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Newsletter



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BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
IS A BARR SCHOOL (BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER)



AROUND THE ROOMS

Our students have been keeping very busy over the past few weeks, making the most of the many learning opportunities and activities on offer. Some of our Grade 5 students have been participating in the Victorian High Ability Program (VHAP), while others have represented our school at Division Cricket. Lunchtimes have also been full of fun, with students enjoying the opportunity to take part in different activities, including riding bikes. In the classroom, students have been putting the finishing touches on some of the fantastic artwork they have created throughout the year.



A highlight for many students was our bike ride to the Buchan Caves, where they enjoyed watching a documentary inside the Royal Cave. A massive thank you to Jess and the team at the Caves for making this special experience possible, and to all our wonderful parent volunteers who helped make the day such a success!

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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.



Reminder – Pupil-Free Day & Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

A reminder to families that Monday the 2nd of November is a pupil-free day, with no students required at school. Our staff will be participating in professional learning, focusing on curriculum planning and preparation for the 2027 school year. This valuable time will allow staff to work collaboratively, reflect on current teaching practices and plan engaging, high-quality learning opportunities that support the needs of all students. Tuesday the 3rd of November is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday, giving students and families a four-day long weekend! We hope everyone enjoys the extended break and look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Wednesday 4th November.

VSBA Works

As part of our school's bushfire preparedness activities, works are happening on or around our designated Shelter-in-Place building(s). These works may continue into Term 4. These works are being carried out to help ensure our Shelter-in-Place facilities remain suitable for use during the bushfire season and continue to support the safety of students, staff and visitors in the event we need to enact our emergency management procedures.

The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) is working with us to carry out these works in a way that minimises disruption.

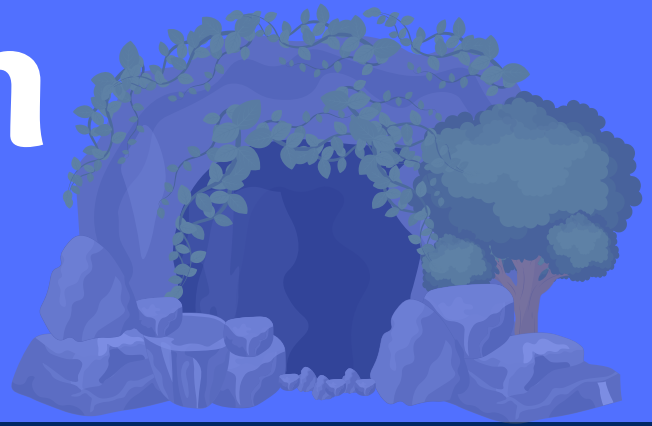
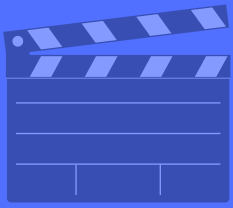
The works may include:

- Vegetation clearance and management
- Minor maintenance and site improvement works
- Other activities designed to improve the preparedness and functionality of Shelter-in-Place facilities

We appreciate your support and cooperation as these important safety-related works are completed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the works, please contact me.

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Principal

Movie in a Cave



Movie in a Cave

Our students recently enjoyed a fantastic excursion to the Buchan Caves Reserve, making the most of our fleet of bikes to ride down for a very special experience. Once there, students had the opportunity to watch a film in the Skeleton Chamber of the Royal Cave, where a partial skeleton of the prehistoric megafauna kangaroo, *Sthenurus occidentalis*, was discovered. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our local environment and the incredible history right on our doorstep! Following the experience families were invited to join us for a BBQ. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout! A huge thank you to Jess for providing this opportunity, Sally for organising the BBQ, and Sally, Clare, Sophie and everyone else who helped with the cooking!





Division Cricket

Congratulations to our girls' TUBBS cricket team on making it through to Division Cricket! Alena, Olivia and Sophie represented our school with great pride, enthusiasm and determination. The girls did a great job, finishing with one win and one loss. We are incredibly proud of their efforts. Well done, girls!



Buchan Flower Show

The students have been super busy putting the finishing touches on any unfinished artwork from throughout the year. A big thank you to Mrs Nicholls, who generously volunteered her Tuesday to come in and work with students in small groups. The kids are super excited to show everyone what they have done.



Active Kids

The students had a fantastic time getting creative and making their very own tie-dye shirts in Active Kids! They enjoyed experimenting with different colours, patterns and designs, with each shirt turning out completely unique. It was wonderful to see their excitement as they unwrapped their creations and discovered the amazing results.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



JACKSON

This student is always very helpful and willing to lend a hand, last week he really stepped up and helped the juniors when they were in our class. Your kindness and initiative are greatly appreciated. Well done, Jackson

JESSIE

For continuing to share your fantastic ideas and going above and beyond in all learning tasks. Great work!



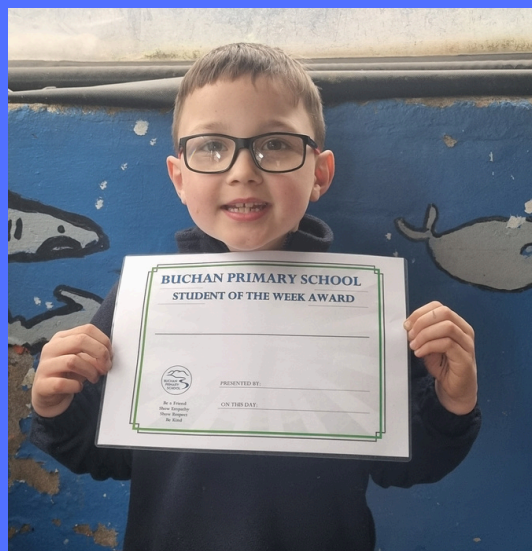
SOPHIE

This student had a fantastic week! She stepped up to represent our school at TUBBS Cricket on Monday with pride and continued to give her best like always in the classroom. Well done, Sophie!



HUGHIE

This student can often be seen using kind words, holding doors open for others, or pushing chairs in. We appreciate you, great work



TERM 4 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
October 26th	October 27th	October 28th	October 29th	October 30th
MAR Van			Grade 6 to High School Transition Incursion	
November 2nd	November 3rd	November 4th	November 5th	November 6th
Curriculum Day PUPIL FREE DAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY PUPIL FREE DAY			
November 9th	November 10th	November 11th	November 12th	November 13th
MARC Van				Kinder to School Transition Day #1
November 16th	November 17th	November 18th	November 19th	November 20th
	School Council		School Review	Kinder to School Transition Day #2

Events Later in Term 4

October 5th:

Term 4, Week 2

First Day of Term 4

Parent-teacher Conferences



Buchan Bush Nursing Assoc.

FUNDRAISER

7 November

Mick Harrington

Generously donating his time

Live Music
AT BUCHAN REC RESERVE

FOR MORE
BOOKING
OPTIONS
SEE BBNA



STARTING AT
5PM

ENTRY \$15



SCAN TO BOOK



DJ
BEFORE
DINNER



Dinner can be
purchased



Mick Harrington
AFTER DINNER



5.30 start
Kids activities
and prizes



Raffles



Bar
available



Camping at
recreation donation

Under 16s

FREE



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