

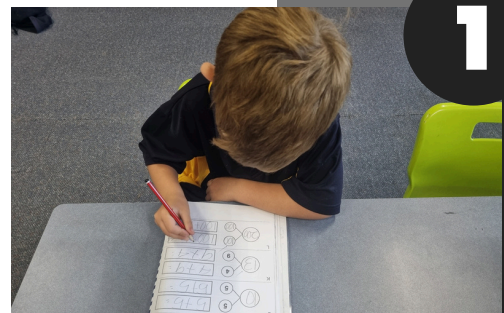
**BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
IS A BARR SCHOOL  
(BUSHFIRE AT RISK  
REGISTER)**

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.

## AROUND <sup>THE</sup> CLASSROOMS

### Junior Classroom:

The junior students have been focusing on number bonds over the past few weeks. They have been developing their understanding of how numbers can be broken into parts and recombined to make a whole. Through a range of hands-on activities and fluency practice, students have been building confidence with addition facts and identifying missing numbers within number bonds.



### Senior Classroom:

The senior students have spent the past two weeks exploring volume, area and perimeter. They have enjoyed learning the formulas and applying them in meaningful, real-world contexts. Thank you to Sophie for working with a group of students to calculate how much soil was needed for our garden.



# 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.



## Term 1:

Just like that, the end of Term 1 is here. It has certainly been a busy and rewarding term for both staff and students. Students have worked diligently in the classroom and demonstrated steady growth across a wide range of academic areas, setting strong foundations for the remainder of the year.

We have also been fortunate to enjoy some fantastic experiences outside the classroom. The TUBBS Cross Country, held at the Buchan Caves, was a wonderful day with students showing great determination, resilience, and sportsmanship. Similarly, our surfing excursion yesterday to Cape Conran was another highlight of the term, with perfect weather and students embracing the challenge with enthusiasm and confidence.

A big thank you must go to our parents, families, and special friends for their ongoing support; whether at home, in the classroom, or on excursions. Your involvement plays a vital role in the success of our school community. We continue to encourage families to continue making appointments to speak with teachers if there are any matters you would like to discuss. Your input and feedback are highly valued and play an important role in guiding the ongoing work of our small little school.

## Buchan Rodeo:

Get ready for a great day of fun and excitement at the Buchan Rodeo this Easter Sunday! Unlimited ride wristbands are available for \$30, and you can pre-purchase yours to enjoy unlimited rides throughout the day. Wristbands can be purchased from the Buchan General Store or Buchan Primary School, with payment options including cash or bank transfer. The cost will be \$40 on the day. All proceeds will go towards the Buchan Primary School fundraiser, and a big thank you goes to the Buchan Rodeo Committee and sponsors for their generous support in making this possible.

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the last day to prebook and pay.**

BUCHAN  
**RODEO**  
MECHANICAL BULL  
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

LOCAL ONLY  
\$30 UNLIMITED  
RIDES

EARLY BIRD OFFER  
ONLY MUST BE PRE  
PAID BY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

**Annual Privacy Reminder:**

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' privacy policy and the Schools' privacy collection notice. Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365 safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents. This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

**Hats:**

Just a friendly reminder that children will not be required to wear hats in Term 2 and Term 3. We will be collecting all of the hats today and sending them home with children, so that they can be washed and ready for Term 4.

**Easter Egg Raffle & Easter Egg Hunt:**

Thank you for your generous donations to our Easter raffle. With your support, we've been able to create an amazing selection of hampers that will be drawn this afternoon - fingers crossed something delicious comes your way! We made a profit of \$382!

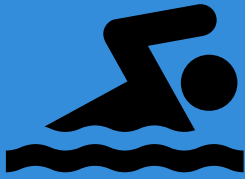
Our students will also finish the day with an Easter egg hunt. A big thank you to the School Council for supplying the eggs and organising this special activity.

Best regards,  
Aidan Johnston  
Principal

# EVENTS TO KEEP AN EYE ON



## SWIMMING



Swimming lessons will commence on Friday the 1st of May (Term 2, Week 2). This program is a compulsory part of the curriculum and plays an important role in developing essential lifelong water safety and swimming skills. Water safety is a vital life skill, and we strongly encourage all families to support their child's participation in the program. Further information has been sent home with this newsletter as a separate attachment. The holidays provide a great opportunity to ensure your child has all the necessary items, e.g. many kids often request goggles.

## DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY



Well done to Olivia, Emily, Alena, Campbell, Jackson and Michael who all placed within the top 6 at TUBBS Cross Country and will compete at Nagle College on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. More information will be sent home in Term 2.

## GRADE 3/4 CAMP COOLAMATONG



In June, the Grade 3/4 students will be attending camp at Coolamatong alongside students from Swan Reach Primary School, Bruthen Primary School, Nungurner Primary School, and Metung Primary School. This experience will provide a valuable opportunity for students to further develop their independence while participating in a range of enjoyable outdoor activities. It will also support them in building resilience, confidence, and positive relationships with peers from our cluster schools.

**Dates:** The 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of June

**Cost:** TBC (We are expecting around \$450).

### **Payment Plan:**

If you would like to arrange a payment plan, please feel welcome to contact Julie, who will be happy to assist you.

## GRADE 5/6 CAMP MELBOURNE



Grade 5/6s will be going to Melbourne Camp with Swan Reach Primary School and Nungurner Primary School in June. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop independence, build confidence, and strengthen their ability to work with others. These TUBBS camps are super important, as students will form and/or strengthen previous friendships with students from other small schools that they will head off to Secondary School with in future years. I am currently awaiting confirmation of the full activity program; however, the camp is expected to include a variety of engaging and enjoyable activities for students.

**Dates:** The 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of June

**Cost:** TBC (We are expecting around \$650).

### **Payment Plan:**

If you would like to arrange a payment plan, please feel welcome to contact Julie, who will be happy to assist you.

# Skateboard Project

Our senior students have been working on a Term 1 skateboard art project inspired by Pop Art. This engaging project involved designing and decorating a skateboard deck using paint, stencils, and paint markers to create a vibrant and highly personalised keepsake. Students began by painting a base layer, then thoughtfully built up patterned backgrounds using stencils and light layers of paint. Many students chose to create letter stencils to add personalised words, carefully layering colours and patterns to achieve a bold, eye-catching pop-art effect. I cannot wait to see the finished product.

*"I enjoyed the skateboard project because it really got us thinking about our designs and we had to use our imaginations"*



## TUBBS Cross Country



TUBBS Cross Country was held at the Buchan Caves on Friday the 20th of March and what a fantastic day it was! The students represented our school wonderfully, showing great effort, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the event. Congratulations to Olivia, Emily, Alena, Campbell, Jackson, and Michael on their outstanding performances. We are proud to announce that they have qualified for Division Cross Country, which will be held at Nagle College on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. We wish them the very best of luck!





## Harmony Day

Harmony Week was celebrated from Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March to Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. Throughout the week, students engaged in a range of activities exploring culture, language, family, interests, beliefs and values. These experiences provided valuable opportunities to reflect on and appreciate the rich diversity that makes up Australian society.



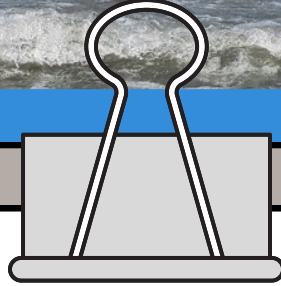
## Art

Students finished their creative layering activity where they transformed their self-portraits into three-dimensional artworks using cardboard. By carefully building up different sections of their portraits, they explored depth, texture and perspective. This hands-on experience encouraged creativity and problem-solving while allowing students to express their individuality through art. The kids absolutely loved it!!!



## Lawn Bowls

Unfortunately, the Grade 6 East Gippsland Division Lawn Bowls event scheduled for Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of March in Bairnsdale was postponed due to weather. While this was disappointing, our brand-new lawn bowls kit has arrived, and students have already begun practising during P.E. lessons. The students are really enjoying learning the game, and we look forward to hearing about a rescheduled date in Term 2.



## Surfing with Surf Shack

Yesterday, our students headed to Cape Conran for a day of surfing. The weather was absolutely perfect and all of the students had an amazing time. For many of our younger students, this was their first experience surfing and they embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm and excitement.

Surfing provides students with the chance to develop important physical skills such as balance, coordination and strength, while also encouraging resilience and perseverance. Students were challenged to step outside their comfort zones, try something new and keep going even when it felt difficult. All of the students should be very proud of themselves!!

Throughout the day, students supported and encouraged one another, celebrating successes and building confidence in the water. A big thank you to Phil and his instructors at Surf Shack who supported the day and helped create such a positive experience for all involved. We try to get out to Cape Conran each year, and it is always such a highlight for the kids.



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## JAMES

For representing our school positively at Cross Country. You displayed persistence and kindness throughout the day. We are proud of your effort, great work!

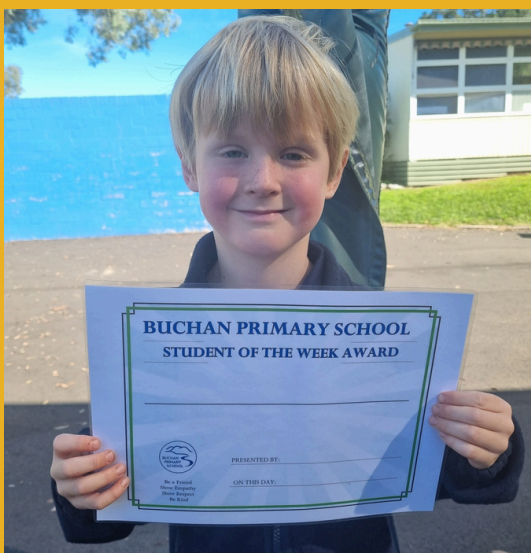
## TOM

For demonstrating excellence across a range of areas – delivering a confident and thoughtful captaincy speech, showing determination and perseverance during both cross country training and the event itself, and consistently offering support and assistance to teachers throughout the week.



## DIETRICH

For his effort and determination in literacy over the past week. He has approached Story Champs with great enthusiasm and enjoys telling stories, as well as identifying characters and the beginning, middle, and end of stories. He has also done a fantastic job learning the sounds of week 9!! (j, w, z).



## LACHIE

For consistently applying himself in numeracy, which was very evident last week in his work on capacity, area and perimeter. He has also approached learning about the game of lawn bowls with great enthusiasm.



# Term 2: 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 20th	April 21st	April 22nd	April 23rd	April 24th
Term 2 Starts First Day Back				
April 27th	April 28th	April 29th	April 30th	May 1st
MARC Van				Swimming at Lakes Entrance
May 4th	May 5th	May 6th	May 7th	May 8th
	Division Cross Country (6 kids) / School Council		Roadhouse Lunch Orders / Do it For Dolly Day	Swimming at Lakes Entrance
May 11th	May 12th	May 13th	May 14th	May 15th
MARC Van				Swimming at Lakes Entrance

## Events Later in Term 2

**June 8<sup>th</sup>:** King's Birthday - Public Holiday - No School

**June 12<sup>th</sup>:** Report Writing Day / Student Free Day - No School

**June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>:** Grade 5/6 TUBBS Melbourne Camp

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup>:** Grade 3/4 TUBBS Coonawarra Camp

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** Last Day of School - 1PM FINISH



# BUCHAN

## FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

All welcome to join our club

### U/12 Netball

Coach name - Cassie Mathers

- Female and male
- Players can be maximum age turning 12 on or before 31 December 2026. Min age players turning 8 on or before 31 December 2026
- Membership \$75 inclusive of registration with VNA cost \$73
- Training - Thursday nights 4.30-5.30pm commencing 12/3/2026

### AUSKICK

Coach name - Lynton Hill

- Female and male
- Age range 5 – 12 years
- \$90 registration fee includes starter pack
- Training commences Thursday 30 April 5.30pm
- Till Thursday 25 June

### U/17 Netball

Coach names - Paige Carter and Darcey Carter

- Female and Male
- Female players turning 17 on or before 31 Dec 2026.
- Male players <15 years of age on or before 31 Dec 2026. Min age players turning 12 on or before 31 December 2026
- Membership \$75 inclusive of registration with VNA cost \$73
- Training nights Thursday 5pm commencing 12/3/2026

### U/16 Football

Coach name - Tim Davidson

- Females and males
- Under 16 years as of 1 January 2026, Must be 8 years of age as of 1 January 2026
- Membership \$75
- Training commences Thursday 19 March 5.30pm (and at Family Fun Day 15/3/26 1pm)

Enquiries to [buchanfnc@hotmail.com](mailto:buchanfnc@hotmail.com)



- Hamish Hancock – President 0423 816 146
- Suzie Healy – Netball Coordinator 0408 320 504
- Chris Mathers – Football Coordinator 0408 825 094
- Susie Edwards – Secretary 0419 486 559





## 2027 Year 7 - Information Evening

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**5.00 pm to 7.00 pm**

Bairnsdale Secondary College invite students, parents, and carers to our Information Evening for 2027 Year 7 students.

Time	Item	Location
5.00 pm to 6.00 pm	McKean Street Campus open to tour and chat with staff and students from Key Learning Areas including English, Maths, Science and PE.	Year 7 Hub, Science Centre and Inclusion Hub
6.00 pm to 7.00 pm	Information Session - Presentation from current Year 7 students and student leaders.	Malgobila Building

For further enquiries please contact us on 5150 4800 or at [bairnsdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bairnsdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

The enrolment process begins in early Term 2 .

Information will be distributed initially via your Primary Schools.

For Government Primary Schools

Your Primary Schools will distribute an Application for Year 7 Placement early in Term 2

For Non-Government Primary Schools

Your Primary School may provide an Application for Year 7 Placement early in Term 2 , if you do not receive one please contact the College directly.

# HOLIDAY *intensive* SWIM PROGRAM

FAST TRACK  
YOUR CHILDS  
SWIMMING  
ABILITY!

**Monday 13 - Friday 17 April**

**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 3 April**

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OR SCAN THE  
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APRIL  
13TH - 17TH

BOOK YOUR  
SPOT NOW



# APRIL

## HOLIDAY CLASSES

GYMNASTICS - NINJA - TRAMPOLINE

\$15 FOR 1HR SESSION - \$50 FOR 4HR SESSION

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL  
[eastgippslandgymnastics@gmail.com](mailto:eastgippslandgymnastics@gmail.com)

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- All age groups covered!
- Super affordable
- To see the activities planned for the classes click visit our website. [www.artisticat.com.au](http://www.artisticat.com.au) There are some amazing art ideas planned!

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