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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

7TH OF DECEMBER, 2023



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AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

The junior classroom has embraced the festive ambiance of the Christmas season with great enthusiasm, engaging in a myriad of activities that span the realms of both artistic expression and melodic celebration. The anticipation for our upcoming Christmas concert has served as a catalyst for the kids singing Christmas carols each morning.

The senior students have enthusiastically immersed themselves in a plethora of festive activities in celebration of the approaching Christmas season. Furthermore, lots of exciting activities have been on over the last couple of weeks; including lunchtime art club and a visit from Blacksnake productions! Senior students have also been practicing AUSLAN for our concert.



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.



WOW!!! We find ourselves a mere two weeks away from the Christmas holidays and it's truly remarkable how swiftly this year has transpired. As we approach this festive season, a bunch of additional activities await, each outlined in the weekly School Stream Important Update message that goes out on weekends. Additionally, the larger events are posted in the newsletter. I urge you to peruse these updates diligently to remain abreast of the forthcoming events. Should any inquiries arise, please reach out to either myself or Julie.

Secret Santa is underway: Secret Santa is a gift-giving tradition where each participant is randomly assigned another student to buy a gift (\$10 limit) for - lists of names were given to families via a private message on School Stream. If you require further clarification please call or drop in and see Aidan. Secret Santa will be held on Monday, December 18th. Presents need to be handed in by Wednesday the 13th of December.

In preparation for the upcoming concert scheduled for next week (further details available on page 3), our students have dedicated time and effort to rehearsals, cultivating anticipation for the impending event. Each student has been provided with their individual parts and we kindly request your assistance in facilitating their script reading as their homework. Recognizing that practice solidifies skills, your support in this endeavor will undoubtedly contribute to their confidence and proficiency during the much-anticipated performance next week.

I would like to thank Heather Nowell for all of her hard work during the Tutor in School Initiative over the past 3 years. Heather has decided to move on from the role and we hope to see her as a CRT at Buchan Primary School in 2024. We welcome Moira Ruff into the tutor role for 2024, Moira will be visiting on December the 13th. Moira is an advocate of Science of Learning (our pedagogical framework / approach to literacy) and is trained in Sounds-Write and Sounds-Write Intervention. Sounds-Write is a Systematic Synthetic Phonics program that both Tara and myself are also trained in, and have implemented in the junior room with great success this year. Moira is also a member of the Australian Tutoring Association (ATA) and a registered tutor with DSF (Dyslexia SPELD Foundation).

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Acting Principal

Christmas Concert

Thursday 14th of December

Christmas Time Rhyme

In this humorous Christmas play, Santa and Mary Christmas are putting together the greatest Christmas concert ever, including guest appearances from the reindeer, the elves, the decorations and Santa's helpers. But who is this 'Kenny the Gnu' and why does he turn up in each item? Find out in this hilarious Christmas play!

Buchan Hall – 5:30pm



- **PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE**

Timings:

Buchan Mechanic's Hall

- 5:30pm – Christmas Concert
- 6:00pm – Awards and Graduation Speeches
- 6:30pm – Visit from Santa and opportunity to eat
- 7:15pm – Disco





EGCMA & Blacksnake Productions

Bryce Watts-Parker represented the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, providing insights into the nature of the work undertaken by EGCMA. Mike from Black Snake Productions accompanied the presentation, showcasing his wildlife to enhance the overall experience. This inclusion heightened the excitement of the presentation and offered students an interactive learning experience focused on catchment health. Mike visited us earlier in the year and the kids remembered and were super excited to see him again - with many new and exciting local animals!



After the session, students actively engaged by responding to a brief questionnaire and their feedback for the day was overwhelmingly positive. The incorporation of wildlife and interactive elements left a lasting impression on the students.



Additionally, a future agenda was outlined, including plans to implement various activities. Among them are the construction of a frog hotel, the installation of nest boxes and the organisation of a clean-up day. These initiatives aim to further educate and involve students in environmental conservation efforts.

Junior Sleepover

On the evening of Friday, December 1st, the junior classroom had a sleepover that left our young students brimming with joy and cherished memories. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and camaraderie as the children immersed themselves in a bunch of engaging and entertaining activities. The night unfolded with spirited party games, such as an egg and spoon race. The school premises became a playground for spirited games of tag and hide-and-seek. The creative spirits of our students were further ignited through hands-on craft activities, which were enhanced by a delicious dinner provided by the Roadhouse, ensuring that our energetic participants stayed fueled for the night's walk down "The Bluff". The night culminated in watching Paw Patrol! I would like to thank Tara for attending the sleepover on a Friday night, without staff committing to these events, they are not possible - so thank you!

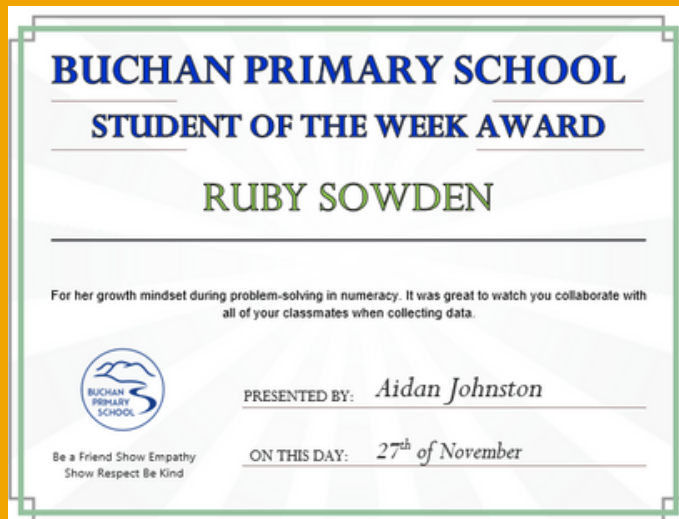


MARC Van

Wednesday the 6th of December saw students final MARC Van session. We would like to thank Mr Robbo for all of his hard work in 2023. As we bid farewell to this year's sessions, we eagerly anticipate the promising journey that lies ahead, under the vision of Mr. Robbo who will be taking the MARC Van lessons again in 2024.

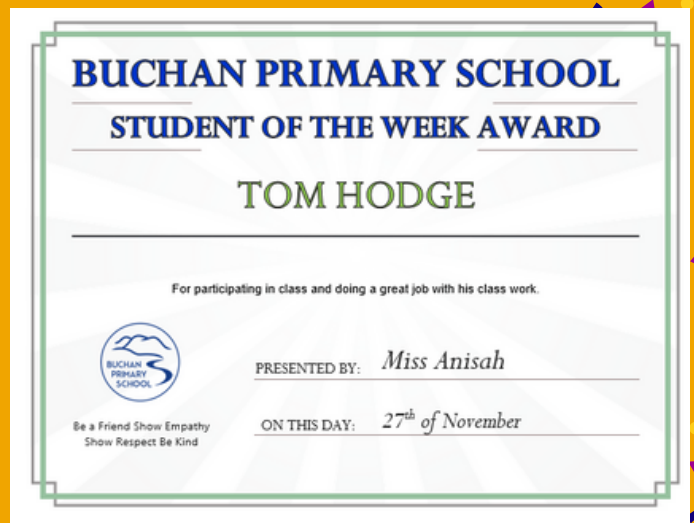
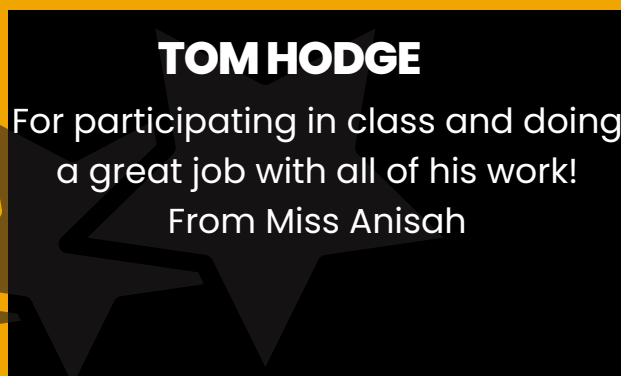


STUDENT OF THE WEEK



RUBY SOWDEN

For her growth mindset during problem-solving in numeracy. It was great to watch you collaborate with all of your classmates when collecting data.
From Mr Johnston



ALENA SOWDEN

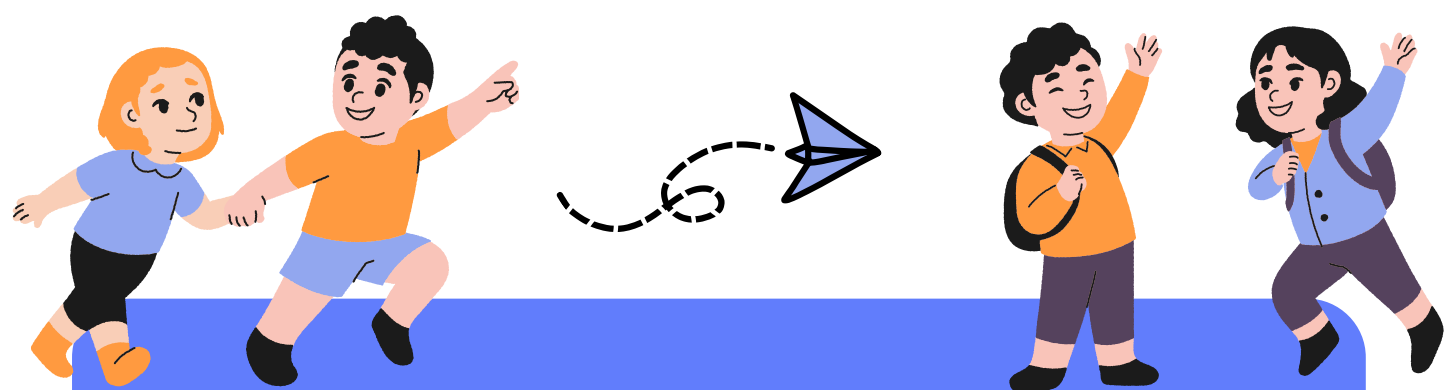
For approaching each day with enthusiasm, cheerfulness and a willingness to do her best. Keep up the fantastic effort Alena!
From Mr Johnston

FLETCHER SANDY

For your giant leap forward in mathematics this term. Keep up the good work Fletcher!
From Miss Anisah



Pictured below is a schedule of events that will be held over Term 4. Please continue to monitor School Stream and each fortnightly newsletter, as events are always being added!



Upcoming Events - Term 4

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| December 8: | GRADE 6 BIG DAY OUT with other schools |
| December 12: | 2024 Statewide Transition Day - 9:00 to 2:00 |
| December 14: | School Concert / Graduation / Disco |
| December 20: | Final Day of School - 1pm Finish |





BIG SUMMER READ

JOIN. BORROW. READ. WIN!

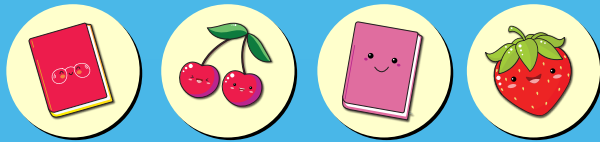
December 1 - January 31

 **Public Libraries
Victoria**

December 1 - January 31



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ENTER AND WIN!

To enter the State Wide Major Prize Draw - register at [plv.beanstack.org](https://www.plv.org.au/projects/big-summer-read/) and log your ten books online with Beanstack



For terms and conditions visit <https://www.plv.org.au/projects/big-summer-read/>



Write down the 10 books
you read this Summer!

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READING JOURNAL

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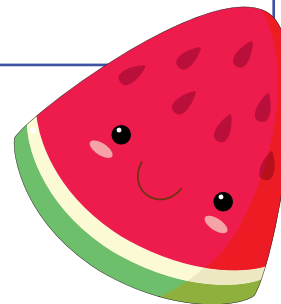
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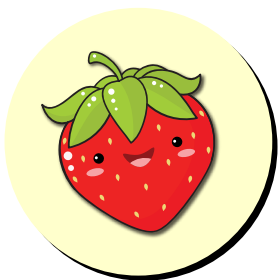
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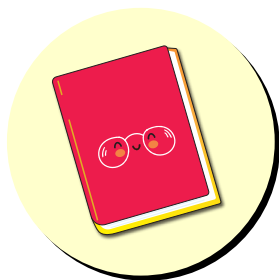
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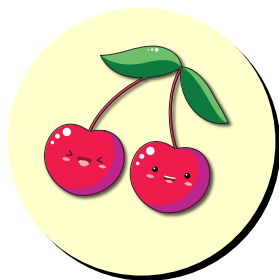
ICHIGO'S READING ACTIVITIES

- Borrow or read a cook book and choose a recipe to make. Ask an adult for help. What will you cook?
- Find a biography or true story to read at your library. Who's story will you discover?
- Borrow a book from the library that teaches you a new skill. Look in the Non-Fiction section or ask a librarian for help.



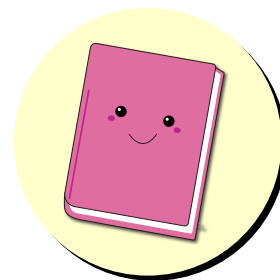
RED'S READING ACTIVITIES

- Try reading a book by an author you haven't read before.
- Read a graphic novel, magazine or comic book. You can find lots of these at your local library!
- Re-read one of your favourite books! Write a review of the book on Beanstack to share with other readers!



JERRI AND TERRI'S READING ACTIVITIES

- Share a book with a friend, pet or toy. They might like to share a book back.
- Have a slumber party with a book. Read a story before bed each night.
- Take your book on an adventure and read a book outside. Don't forget to wear your hat!



PAIGE'S READING ACTIVITIES

- Visit your library for a reading adventure. Try to finish a book before you leave the library.
- Read a book with an illustrator or narrator you haven't seen or heard before.
- Spend a day with only books. Leave your computer, ipad or video games at home and just pack a book! (You can take your ipad if you're reading an audio or ebook!)



CONNIE'S READING ACTIVITIES

- Visit Storybox Library and watch a cool story read by an awesome aussie author or actor! We bet you can't stop at just one book!
- Put on your headphones and listen to an audiobook. You could try listening through the Borrowbox Library App there are hundreds of stories to explore!
- Open the Beanstack app and read some of the book reviews that other readers have shared. Can you add your own?





CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS WORKING GROUP AND FRIENDS PRESENT

Sensitive Santa

Santa has agreed to join us from the North Pole and chat with our kids!
Children with autism or sensory needs are invited to meet Santa in a **FREE**
private 20 minute session with their families.

In Person and Online options available.



Dates & Times:

Tuesday 12th December at 3.00pm-7.00pm (In Person)

Link: [Sensitive Santa - Tuesday Booking Link](#)



Wednesday 13th December at 3.00pm-7.00pm (In person)

Link: [Sensitive Santa - Wednesday Booking link](#)



Thursday 14th December at 4.00pm-6.00pm (Online)

Link: [Sensitive Santa - Online Booking Link](#)

To register:
scan the QR code
or click on the link
to book a time.



Venue:

The Hub, 27 Dalmahoy Street
Bairnsdale, 3875

OR

Online via MS Teams

(Please note: Online sessions are 10 minutes)

Contact:

Vanessa or Ginny - 54 Reasons

Email: vanessa.hammond@54reasons.org.au

Mobile: Vanessa - 0421 211 326

Ginny - 0455 854 622



Children With Additional Needs
Working Group



Wunman Njinde

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land, the Gunaikurnai People and we recognise their connection to Land, Water, Language & Community. We pay our respects to Gunaikurnai Elders, past, present and emerging, as well as Elders from other country who live on this Land.

Sensitive Santa is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services through Uniting's Communities for Children Program. Visit www.dss.gov.au for more information.