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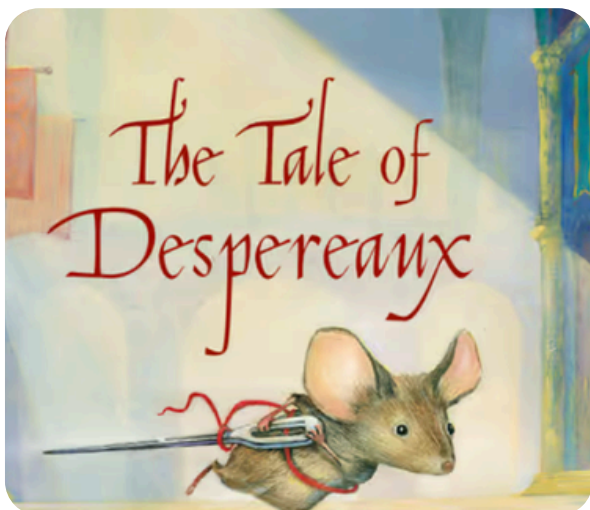
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BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A BARR SCHOOL (BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER)
This means our school will be closed and unstaffed on Code Red Days as well as other days deemed unsafe. Families will be given as much warning as possible. Safety is our first priority.

► JUNIOR CLASSROOM

Foundation students have confidently learnt all 26 single letter-sound correspondences and began the term exploring word structures such as frog (CCVC) and frost (CCVCC). They have now progressed to learning digraphs, where two letters make one sound. Students have successfully learnt "ch" and "sh" and are currently developing their understanding of "th."



► SENIOR CLASSROOM

Senior students have completed reading *The Tale of Despereaux* and thoroughly enjoyed the story, characters, and themes explored throughout the unit. To conclude their learning, students will complete a final assessment task to demonstrate their understanding of the novel and then watch the film adaptation to compare how the story is presented in both formats.

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.



Principal Conference:

Today and tomorrow, I will be attending the 2026 Victorian Government Schools Principals Conference in Melbourne alongside principals from across our network.



I am looking forward to the valuable professional learning and development opportunity. Conferences such as these provide an excellent opportunity to learn about current educational research, effective practices, and initiatives that support improved outcomes for students, staff, and school communities. I look forward to bringing back new ideas and insights to continue supporting the learning and wellbeing of all students at Buchan Primary School.

Education Support Week:

Education Support Week and its related celebrations recognise the important role played by education support staff, teacher aides, and school administration professionals. In Victoria, these acknowledgements are usually celebrated alongside state Education Week (18–22 May) and World Education Support Personnel (ESP) Day. We celebrated our fantastic ESS on Thursday the 21st of May.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful ESS at Buchan Primary School for their dedication and commitment to our school community. The contribution each of you makes at Buchan Primary School is invaluable, supporting student learning, wellbeing, and engagement both during and beyond school hours. Your ongoing hard work and care are deeply appreciated, and we sincerely value everything you do for our students and school.

Swimming:

We have enjoyed 3 fantastic swimming sessions at the Lakes Entrance Aqua Dome over the past few weeks and have been fortunate to work with some excellent instructors. A reminder that this Friday will be a “survival session,” so students will need to bring old clothes that can get wet, such as a t-shirt and track pants.

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Principal



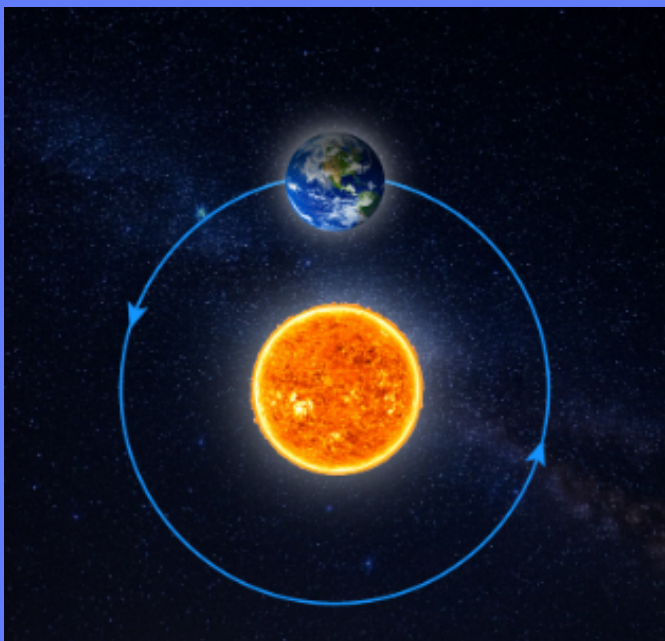
Art

Students explored creativity through a fun balloon animal art activity. Students designed colourful balloon dogs on paper using paint and collage techniques. They then brought their ideas to life by learning how to twist and shape real balloons into animal creations. This hands-on activity provided students with plenty of opportunities to laugh and collaborate together.



MARC Van

Students in the junior classroom had a fantastic time during MARC Van this week, creating their own beehive craft while learning all about the lifestyle of bees. They explored how bees live and work together in a hive, discovering the important role bees play in nature and our environment.



Science

Senior students have been investigating photosynthesis through experiments, discussions and hands-on activities.

Junior students have been learning about the Sun, Moon and Earth, exploring how Earth's rotation causes day and night. They investigated the interactions between Earth, the Moon and the Sun, and discovered that an axis is an imaginary line through the middle of a planet that it spins around.

TUBBS Winter Sports

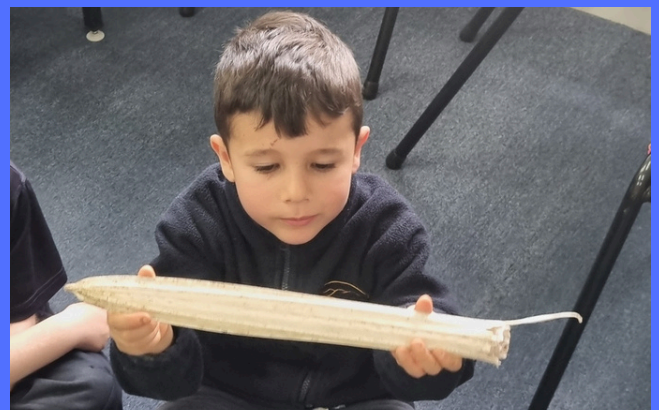
On Friday the 22nd of May, the Grade 4 to 6 students travelled to Lakes Entrance to take part in Winter Sports. Campbell and Tom represented the school in Tee-Ball, while the remaining students competed in AFL. Our AFL team played strongly throughout the day, finishing with two wins and one loss. The Tee-Ball team had an outstanding performance, winning all five of their games.

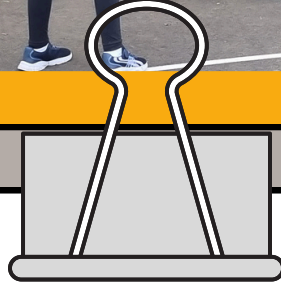
Students enjoyed the opportunity to play alongside their mates from Swan Reach, Nungurner, Metung and Tambo Upper Primary Schools, forming the TUBBS team. As always, the day was fantastic and everyone had a great day out. These opportunities are so valuable for our older students, as they get to meet many students that they will be going to Secondary School with (as well as have a great day out).



Sustainability Incursion

Staff from East Gippsland Shire recently visited our school to deliver two fantastic presentations focused on sustainability and wildlife conservation. During the first session, students learned about recycling, conservation and sustainability, including the importance of correctly sorting waste into different bins such as red-lid and yellow-lid bins. The presenters explained how proper recycling helps protect the environment and reduce landfill waste. The second presentation focused on pelicans and the dangers plastics can pose to wildlife when mistaken for food. Students also had the opportunity to examine different pelican bones and learn more about the structure and features of these fascinating coastal birds.





TAFE Gippsland Visit

On Tuesday the 26th of May, students and staff from TAFE Gippsland visited Buchan Primary School as part of their Personal Development Skills community project. The group created and donated an amazing colourful Magic Rock Garden, designed to spark imagination, creativity, and play among students at the school.

During their visit, the TAFE students were given a tour of the school grounds and spent time with our students discussing the best locations to place the painted rocks. Students enjoyed working together to arrange the rocks around the school, helping create a fun and welcoming environment for everyone to enjoy.

To finish the visit, students joined together for a game of skittle dodgeball, which provided lots of laughter and a bit of fun. We sincerely thank the TAFE Gippsland students and Gemma Rendell for their generosity, enthusiasm and community spirit - we hope to see them again!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



OLIVER

You have become a fantastic leader in our space, thank you for trying your best. We are proud of you.

EMILY

For showing persistence and a willingness to challenge herself, while making positive efforts to engage in all learning tasks and classroom activities. Keep up the fantastic effort, Emily



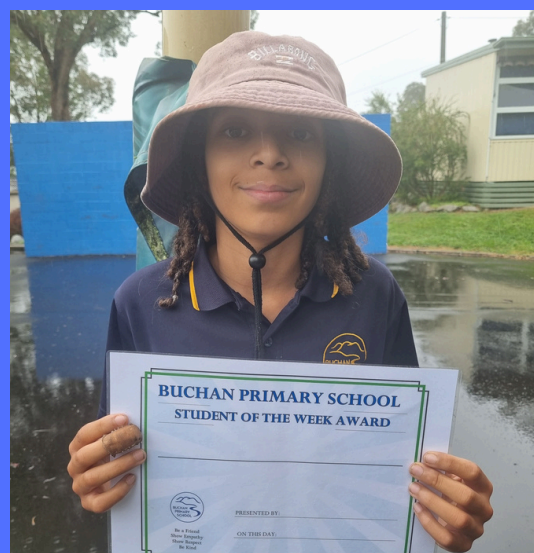
JOHN

For consistently being a leader in the junior space and helping others. Your kindness does not go unnoticed, great work!



JACKSON

This student has been working hard, removing himself from distractions and encouraging those around him to do the same. He consistently applies himself to his learning and always gives 100%. Well done, Jackson!



Term 2: 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
May 25th	May 26th	May 27th	May 28th	May 29th
MAR Van	Visit from Year 6 SIS		Swimming	Swimming
June 1st	June 2nd	June 3rd	June 4th	June 5th
	Grade 6 East Gippsland Bowls			
June 8th	June 9th	June 10th	June 11th	June 12th
King's Birthday Public Holiday	Dental Van / School Council	Dental Van	Dental Van	Curriculum Day No School
June 15th	June 16th	June 17th	June 18th	June 19th
Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp	Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp	Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp	Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp	Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp

Events Later in Term 2

June 22nd to June 24th

Grade 3-4 Camp

June 26th

Last Day of School - 1PM FINISH



**Term 2 Ends
Friday 26 June**

HOLIDAY *intensive* SWIM PROGRAM

FAST TRACK
YOUR CHILDS
SWIMMING
ABILITY!

Monday 6 - Friday 10 July 2026

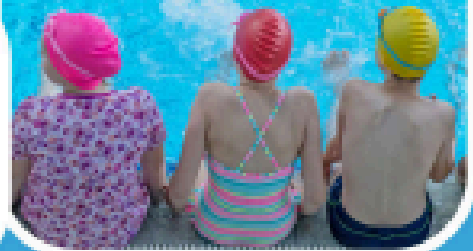
Cost \$65.00 for ages 3 and up

On confirmation of booking a
\$20 deposit will be required to
secure your child's spot.

Enrolments due
Friday 26 June

DAILY
30 MINUTE
LESSONS OVER
5 DAYS!

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