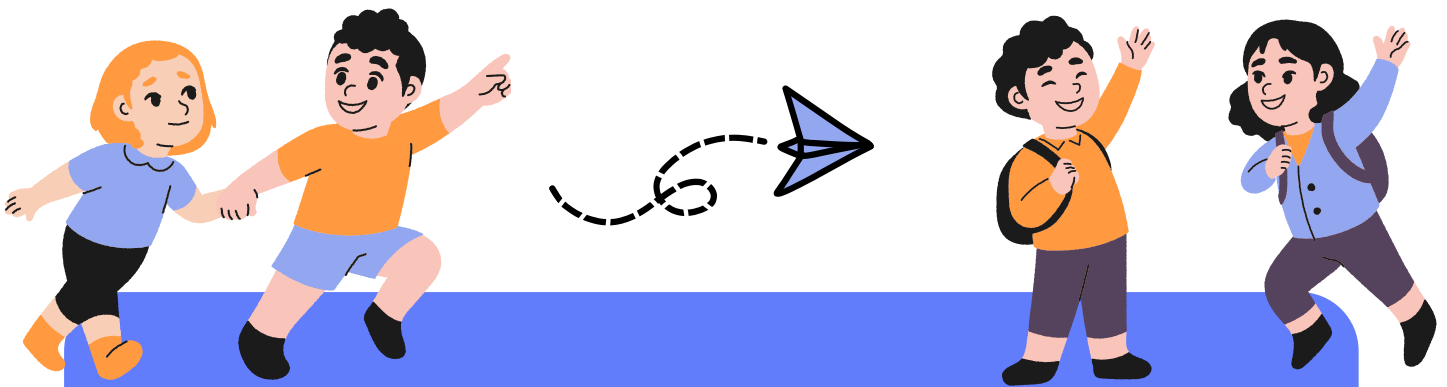
Showing great leadership, in the way that you led by example in your kindness and care for others. Keep up the great work, Luca!

SOPHIE DALLEY

For being an all-round superstar in class and always putting her best foot forward.



Pictured below is a schedule of events that will be held over Term 3 and 4. Please continue to monitor School Stream and each fortnightly newsletter, as events are always being added!



Upcoming Events - Term 4

October 27:	Swimming
November 3:	Swimming (Last Session - kids need an extra set of normal clothes that can get wet)
November 7:	Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup - NO SCHOOL
November 8:	MARC Van
November 9:	Prep 24' Afternoon Information Session 5pm
November 15:	Aidan and some seniors visiting Kinder from 2-3pm
November 21:	2024 Foundation Transition Day 1 - 9:00 to 11:20
November 28:	2024 Foundation Transition Day 2 - 9:00 to 11:20
December 5:	2024 Foundation Transition Day 3 - 9:00 to 11:20
December 12:	2024 Foundation Transition Day 4 - 9:00 to 2:00
December 14:	School Concert / Graduation / Disco
December 20:	Final Day of School - 1pm Finish

