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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.

Week 4 Term 4
Thursday 28th October 2021
Edition 16

"If we are growing, we're always going to be out of our comfort zone." John C, Maxwell.

Wuman Njinde Parents, Students and the School Community,

As we power through Week 4 of this term, we have already accomplished quite a lot so far. The building works are looking sensational and the builders have really modernised the exterior of the school. They are now up to the finishing touches and cosmetic side of things, as it relates to the painting and putting railings up etc.

We are super excited to share with you pictures of Marley our wellbeing dog. She is absolutely adorable and we can't wait to welcome her to our school community. Her introduction to the school will be completed in stages and we will be guided by Dogs Connect as to what this will look like.

This coming Monday 1st November, we have a Curriculum Day (No students at school). Staff will be working on Aidan's VIT accreditation and the preparation of school reports.

Now that we are in spring, I am looking forward to enjoying Friday before school bike rides. This will take place each Friday and a once off permission form will need to be signed if your child is participating. This can be found on the School Stream app.

I would like to acknowledge the continued effort our children are continuing to uphold as it relates to good hygiene practices and staying COVID-19 safe. They are doing a super job and the senior students have really stepped up and taken ownership of wearing their masks whilst indoors. Now that restrictions are easing, I look forward to making arrangements with the Kindergarten for our 2022 Foundation Enrolments to begin their transition program at our school.

This Friday marks World Teachers Day and we will be celebrating this day with a special cake. I hope you all have a wonderful long weekend.

Until next time,
Sarah.

THURSDAY HOT LUNCH & ICYPOLES
Hot dogs —4th November
Steamed Dim Sims —11th November
Hot dogs —18th November
Steamed Dim Sims —25th November
Hot dogs —2nd December
Steamed Dim Sims —9th December

COVID—19 UPDATE

The Victorian Government has announced the easing of restrictions given the early achievement of the 80 per cent vaccination target, from 6pm Friday 29 October.

This means that all metropolitan Melbourne year levels will return to full-time onsite learning from Monday 1 November, joining regional Victorian students, who returned to full-time onsite learning on Friday 22 October.

All schools will be able to recommence a range of activities, consistent with community settings and school vaccination requirements. This means that from Monday 1 November schools will be able to:

- hold graduations and other assemblies consistent with community density limits
- travel across Victoria for camps and excursions
- resume interschool activities such as sport and debating
- deliver the full range of curriculum programs, including music and performing arts
- conduct transition programs for kinder students beginning Prep in 2022 and Grade 6 students transitioning to Year 7 in 2022
- have a range of visitors onsite, including photographers, guest speakers and MPs.

I will keep you updated of any further changes.

If you are entering the school buildings you will be required to sign in using the QR Code and wear a mask. The QR code is not required if you are not entering the school buildings.

We will continue to provide adequate ventilation, comply with vaccination requirements and and Vital COVIDSafe steps which include:

- wearing face masks.

- maintaining physical distancing between staff and, where possible, students

- maintaining strong hygiene practices.

- providing disposal face masks for children in the senior class.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Hip hip hooray to the following students and staff who celebrate their birthday in November. I hope you have a wonderful spring birthday celebrating with family and friends.

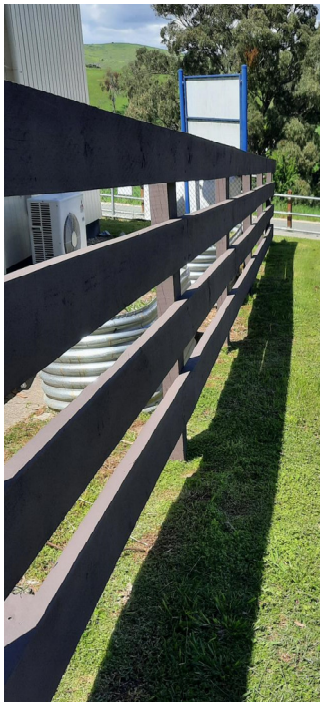
Lachie C—Friday 12th
Mrs Walker—Sunday 14th
Julie—Saturday 20th
Jackson M—Sunday 21st
Tom H— Saturday 27th
Jack McA—Saturday 27th
Ashleigh L— Sunday 28th.

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER
World Teachers Day—Friday 29th.
Before School Bike Ride—Friday 29th.

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER
Curriculum Day—Monday 1st.
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday—Tuesday 2nd.
Speech Pathologist—Wednesday 3rd.
Before School Bike Ride—Friday 5th.
Building Fire Drill—Friday 5th.

Bike Education Day—Monday 8th. Grades P to 2 9.30 to 11.00 and Grades 3 to 6 11.30 to 1.00 and in the afternoon all skills / all grades.
MARC Van—10th Nov.
Remembrance Day—11th Nov.
Before School Bike Ride—Friday 12th.

BUILDING UPDATE
So far the following updates have been installed; new decking and toilet doors, 3 murals on the outside of the building, concrete ramps, undercover cladding and painting, new entrance doors, fireproof paint on outside fences and metal screening on doors.



MARLEY

We would like to introduce you to Marley our golden colored Cavoodle who will be joining our school community very soon.

Nagle Scholarships for current grade 5 students.

2023 Scholarships at Nagle College are now open. Full details of our Scholarship program can be found on our website at https://www.nagle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships.

Applications will be accepted until the closing date which is Friday 4 March 2022.

Families with children currently in Year 5 need to apply for the 2023 Scholarships.

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Bike Education Program on Monday 8th & 15th November

As part of our Sporting Schools grant we are having Auscycling Bike Ed come to school to teach the students bike education and safety. We are asking all children to bring their own bikes and to make sure they are roadworthy with pumped up tyres and good brakes. Helmets are a must for these days and all children will need one of their own.

We are also after a volunteer to come to school to put the new tyres on the bikes we have been dontated. As you have probably heard at home these bikes are used at recess and lunchtime with your children.

BOOKWEEK 2021

Communications to parents/carers regarding changes to Semester 2 student reports

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to you to provide an update on changes to Semester 2 student reports at Buchan Primary School.

At Buchan Primary School we know it is vital to involve students and their parents/carers in learning. This includes providing a written report to parents/carers on student progress and achievement at least twice a year.

The Department of Education and Training has recently adjusted the expectations around student reporting for Semester 2 in recognition of the disruption caused by COVID-19.

Buchan Primary School will therefore provide a modified written report for the parent/carer of each student enrolled at the school for Semester 2, 2021 focusing on what progress has been made and what has been achieved by each child.

Reports will include:

- a description of the areas of the Victorian Curriculum Foundation to Level 10, including Towards Foundation Levels A to D, taught.
- for English and Mathematics:
    - student achievement information represented on a continuum of learning.
    - progress made since the last time these curriculum areas were reported on.
    - a five-point scale.
- for all other curriculum areas, a short comment on progress and achievement across the semester.

Thank you for your continued support during the transition between remote and flexible learning and onsite learning.

Sarah Walker

Acting principal