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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.

NEWSLETTER

6th of August, 2026

Volume 12

Across the School

Across both classrooms, students have been exploring sculpture by creating imaginative artworks using a range of textured and recycled materials. They experimented with shape, balance and form, carefully layering materials to build unique three-dimensional sculptures.



Each sculpture reflects our student's individual ideas and artistic choices, making every piece different and meaningful. Students showed persistence, collaboration and pride as they planned, constructed and refined their sculptures, resulting in a wonderful display of creativity, imagination, and craftsmanship.



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Senior Classroom

Senior students have begun creating textured canvas artworks by applying a modelling paste to their canvases, creating raised patterns and interesting surfaces before painting. This mixed-media technique encourages creativity while exploring texture, composition, and visual effects, helping students produce unique artworks with greater depth, dimension, and artistic expression.



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.



Student Learning:

It has been another busy and productive fortnight with students enthusiastically engaging in their learning and making the most of the many opportunities on offer.

As we head into the next four weeks, our school calendar is particularly full, with a range of exciting events, learning experiences and activities planned. It is a wonderful time of year, but it also means there is a lot happening, so we encourage families to keep an eye on our newsletters and School Stream to stay up to date with upcoming events and important dates.

School Stream:

Just a friendly reminder that School Stream is our primary platform for communicating with families. It is the first place we share important school updates, reminders, upcoming events and any last-minute changes that may arise throughout the term. We also send a weekly reminder each weekend to help families stay informed about what is happening in the week ahead.

We encourage all families to regularly check School Stream and ensure notifications are enabled so you don't miss any important information. If you are experiencing difficulties accessing the app or have not yet set it up, please don't hesitate to speak with Aidan or Julie, who will be happy to assist you.

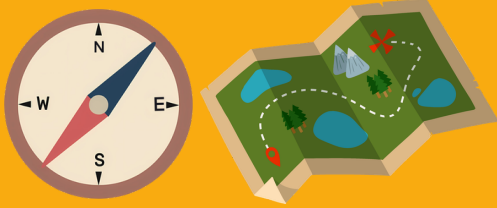
Industrial Action:

As previously communicated, the Australian Education Union (AEU) remains in negotiations with the Victorian Government as part of the current enterprise bargaining process, and industrial action is continuing.

At this stage, we will continue to keep families informed of any developments and advise you as soon as possible if there are any impacts to the day-to-day operations of Buchan Primary School. We appreciate your understanding and ongoing support during this period.

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston,
Principal

OUTWARD BOUND GRADES 3-6



Tomorrow (Friday, 07/08/2026), Grade 3-6 students will take part in an exciting excursion to Outward Bound's Bete Bolong camp site, where they'll enjoy a day of outdoor learning, teamwork and adventure. This experience is designed to help build resilience, problem-solving skills, and confidence through a range of engaging, hands-on activities.

AUTHOR'S WORKSHOP AT NUNGURNER



On Monday the 10th and Tuesday the 11th of August, a small group of Buchan Primary School students will travel to Nungurner Primary School to participate in writing workshops with award-winning children's author Ingrid Laguna, author of Songbird, Sunflower and many other popular children's books. Unfortunately, we were limited to only 4 Grade 3&4 students and 4 Grade 5&6 students. Congratulations to all selected students.

BUCHAN SPELLING BEE



Buchan Primary School is excited to host its first Spelling Bee in many years! **Parents are warmly invited to join us on August the 14th for the Buchan Primary School Spelling Bee Competition. All grades will be participating.** Please refer to the attached flyer in the newsletter for more information. We hope to see you there!

VICSPELL

This year, Buchan Primary School is excited to participate in Vicspell, Victoria's statewide spelling competition that celebrates and rewards strong spelling skills. Two Grade 5 and two Grade 6 students will be selected to represent our school at the East Gippsland competition, held at Bairnsdale West Primary School on Thursday the 20th of August at 11:00am. We recognise this coincides with District Athletics, making it a very busy day for our students who will be everywhere!!

GRADES 4-6 DISTRICT ATHLETIC'S DAY



Today, all of our Grade 3-6 students travelled to the TUBBS Division Athletics Day at Howitt Park in Bairnsdale with Mrs Z and Tara, where they competed alongside students from the TUBBS cluster in a range of track and field events. Grade 4-6 students who finish in the top three of any event will progress to **District Athletics Day on Thursday 20/08/2026.** Congratulations to all competitors today! Unfortunately, I was caught up at school completing paperwork and unable to make it down - I look forward to attending District Athletics, where we wish our qualifying students the very best of luck as they prepare to represent Buchan Primary School again and continue building on their fantastic performance from today.



GRADE 5/6 SOMER'S CAMP

Our Grade 5/6 students have the exciting opportunity to attend Somers Camp, a nine-day residential camp that encourages independence, resilience and teamwork. Students will join children from schools across the region and participate in a wide range of activities, including archery, boating, environmental studies, rock climbing, bushcraft, the flying fox and campfire activities, all under the supervision of experienced teaching staff.

Camp Dates: Tuesday 25th of August to Wednesday 2nd of September.

Reminder: Camp consent forms and payment were due on 28 July. If you have not yet returned your completed forms or made payment, please do so as soon as possible to ensure your child's place at camp.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP

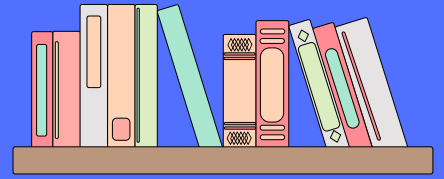


On Thursday, September 10th, we will be celebrating Book Week at Buchan Primary School and we are excited to be joined by the Buchan Early Years Learning Centre. The theme for Children's Book Week 2026 is "Symphony of Stories", as announced by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA). Based on artwork by award-winning author and illustrator Briony Stewart, this inspiring theme celebrates the magic of stories and the colourful characters, ideas and adventures they bring to life.

Although the official Book Week dates are 22–28 August 2026, we will celebrate on September 10th, as our Grade 5/6 students will be attending Somers Camp. As part of the celebrations, students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and take part in our much-loved Book Week parade.

Parents and carers are invited to attend the dress-up parade, which will commence at 9:30am. Following the parade, students will participate in a themed activity to further develop their appreciation of literature and storytelling.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2026



As mentioned and distributed in Term 1, the theme for the 2026 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is 'Stories to discover. Stories to tell'. Don't forget to complete the Challenge! **All reading record forms must be returned to Julie by the end of August to allow time for results to be entered into the system.** If you need another reading record form, copies are available from the office shelf.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents. Students from Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 15 books.

The Challenge is not a competition; every student is encouraged to enjoy their own reading journey, discover new books, and develop a lifelong love of reading.

All students who successfully complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

Parents and carers are encouraged to read with their children.

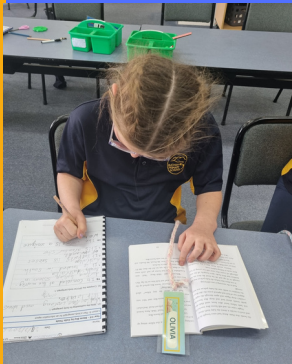
CLASSROOM NEWS

BOOK STUDIES



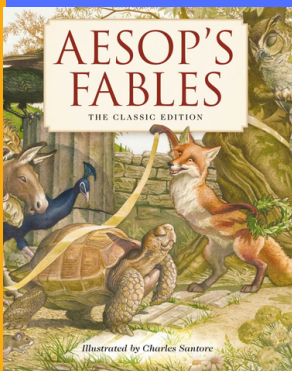
Part of our literacy block includes book studies, which build vocabulary and cultural literacy, strengthening comprehension and critical thinking. Through structured literacy and explicit instruction, students engage deeply with complex texts, reinforcing decoding, fluency, and understanding. This approach closes knowledge gaps, promotes equity, and empowers all learners to access and discuss challenging ideas with confidence.

SENIOR CLASSROOM



Our seniors have been immersed in Storm Boy, exploring its characters, setting, and powerful themes. Throughout this term, they have been investigating the unique environment of The Coorong National Park while considering the broader ideas of conservation and sustainability. Students have expanded their vocabulary through the study of new and meaningful words, strengthened their writing using tools and techniques like sentence expansion prompts, and developed their grammar skills by identifying language features like independent and dependent clauses.

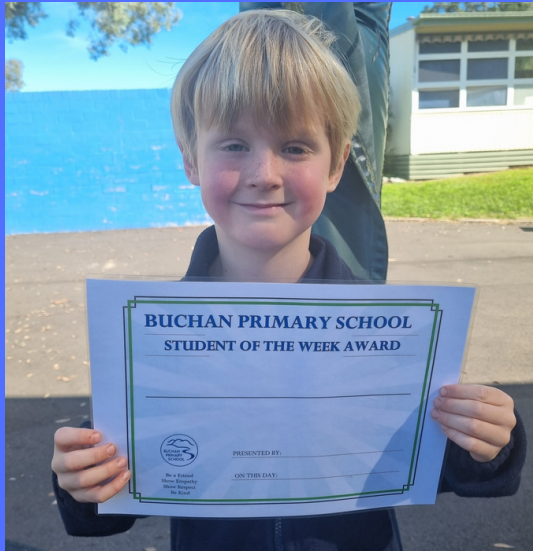
JUNIOR CLASSROOM



Our juniors have been continuing their exploration of Aesop's Fables and traditional fairy tales, discovering the key features that make these stories so enduring. They have been identifying common elements of fairy tales, exploring the important morals and life lessons within each text, and discussing how characters' choices influence the outcomes of stories.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



DIETRICH

For consistently trying your best, using kind manners and looking out for your friends. Thank you for making a great start to Term 3.

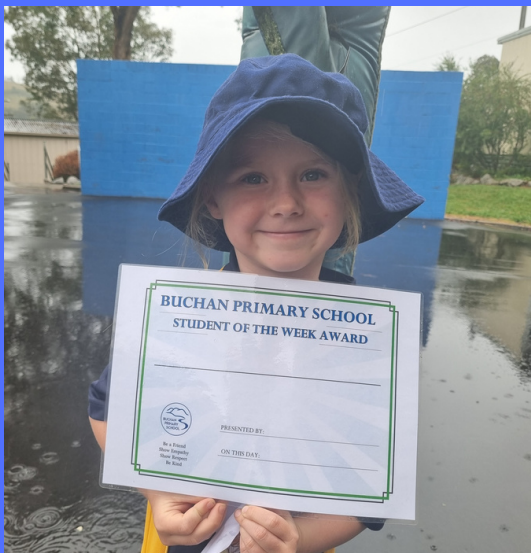
TOM

This student did an excellent job staying on task and taking responsibility for his learning by monitoring his progress and identifying his next steps.



AUDREY

For consistently trying your best, and treating your friends with respect. You are doing a great job.



FLETCHER

This student was a fantastic helper with the younger students throughout the week. They approached every task with a positive attitude, never complained and consistently put their best effort into everything they did.



Term 3: 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
August 3rd	August 4th	August 5th	August 6th	August 7th
MARC Van			TUBBS Division Athletics Day (Grade 3-6)	Outward Bound Excursion (Grade 3-6)
August 10th	August 11th	August 12th	August 13rd	August 14th
Author's Workshop at Nungurner PS Grades 3-6	Author's Workshop at Nungurner PS Grades 3-6 / School Council (5pm)			Buchan PS Spelling Bee (Whole School)
August 17th	August 18th	August 19th	August 20th	August 21st
MARC Van			District Athletics Day (Selected Grade 4-6) / Roadhouse Lunch Orders (Grades F-3)	
August 24th	August 25th	August 26th	August 27th	August 28th
	Somers Camp Begins (Grade 5/6)			

Events Later in Term 3

August 25th to September 2nd:

Somer's Camp for Grade 5/6 Camp

September 10th:

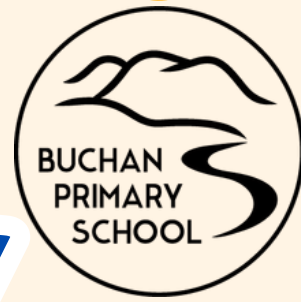
Book Week Dress up Day

September 15th:

School Council at 5pm



BUCHAN PRIMARY



SPELLING BEE

Competition

Join us on August the 14th for the Buchan Primary Spelling Bee Competition, where the brilliant minds of our students compete for glory, confidence, and the title of Buchan Primary School Spelling Champion.

**14 AUGUST |
9 – 11 AM**



All parents are
warmly invited to attend.

2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF
STORIES



22–28 August 2026



To celebrate CBCA Book Week 2026, you are invited to
enter our annual

DRAW A PICTURE/WRITE A STORY COMPETITION

Entries open until 20 August 2026



*Children's Book
Week*



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ALL JUNIORS WELCOME!



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and be part of
an awesome
team.



LEARN & PLAY

Develop skills,
have fun and
grow your love
for cricket.



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A proud community
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everyone belongs
on and off the field.



GREAT VIBES

Positive, inclusive
and supportive
environment
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FAMILY FUN

BBQs, events
and good times
for players
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