

Buchan Primary School

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 05TH, 2026

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Senior Classroom:

The senior class have completed two lessons of their exciting skateboard art project. Students began by designing bold, imaginative concepts on paper inspired by street art. In the most recent session, they painted the base layer and are now preparing to stencil their designs. Seniors also completed a cardboard layering activity, building dimension by cutting and stacking sections to create a striking 3D portrait effect.

Junior Classroom:

Art seems to be a hit across the school, the junior classroom have told me they also enjoyed their art session, many enjoyed the tape-resist painting project they did last week.

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(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.

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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.



Parent-teacher Conferences

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the families who attended the parent–teacher conferences this week. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout and to have the opportunity to connect, celebrate student achievements, and discuss learning progress together. Partnerships between home and school are so valuable, and we truly appreciate the time you took to be involved. If you have any questions or concerns at any stage, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your child(ren)'s classroom teacher.

TUBBS Cross Country

Buchan Primary School is delighted to once again host the annual TUBBS Cross Country at the beautiful Buchan Caves Reserve. This much-anticipated event is a highlight of our school calendar, giving students the opportunity to challenge themselves, show resilience and sportsmanship, and enjoy the outdoors with their mates.

This year's event will be held on Friday, 20th March, beginning at 10:00am. Students will compete in age-appropriate distances of 800m, 2km or 3km. It's a wonderful chance for students to set personal goals, build confidence, and take pride in doing their best. The TUBBS Cross Country also brings together students from Tambo Upper, Swan Reach, Nungurner and Metung Primary Schools, strengthening friendships and connections across our small school communities.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to sharing another fantastic day with you at the Buchan Caves Reserve. We hope to see many parents there again this year!

Easter Raffle:

Buchan Primary School is excited to announce the return of our Easter raffle! Scheduled for the final day of Term 1, Thursday, April 2nd, we're aiming to gather chocolate donations once again. All donations can be given to Julie in the office. Your support is greatly appreciated as we prepare for this festive event!

Food Bank:

Just a friendly reminder that we still participate in the Foodbank program. We currently have a good supply of long-lasting pantry staples, as well as fresh fruit and vegetables. Families are warmly invited to take what they need.

School Council:

School Council nominations are still open and we would love to see some new faces join this year. Being part of School Council is a great way to have input into the direction of our school, and we encourage anyone interested to consider nominating.

Surfing

Surfing will be held on April 1st with Phil and his team at the Surf Shack. This excursion is for the entire school and will be at no cost to families. Permission forms will be handed out next week. If you have any concerns please reach out to Aidan.

Camps:

Grade 3/4:

The Grade 3/4 camp will be held at Camp Coonawarra this year, located in Glenaladale (near Paynesville). This will be held from Monday 22/6 to Wednesday 24/6. To help keep costs down, we have decided to make our own way there, as hiring a bus would add an additional \$200 per student. The cost is expected to be approximately \$450 per student for the 3 days and 2 nights, excluding transport. Julie is always happy to arrange payment plans for families if needed.

Grade 5/6:

The Grade 5/6 camp will be held in Melbourne from Monday 15/6 to Friday 19/6. The cost is expected to be approximately \$650 per student for the 5 days and 4 nights. Further confirmation and detailed information will be sent out soon. Julie is always happy to arrange payment plans for families if needed.

Harmony Day:

In 2025, our school received strong results in the Parent Opinion Survey. We are proud of this feedback and grateful for the ongoing support of our families. We value family input and are committed to continuous improvement. One area for further focus based on these results was strengthening how we communicate the importance of respecting all cultural beliefs and practices.

Respect, inclusion and belonging sit at the heart of our school community. While these values are embedded in our programs and daily interactions, we recognise the importance of clearly communicating this commitment and creating opportunities to celebrate the diversity within our community.

Harmony Day (celebrated nationally on Saturday the 21st of March as part of Harmony Week) recognises Australia's cultural diversity and promotes inclusion and respect, centred around the message that "Everyone Belongs." **We will celebrate on Thursday the 19th of March. Students are invited to come out of uniform and wear orange, the colour representing respect and belonging.** Throughout the week, classes will engage in age-appropriate activities and discussions that explore cultural diversity and inclusion.

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Principal



MARC Van

The senior classroom and the junior classroom had the opportunity to make puppets as part of our World Wildlife Day activities in MARC Van. This experience linked closely with the biological sciences units both classes have been completing, allowing students to further explore animal features, habitats, and adaptations in a fun and engaging way.



Numeracy

The Junior students have been exploring friends of 10, bundling, and subitising, building strong foundations in number sense. Many of our Grade 2 to 4 students have been learning about two-digit multiplication, developing strategies to solve more complex problems. Our older students have been extending their mathematical thinking by exploring integers and exponents. Lots of fun has been had in maths over the past couple of weeks!



Literacy

Our Prep students were introduced to their blending boards this week and absolutely loved using them! Blending boards are fantastic manipulatives that provide a tactile, hands-on way for students to practise blending sounds. Our Preps had a wonderful time building CVC words using all of the sounds they have learned during their first six weeks of school. They have already learnt 16 sounds!!! s, a, t, i, m, n, o, p, b, c, g, h, d, e, f and v! AMAZING JOB!!!!!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

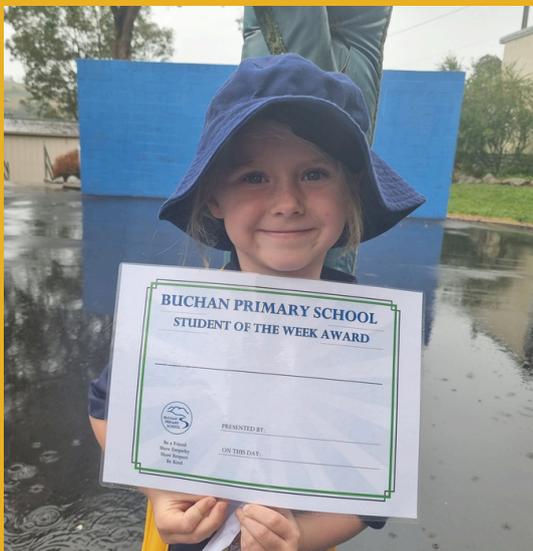


JESSICA

For consistently trying your best with your learning and displaying a high level of respect towards both peers and teachers. You have done a fantastic job, thank you for your effort.

SOPHIE

This student persevered with her work all week, especially in word origins. Well done on showing determination and a positive attitude to learning – keep it up, Sophie!



AUDREY

For consistently trying your best and treating others with respect. You are doing a great job, and we appreciate you.

EMILY

for consistently being very respectful, showing kindness to others, and being a fantastic friend to those around her. It has been great to see your positive attitude in the classroom and beyond.



Term 1: 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 2nd	March 3rd	March 4th	March 5th	March 6th
MARC Van			WE ARE HERE!!!!	
March 9th	March 10th	March 11th	March 12th	March 13th
LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL		NAPLAN STARTS (Grade 3&5)		
March 16th	March 17th	March 18th	March 19th	March 20th
MARC Van				TUBBS CROSS COUNTRY
March 23rd	March 24th	March 25th	March 26th	March 27th
NAPLAN FINISHES (Grade 3&5)	School Council AGM		Roadhouse Lunch Orders	

Events Later in Term 1

April 1st

Surfing with Phil and his team at Surf Shack

April 2nd

Last Day of School - 1PM FINISH



**Term 2 starts
Monday 20 April**