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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.

**Week 10 Term 4
Thursday 8th December 2022
Edition 19**

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.

Wuman Njinde Parents, Students and the School Community,

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter where we share our school's journey and achievements.

Aidan and I have been working behind the scenes to support the curriculum going forward into 2023. We have committed ourselves to completing online learning programs through La Trobe University, as well as SWPBS (school wide positive behaviour support) over the school holidays to ensure we are ready for the school year. I have also collaborated with Yarram Primary School recently to commit to the Berry Street Educational Model and we will be working with staff at this school on our first Curriculum Day of the year in Term 1.

The 2023 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) was completed several weeks ago.

Our goal in 2023 is to continue to focus on student learning - with an increased focus on numeracy - and student wellbeing through the 2023 Priorities Goal, a learning Key Improvement Strategy and a wellbeing Key Improvement Strategy.

The 2023 classes were announced last week. Aidan will be teaching Foundation and Grades 1 and 2 students and I will be teaching Grades 3 to 6 students. We will be having 2 day transition classes on Monday and Tuesday 12th and 13th December in our new classes.

School council have nearly collated the information they received at the start of the term regarding parent feedback. Once I receive this information I will pass on to all parties concerned if it relates to transition and or implement the feedback if applicable as it relates to our school goals and school strategic plan. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

Please remember that the School stream app is our preferred method of communication.

On behalf of the staff at Buchan Primary School, I would like to wish you a safe and happy holidays celebrating and enjoying family time over the festive season.

Sarah

Principal

TERM 4 LUNCH ROSTER

Hot dogs—Week 11 15th Dec.

DECEMBER DATES

All students transition to the next grade—Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th Dec.

Bairnsdale Secondary College Grade 6 Orientation Day—Tuesday 13th Dec.

Buchan Primary School End of Year Celebration / Grade 6 Graduation Evening – Wednesday 14th Dec at 4.00 to 4.45pm at Buchan Primary School. Bring a picnic dinner and rug / chairs.

Melbourne Grammar School Symphony In house Concert at 2.15 to 3.15— Wednesday 14th Dec.

Secret Santa presents—Thursday 15th Dec.

School reports handed out—Friday 16th Dec.

Whole school water play—last hour of the day—Tuesday 20th Dec.

Last day of school—Tuesday 20th Dec at 1pm.

2023 JANUARY AND FEBRUARY DATES

Teaching staff start work—Friday 27th January.

Students start school –Monday 30th January.

Prep and Grade 1 testing—Wednesday 1st, 8th and 22nd February.

The Science of Reading Information Evening—Thursday 16th February at 5pm.

Prep students not at school—Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd February and Wednesday 1st March.

A.F.L clinic—Monday 6th February.

A.F.L clinic—Monday 13th February.

Parent / Teacher interviews—Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd February.

Grades 3 to 6 school camp—Starting Monday 27th February.

Curriculum Day—No students at school on this day—Friday 17th February.

2023 MARCH DATES

Cross country— Friday 24th March.

Professional Practice Day (Network) - No students at school on this day—Friday 10th March.

Labour Day Public Holiday—Monday 13th March.

NAPLAN Grades 3 and 5—Wednesday 15th March to Monday 27th March.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN LEARNING - (Information including; parent participation and involvement / school and teacher communication.)

WORKING BEE THANK YOU

On Sunday 27th November we held our final working bee for the year. An incredible amount of weeding took place, as well as the redistribution of gravel beside the art room and library, the removal of old furniture, spraying of weeds, replacing of air purifier filters, garden edging and the trimming of hedges. Thank you the following parents and grandparents who took the time out of their busy weekend to assist on the day; Sophie and Michael S, Brad and Donna C, Katie H, Lauren H, Laura S, Cassie M, Clare M and Christine and Gary A. We ticked off a lot of boxes. Well done!

ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL

Thank you to all of the parents who supported our election day cake stall on Saturday 26th November. The Fundraising Committee made a profit of \$182 and a \$50 donation was received from one of our parents. In total \$232 was raised. Thank you to Julie for overseeing this.

PRESENTATION / GRADUATION AFTERNOON

The presentation / graduation afternoon will happen on Wednesday 14th December from 4pm to 4.45pm at school and on the oval. Parents are welcome to bring a picnic dinner on the night / rug and chairs. See you there!

MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

The Melbourne Grammar School will be visiting the school on Wednesday 14th December between the hours of 2.15 to 3.15 to perform to our students. This performance has been a couple of years in the planning. I first spoke to Pat who is overseeing this performance post bushfires and they were going to perform to our school community in 2020. However, due to COVID-19 this was delayed over several years. Fortunately, we have not been forgotten and not only will they be visiting our school to perform, but they will also give our students free entry on the night if they attend the 6pm concert at the Mechanics Hall.

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

As a government funded school there are limits to the extracurricular programs and services that we can provide for our students and these additional supports really strengthen the extracurricular opportunities we engage in throughout the year. If you are able to support the school with a voluntary contribution, which have been itemised within the parent payment form for your convenience, it would be greatly appreciated. Our school partakes in a lot of activities that many other schools don't offer as part of their curriculum and it would be terrific for these experiences to continue.

2022 BAIRNSDALE AGRICULTURE SHOW

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Judi Sykes who forwarded selected artworks from students who won their age categories at the Buchan Flower and Art Show and on to the Bairnsdale Agricultural Show. We had some very successful results and many students achieved first and second ribbons and commendable awards. We also achieved a very high honour which was winning the Aggregate Trophy. This trophy is awarded to the school with the most winning entries across multiple art categories.

KAROONDA PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL SLEEPOVER

Thank you to Paul and Judi Sykes and Lynton Hill for hosting the junior school camp at Karoonda Park. It was a very successful sleep over and the food was absolutely sensational. We spotted 12 koalas on our night hike and we loved playing ga ga ball! Thank you to the junior class parents for supporting this activity.

TERM 1 2023 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING—THE SCIENCE OF READING

This session will start at 5pm. The aim of the evening is to give parents a demonstration lesson of how this will be implemented into the classroom and to answer any questions you may have going forward.

MAINTENANCE SHED

The maintenance shed has now been completed with a new make over as it relates to guttering, eaves, down pipes, lockable doors, a step and tin roof.



MULCHING OF BANK

After quite a few setbacks, we were able to have the bank mulched and cleaned up. This will be sprayed prior to the school holidays.



SCHOOL READERS / LIBRARY BOOKS / MARC VAN BOOKS

All library and classroom readers need to be returned to school by Friday 16th December.

If you missed the 7th December MARC Van library book return date, I'm happy to forward these on to Peter on your behalf before the end of the school term.

If you would like your child to continue to practice their reading at home over the school holidays we are happy to give them some books to take home and these will need to be returned at the start of the 2023 school year. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher to organise this. We will make a list of the names of books that are borrowed.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING - (Information including; High expectations for success, student motivation and support, stimulating learning environment, effective teaching, student voice and agency confidence and resilience.)

BERRY STREET EDUCATIONAL MODEL

Aidan and I will be introducing and implementing this model in 2023 and 2024 across the school. This model is developed by teachers for teachers and it provides educators with a toolkit of 100+ practical strategies for immediate use in the classroom and out in the yard. This model enables educators to help students meet their own learning needs by:

- Understand the benefits of trauma -informed teaching on child development and ability to learn.
- Create a supportive and positive educational classroom.
- Bolster student–teacher relationships
- Apply positive relational classroom behaviour management strategies.
- Instil strengths-based practices across the school.
- To learn strategies to keep students engaged and support them to have an improved capacity for school achievement.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

At school, staff work with Geof, our ICT technician to ensure we maintain a safe online student learning environment. With the internet being such a powerful source of information which can be used to enhance understanding and create new learning experiences, we are aware that there is a need to keep a close eye on our children and the content they are engaging with. This is especially applicable now that school holidays are upon us and children will have more screen time at home. Internet filters are a great way to reduce the risk of our children engaging with unwanted/unsafe materials.

The eSafety Commissioner has some great resources to help you set up your home internet/ computers to ensure these risks are minimized. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice/parental-controls>

The following information comes from the link above.

Use parental controls

Parental controls are software tools that allow you to monitor and limit what your child sees and does online.

They can be set up to do things like:

- Block your child from accessing specific websites, apps or functions (like using a device's camera, or the ability to buy things).
- Filter different kinds of content – such as 'adult' or sexual content, content that may promote self-harm, eating disorders, violence, drugs, gambling, racism and terrorism.
- Allow you to monitor your child's use of connected devices, with reports on the sites they visit and the apps they use, how often and for how long.
- Set time limits, blocking access after a set time.

If a device or program is shared by multiple members of your family, you should also be able to change the tool settings to reflect each user's age and skills.

POSITIVE CLIMATE FOR LEARNING - (Information including; Managing bullying, promoting positive behaviours, respect for diversity, school connectedness and positive transitions.)

NEW ENROLMENTS TRANSITION DAYS

As part of their transition program for the new enrolments attending Buchan Primary School in 2023, we have been hosting 3 morning sessions over the past 3 weeks. Auguste, Lexi, Sophie, Ruby and Hollie have spent their time observing Monday morning assembly, meeting their senior class buddies, being involved in MARC Van activities and participating in hands on activities. Their final transition day will be on Monday 12th December with a half day visit (9.00 to 12.30) with their 2023 teacher Mr Johnston and the students in the junior class.



SCHOOL NURSE

The Primary School Nursing Program is a free service offered by the Department of Education and Training (DET). It is available to all children attending government primary schools in Victoria. It is part of a range of health and support services for school students and their families. The aim of the program is to promote child health and wellbeing and to assist in the early identification of children with potential health related difficulties. Sophie Brown engaged with the Grades 4 to 6 students on issues related to health and puberty.

PROVIDING FEEDBACK WITH AN 'ADMIRING LENS'

It is important to remember that the purpose of feedback is to help a person identify what they can do to improve and how?

To encourage progress and effort, I encourage parents to use an 'Admiring Lens' (Goldberg, 2016) when giving feedback. You can do this by firstly noticing and celebrating what the person has done well. This achieves a number of purposes:

1. Makes the person aware of WHAT they've been successful at (so they can do more of it!)
2. Models the positive language we want them to use when they give feedback to others AND to themselves.
3. Builds self-efficacy and confidence - essentially it communicates to the learner that they are making progress and that their effort is worthwhile!

However, it is important to stress that an admiring lens is not simply praise. Positive feedback should be highly specific in communicating the skills that the person has successfully used.

Feedback can also be constructive criticism which is when you ask your child to focus on one carefully chosen thing they need to work on. Cognitive Load research (Sweller, 1998) shows that people can only process a finite amount of new information at once so it's important to be very strategic in what you address. One carefully selected piece of advice allows the person to work towards improvement whilst also preserving their confidence and self-efficacy. It can be difficult to choose just one thing for them to work on, however, it is important to remember that our ultimate aim is for children is to keep trying and having a go.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Alena S

For always displaying excellent manners and for continuing to do her best in class.



Ashleigh L

For showing respectful behaviours that help us to have a calm and relaxed classroom.

You are respectful of your peers and the learning environment and it is great to have your friendly face in our classroom.



Luca W

For being committed to her learning. Often working above and beyond in her own time to complete tasks and extend her knowledge.



FAREWELL TO THE GRADE 6 STUDENTS OF 2022

As the school year comes to a close and this is our final newsletter for the year, the staff and students of Buchan Primary School send their very best wishes to Roman M and Skye D who will be transitioning to Secondary College and Nagle in 2023. We hope you have a successful transition to Year 7 at your prospective schools in Bairnsdale.

DOGS CONNECT ACCREDITATION

The school is now a Dogs Connect Accredited School which means that our school has demonstrated competency at the minimum level or above and have submitted evidence that supports and demonstrates a sustainable approach to authentically building connections with a wellbeing dog within our school community. Dogs Connect recognise our school for our level of practice and acknowledges that we are committed to providing a healthy, balanced and sustainable working life for our wellbeing dog Marley.

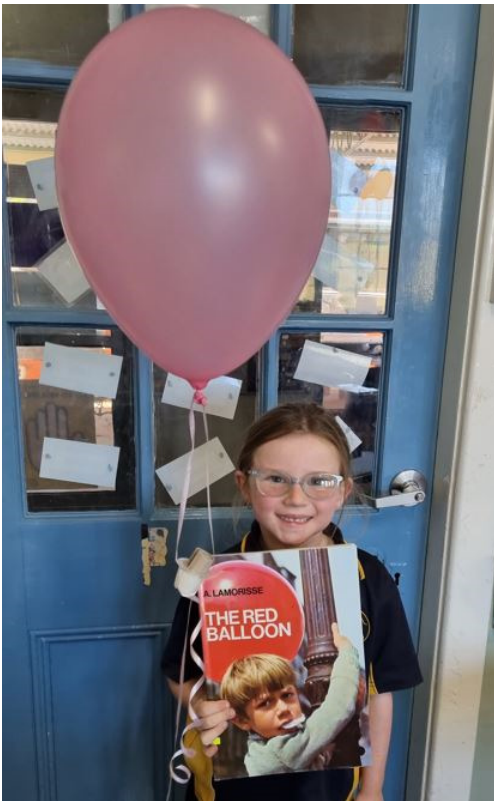
12 SEATER SCHOOL BUS FUNDRAISER

I am currently working in attaining finance to purchase a 12 seater bus. We have received \$1000 donation from Cranes Asphaltting and \$5000 donation from O'Connor's Transport. I have sourced another 6 businesses and am awaiting their responses.

SCHOOL SUPER SOAKER DAY

On the last day of school there will be 45 minutes set aside towards the end of the day for the traditional summer super soaker activity. Students are invited to bring their super soakers and water pistols to school. This day will be an out of uniform day. Towels, thongs and a change of clothes will apply. School will finish at 1pm on this day.

MARC VAN PHOTOS



Olivia with floating balloon.



Seniors with floating balloons.



Emily's balloon craft.



Tom's balloon with top hat.

Buchan Uniting Early Learning

**Come and try afternoon
for 2023**

Families and children are welcome to visit on

Tuesday 13th December

2.30pm to 4.00pm

Meet the Educators

Explore the environment

Just bring a bottle of water and sunhat.



The poster is for the Bairnsdale Christmas Parade 2022. It features a dark blue background with white and red text. At the top, a white banner reads 'BAIRNSDALE'. Below it, 'Christmas' is written in a large, cursive, orange font, and 'PARADE' is in a large, bold, white font. To the right, 'SAT DEC 10' is written in large white letters. A red circular badge with white text says 'THEME Miracle ON MAIN STREET'. A green banner with white text says 'THIS SATURDAY'. At the bottom left, 'Advertiser 2022' is written. At the bottom right, a red banner with white text says 'NOW ON JOIN IN THE FUN AND PICK UP MAPS FROM Bairnsdale Advertiser 36 PRIZES TO BE WON ENTRIES CLOSE DECEMBER 20, 2022'. A cartoon reindeer is on the right. Logos for 'Advertiser', 'Bairnsdale', and 'CRANES' are at the bottom left.

BAIRNSDALE

Christmas

PARADE

SAT DEC 10

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ON MAIN STREET

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