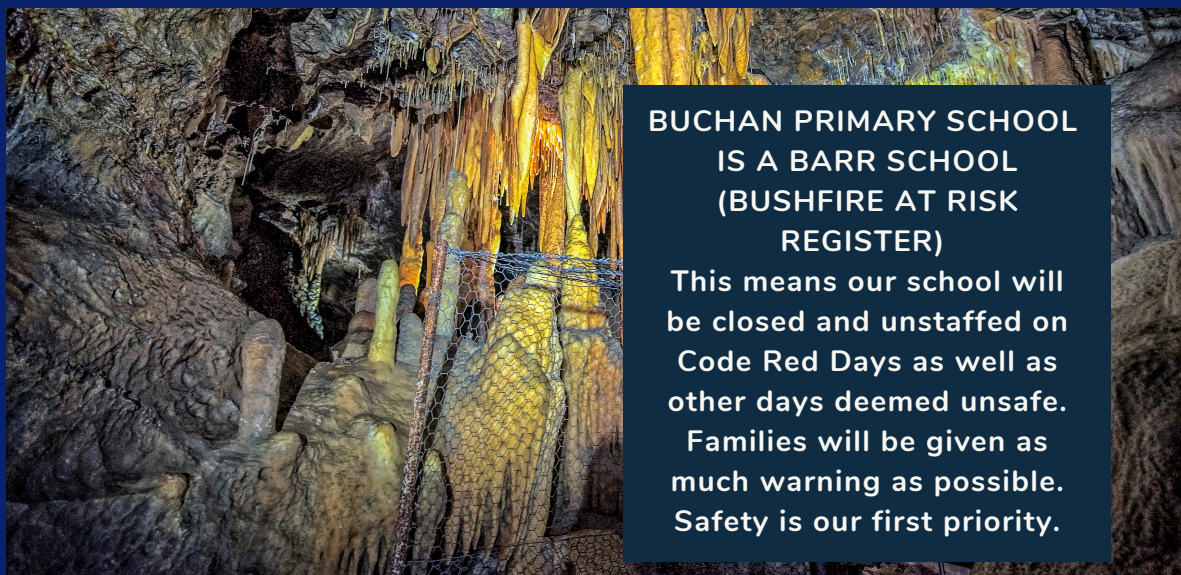


# NEWSLETTER



**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.



It has been a fantastic start back to Term 2, with students quickly settling into routines and engaging in a range of learning experiences. Students have been immersed in specialist subjects, including science experiments, finishing up skateboard projects, and rich numeracy tasks. Junior students loved their weather experiment, where they made predictions about how much water it would take for their cloud to rain and then tested their ideas. Senior students have been focusing on fractions and applying their understanding in different ways. The newly marked basketball court has also been a highlight, with students enjoying active play and games together.

# 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 2:

A warm welcome back to all students, families, and staff as we begin Term 2. It has been wonderful to see everyone return with such positivity and to hear the many holiday experiences shared across the classrooms. The start of the term has provided a smooth and productive transition back into our learning environment, with students and staff quickly re-establishing routines and reconnecting with one another. With swimming and two camps (Grade 3/4 Coolamatong and Grade 5/6 Melbourne) scheduled in Term 2, it is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting term.

## Swimming:

Swimming starts tomorrow! Please refer to the item list and information sent home at the end of last term.

## Division Cross Country

Families at Buchan Primary School are invited to attend the East Gippsland Division Cross Country, taking place on Tuesday 5th May 2026 at the Nagle College Cross Country Track in Bairnsdale. The event will begin at 11:00am and conclude at approximately 12:45pm, with no set race times, so please arrive by 11:00am to ensure you see your child compete. **We have six students representing our school: Olivia, Emily, Alena, Campbell, Michael and Jackson.** If you are transporting your child, please inform Aidan as soon as possible, so we can accommodate our travel arrangements.

## Basketball Court

Line marking on the basketball court was completed over the school holidays and looks fantastic. Students have been excited to use the refreshed space for games, activities, and active play. The snake seems to be a big hit with the juniors who have come up with many different types of games.



Best regards,  
Aidan Johnston  
Principal



## Staff CPR

On the final day of term, five staff completed a CPR refresher, while Moira trained earlier in the year. While only one staff member is mandated to hold First Aid and CPR qualifications at a school our size, we are proud to have six trained staff. We also thank Sophie and Chris from the Bush Nurse for joining us, and Tim from Lifesaving Victoria for running the session.



## Art

Junior students read Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, a story about celebrating individuality and the importance of being yourself, even when you feel different from others. They explored the themes of belonging and acceptance through discussion and reflection. Students then designed and created their own colourful patchwork elephants, proudly showcasing their unique ideas and artistic expression.



## MARC Van

Senior students read ANZAC Ted in the MARC Van, a moving story that explores themes of remembrance, bravery, and the impact of war. Through discussion, they reflected on the significance of ANZAC Day and the importance of honouring those who have served. Students then created silhouette artwork, carefully designing scenes that symbolise reflection and respect, using contrast and colour to represent the dawn service and moments of remembrance.

# Easter Fundraising

We had a fantastic fundraising period over Easter, raising a significant amount through our Easter Egg Raffle and the mechanical bull at the Buchan Rodeo.



Firstly, thank you again for your generous support through chocolate donations and raffle ticket purchases: we raised \$382 on the final day of Term 1 (Thursday 2/4/26).

A huge thank you to the Rodeo Committee for generously covering the cost of the mechanical bull that Buchan Primary School hosted on the day. Thanks to their support, we raised approximately \$2,000 for school programs and resources. It was fantastic to see so many students give it a go (and, in the interest of kindness, I've decided not to share photos of students (or staff!) being bucked off!)

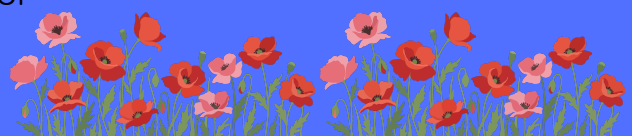
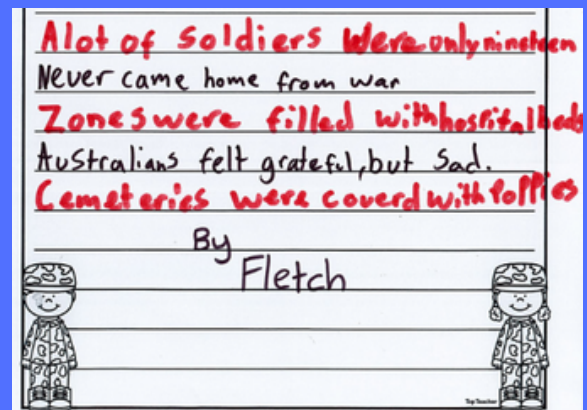


# ANZAC Day



We had intended to partner with the Neighbourhood House this year on a meaningful student research project linked to the 10:00am ANZAC Day service. As the 10:00am service did not take place this year, the project was unfortunately unable to proceed as planned. We look forward to revisiting this opportunity in the future with Evelyn.

In the meantime, students spent a significant part of last week deepening their understanding of ANZAC Day and thoughtfully connecting their learning to its significance. As part of this work, senior students explored a range of poetry forms, including haikus, acrostic and cinquain poems, to reflect on and honour this important day.



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## CILLIAN

For showing resilience and persistence whilst surfing. You did an amazing job representing our school, and we are proud of you. Keep up the good work.

## LEXI

For being so considerate and for helping the younger students throughout the Easter activities. It was also fantastic to see you put your best foot forward during surfing. Well done, Lexi!



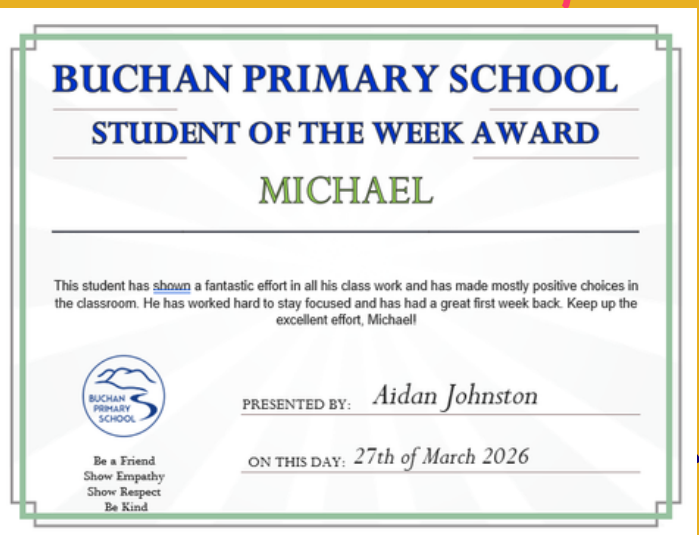
## ELI

For consistently making sensible choices in the classroom and showing others respect. You have approached each learning opportunity with a high level of enthusiasm, and have started your term off well. Great work, Eli!



## MICHAEL

This student has shown a fantastic effort in all his class work and has made mostly positive choices in the classroom. He has worked hard to stay focused and has had a great first week back. Keep up the excellent effort.



# Term 2: 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 20th	April 21st	April 22nd	April 23rd	April 24th
Term 2 Starts 1 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	DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY	Roadhouse Lunch Orders	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





**WE ARE GOING  
BLUE TO END  
BULLYING**

**WHEN: 06/05/2026**

**WHERE: BUCHAN PS**

**DONATION: GOLD COIN**

**Free Dress Day - Please wear  
something blue**



# ACTIVITIES

- **TRIVIA**
- **CONVERSATION STARTERS**
- **POSITIVITY BALLOONS**
- **BUTTERFLY CRAFT**