

NEWSLETTER

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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.

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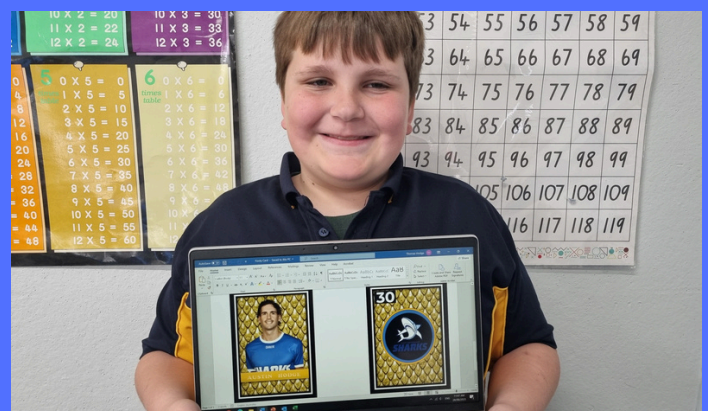
JUNIOR CLASSROOM

Our students thoroughly enjoyed exploring *The Garden of Broken Things* by Freya Blackwood as part of Book Week. After discussing the story's themes and illustrations, they used a variety of materials to create their own imaginative mini gardens. Each garden beautifully demonstrated how broken or discarded items can be transformed into something new and full of creativity.



SENIOR CLASSROOM

In Maths, our senior students have been exploring statistics and probability in fun and practical ways. They gathered and interpreted data, learned to think about chance, and even designed their own footy cards to apply their skills creatively.



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.



Donation from the Buchan Rodeo:

We would like to extend a huge thanks to the Buchan Rodeo for their very generous donation of \$1,000. This contribution will go directly towards the purchase of new bike racks for our bike shed.

Parent-Opinion Survey:

We value your voice and want to hear your thoughts! The Department of Education is once again running the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. This survey helps us better understand your perceptions of our school including areas such as school climate, student engagement, and student behavior. Currently participation in the survey is fairly poor, at only 27%, after being above 70%+ last year. We are hoping to get many more responses before the survey ends. The Survey URL and your pin can be found via School Stream. If you cannot find it or are having issues, please contact Aidan.

Parent Contributions:

Thank you to families who have already supported our Parent Contributions. These voluntary payments help us provide resources and opportunities for your child. In 2025, the cost is \$150 and payments can be made to Julie in the office. Additional details can be found attached to this newsletter.

Emergency Management Plans:

Each year in September, all Victorian schools are required to review and update their Emergency Management Plan (EMP). This important process helps us reflect on our current procedures, identify any improvements needed, and make sure that our school community are aware of what to do should an emergency arise. As part of our commitment to safety, schools must also conduct an emergency management drill once every term. These practice drills prepare our school community for a range of possible situations, such as a bushfire response, lockdown, off-site evacuation, or medical emergency (e.g. snake bite). Practising regularly ensures everyone knows their role and can respond calmly and confidently. Our Term 3 drill will be held soon, and we thank students, staff and families for supporting this important aspect of school safety.

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Principal

OUTWARD BOUND

Our senior students (and Grade 3s!!!!) recently enjoyed a fantastic day out at Outward Bound in Bete Bolong. The program was designed to challenge, inspire, and build teamwork in a beautiful natural setting.

The day began with a series of initiative games that required students to think critically and work together as a team. These activities encouraged problem solving, communication, and persistence, with the kids needing to collaborate in order to find the best solutions. Short, fun games were also included throughout the day, giving everyone the chance to laugh, connect, and celebrate small wins.

One of the highlights was making traditional damper from scratch. Students experimented with different flavourings, carefully mixed their dough, and cooked it before enjoying the results of their efforts. Later, by the river, students collected natural materials to design and build small boats.

A massive thanks to Helene and the team at Outward Bound for having us out there once again this year! Their generosity in providing this excursion free of charge gave our students a wonderful opportunity to challenge themselves.



BOOK WEEK

BOOK AN ADVENTURE

Both classes had a fantastic time celebrating Book Week under this year's theme, Book an Adventure. Throughout the week, children took part in a range of activities that encouraged them to explore stories, characters, and the joy of reading. From interactive storytelling and creative challenges to hands-on games and discussions, every activity sparked imagination and highlighted the power of books to inspire curiosity and connection.

The highlight was our special Book Week Day on Wednesday. We welcomed the EYLC for a visit and began with our much-loved book parade, where students proudly showed off their wonderful costumes. Mrs Pinnock read a story to all the children, before they headed off on an adventurous book hunt. Every student received a certificate to recognise their participation, with prizes awarded for specific themes. Please see a small snapshot of some of the wonderful costumes on the next page!





Mini Golf

Yesterday, students enjoyed a day out at The Footbridge Mini Golf, Lolly Shop & Ice-Cream Shack. They were split into four groups of about five students, each with a staff member, and played between 10 and 14 holes of mini golf. Afterwards, students selected their favourite ice-cream flavours before moving on to Apex Park, where they had lunch, enjoyed some free time, and played together. The outing provided a great balance of activity, team building and relaxation outdoors.



Cooking

With the garden beds about to be moved, as part of a tidy up to the side part of the school grounds, Mrs. Z encouraged students to harvest and use the vegetables they had grown. They prepared a hearty potato and leek soup together, serving it with warm bread. Students enjoyed learning about how fresh, homegrown produce could be transformed into a simple, but delicious meal. I heard some of the kids even went back for thirds!!!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



SOPHIE

For doing such a great job following our weekly goal of knowing her space and staying in it. Your focus and consistency really stand out, thank you for setting a great example!

CAMPBELL

You have earned this award for showing respect towards others at Athletics. It was amazing to see you encouraging students from other schools and representing our school in a positive way. Keep up the great work!



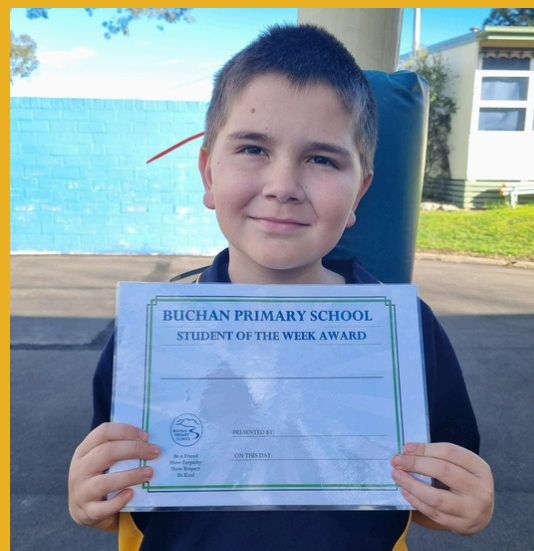
JESSIE

For doing such an outstanding job with The Garden of Broken Things activity. Her effort, creativity, and dedication really stood out and made her garden a huge success. We are so proud of her hard work and achievement!

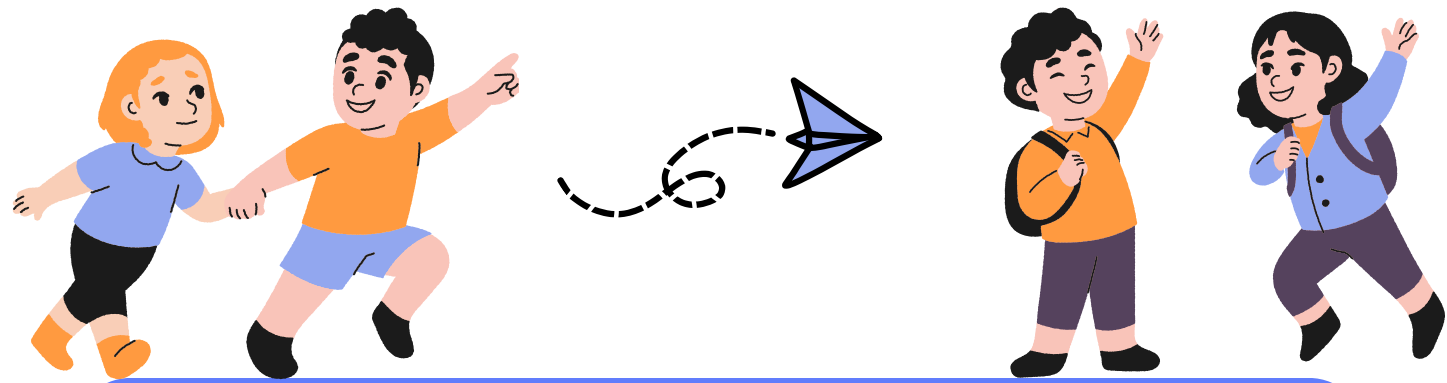


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Thank you for contributing positively to our school environment. We appreciate you.



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



Upcoming Events in Term 3

August 28th:	Lunch Orders (Roadhouse)
September 3rd:	MARC Van
September 4th:	Lunch Orders (Hot Dogs and Milos)
September 4th:	Father's Day Stall
September 4th:	Father's Day Craft with EYLC
September 8th:	Division Athletics for eligible Grade 4-6 Students
September 10th to 12th:	Grade 3/4 TUBBS Karoonda Park Camp
September 11th:	Lunch Orders (Toasted Sandwiches and Milos)
September 17th:	MARC Van
September 18th:	Lunch Orders (Roadhouse)
September 19th:	Final Day Of Term 3 - 1PM FINISH

