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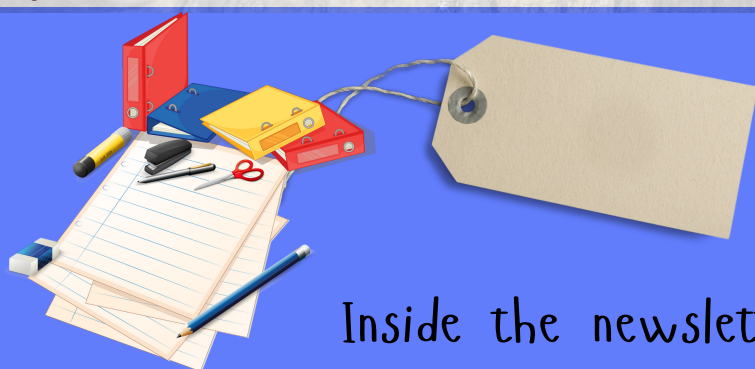
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IS A BARR SCHOOL. (BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER)

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.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

31ST OF AUGUST, 2023



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AROUND THE CLASSROOMS



Junior Classroom

The Junior Classroom have had so much on over the past two weeks, this has included lots of diverse P.E activities, music with Mr Vague, caving and book week activities. I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to pre-service teacher Judie Brownbridge today, we thank Judie for her last 21 days in the junior classroom.

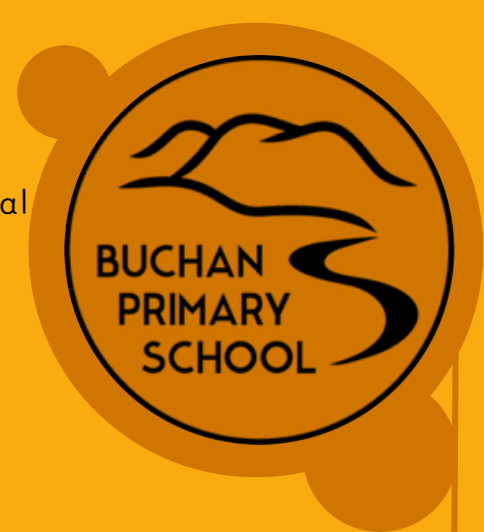


Senior Classroom

The Senior Class explored 'Shades of Death' recently, deepening our understanding of cave structures. Highlights for students included observing helictites, learning about cave life, and gazing down from the hilltop. Our class has also been focusing on the school value of Respect, while we explore ways that Empathy can be expressed in our class and our school.

ACTING 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.



Parent Opinion Survey

Thanks to those parents who have completed this. Your support is essential. I have taken a look at the preliminary results and the feedback has conveyed some very distinct messages, especially around student cognitive engagement. This is still open for about a week and we would really appreciate more responses.

School Fees

Thank you to those families who have made a payment to your children's School fees for 2023. If you haven't had the opportunity to fulfill your voluntary contributions, we welcome you to make a payment at your convenience. If you're uncertain, Julie is available to assist and provide guidance.

NAPLAN

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Grade 5 students. Our Grade 5 students who sat NAPLAN all earned the classification of "exceeding" or "strong" readers in our 2023 NAPLAN reading outcomes. In the graphical representation, our Grade 5 students are depicted in the distinctive orange colour, similar schools are in purple and blue are other schools in our network. Black is Victoria. Well done to our Grade 5 students!

NAPLAN - Students by Proficiency Levels ⓘ

Exceeding or Strong students in 2023 (%) ⓘ

For students in Year 5, Reading

100%

Your school

76%

Similar schools

71%

Network

77%

State

Students by proficiency level (%) ⓘ

For students in Year 5, Reading

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Acting Principal

Show Respect • Show Empathy • Be Kind • Be a Friend

Shades of Death



Guided by experienced experts, our young explorers embarked on an awe-inspiring journey deep into the heart of Shades of Death. As they ventured through the well lit passages, they were captivated by the intricate dance of time and nature that had sculpted the breathtaking stalactites and stalagmites adorning the cave's interior. These remarkable formations, painstakingly shaped over centuries, served as tangible records of our planet's geological history.

Engaging with our fantastic VSA guides, students gained a hands-on understanding of the complex processes that give birth to these geological wonders. From the gradual drip of mineral-rich water to the patient accumulation of limestone, the students witnessed firsthand the power of natural forces at play. This immersive encounter not only expanded their scientific knowledge, but also sparked a profound sense of wonder and curiosity about the world around them.

By connecting their Earth Science Unit in the classroom with tangible marvels, this excursion kindled a fire of inquiry in our students' hearts. It reinforced the importance of learning beyond textbooks and empowered them to become enthusiastic stewards of our Earth's geological heritage.

Huge thanks to Darryl, Wayne, Margaret, Roy and Miss Anisah for organising this. As well as parents who joined us for the journey!

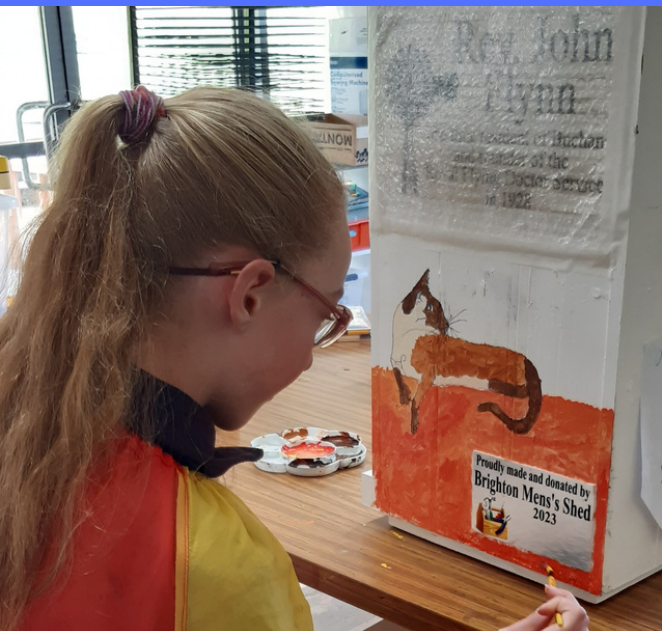
Physical Education

Over the past few weeks, students have been focusing on athletic sports - such as running, jumping and throwing sports.

The most popular sport has been high jump, where we managed to find some bars that were hidden in different spots around the school! Shout out to Campbell Mathers for helping me hunt them down. Our young athletes displayed remarkable determination and infectious enthusiasm during their high jump practices. With each leap, they aimed not only to conquer new heights physically, but also to nurture their mental resilience. It was very pleasing to watch all students participate to their fullest, set personal goals, refine techniques (we managed to move past the "superman" jumps) and embrace challenges.

In the realm of shot put, it's been a spectacle of strength, strategy, and finesse. Our students have been refining their skills in launching the shot put ball with both power and grace. Beyond the sheer physical aspect, this sport has served as a canvas for them to paint their determination and strategic thinking. Discus has been similar, with students mastering intricate techniques to elegantly propel the discus for optimal accuracy and many students made impressive distances.





Book Week

The primary school buzzed with literary excitement during our vibrant Book Week (and a half) celebration. Students and teachers alike adorned creative costumes inspired by beloved book characters, transforming the school into a colorful parade of imagination yesterday.

Congratulations to the following students who won awards for their costumes:

Junior Classroom: Will Hodge

Senior Classroom: Hope DeWit

Most like Character: Jackson Murphy

Mr Robbos Award: Campbell Hill

Both classes integrated many interactive storytelling sessions and fun activities. Our junior walls showcased student art portraying scenes from their favourite stories. From adventurous pirates to mystical wizards, the school radiated the joy of literature. This immersive week not only celebrated books but fostered a lifelong love for reading, inspiring young minds to explore the worlds that words can weave.

In collaboration with both classes, our students are crafting a library box destined for John Flynn Reserve. Book Week saw them engrossed in adorning the box with diverse book themes. Behold Hope, to the left, skillfully painting a feline character from "The Sunshine Cat." This creative endeavor merged literature and art, hopefully enriching our community with a unique literary haven amidst nature's beauty.





Window into the Junior Classroom

Our P-2 learners have been mastering the art of telling time, while having a blast!

Pictured on the left is one activity where students were crafting "human clocks" on the basketball court. By physically forming clock hands with their bodies, they've turned learning into an interactive experience. This not only reinforced their understanding of time, but also encouraged movement and engagement. Many of our maths lessons have been outside and the sunlit sessions have brought joy and energy to student learning, as they grasped concepts like telling the time to the half-hour and minute, as well as telling the time on analog clocks. Some of our Grade 2 students even extended themselves into the concept of looking at elapsed time.

In literacy, our students have been listening to rich authentic texts as part of book week and doing many fun hands on activities. We have also pushed along with our structured literacy block and our junior students have either been introduced to the /ck/ sound like in black, or the /or/ sound like in fork or sauce (au makes the /or/ sound in sauce). On the left you can see Ruby warming (au is another /or/ sound!!!) up completing an activity using her blending board and completing "sound swaps" with the /ck/ sound and other digraphs she has recently been taught, such as /ch/, /sh/ and /th/. This involves substituting 1 sound and making word chains, e.g. changing the word shock to lock to lick to chick to thick to thin to chin etc.,



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



CAMPBELL HILL

For writing very engaging paragraphs when given writing stimulus. Keep up the fantastic writing Campbell!

LACHIE CROSS

For your cheerful approach to all learning challenges that you face, every day! Keep up the great attitude, Lachie.



SOPHIE DALLEY

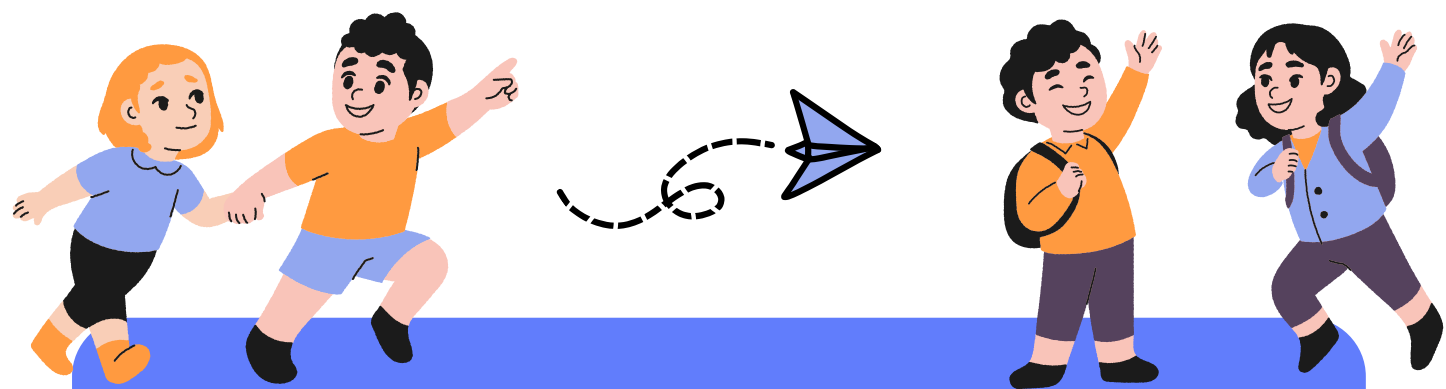
For your amazing learning this term, I am super proud of your effort and the growth you have achieved.

OLLIE SANDY

The care and pride that you took to make your writing very neat. Keep up the great attitude Ollie!



Pictured below is a schedule of events that will be held over Term 3. Please continue to monitor School Stream and each fortnightly newsletter, as events are always being added!



Upcoming Events - Term 3

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| August 31: | Father's Day Stall |
| September 4: | School Council |
| September 5: | MARC Van |
| September 7: | Optional Roadhouse Lunch Orders |
| September 6 - 8: | Grade 3/4 Karoonda Park TUBBS Camp |
| September 13: | MARC Van |
| September 15: | Final Day of School - 1pm Finish |





ART THERAPY SESSIONS

EAST GIPPSLAND ART GALLERY
is offering Art Therapy group sessions.

This is a time for you to explore your thoughts
and emotions in a supportive environment.
Each week we will follow a theme and enjoy the time
to be still and mindful as we work with
different art processes.

You do not need to be arty to have a go!

No cost - but we do ask for a commitment
to attend the 6 weekly sessions.

Each session goes for one and a half hours

At the Buchan Neighbourhood House
Tuesday 1pm-2.30pm

Starts: **Tuesday 25th October**
for 6 consecutive weeks

More info: Contact Evelyn at
Buchan Neighbourhood House
on 5155 9216

