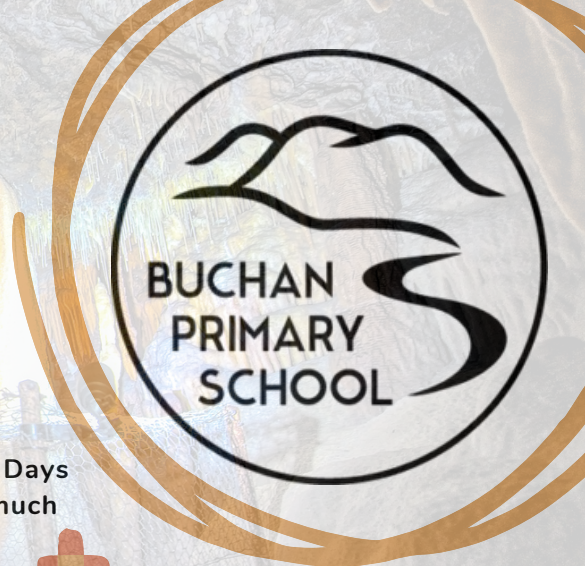


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BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9TH OF MARCH, 2023



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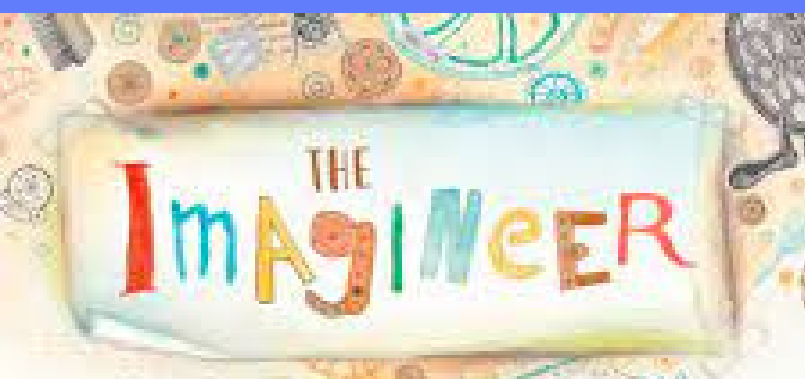
AROUND THE SCHOOL

Junior Classroom

I am super impressed with how diligent the junior students have been over the past couple of weeks. Students have been reading a book called *"The Imagineer"*; a beautiful story about an inquisitive little girl whose imagination is sparked by the things around her.

Senior Classroom

Term 1 is certainly in full swing, the last two weeks being full on and the seniors having activities or camp almost every day. Mrs Earle and Mr Hodge were both very proud of the senior students who remained at school during camp and commented on their maturity and work ethic.



ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Wow, what a full-on couple of weeks. Yesterday, our Foundation students had their very first WEDNESDAY at school! The day ran smoothly and all of the students worked hard. Foundation students enjoyed playing with their friends, MARC Van and their afternoon activity. I would also like to thank everyone for attending/trying to attend our welcome BBQ on the 23rd of February, it was great to see such a big turnout. Keep your eyes open for a second installment at the end of term!

We are very pleased to announce Austin Hodge has signed on with Buchan Primary School for 2 days a week (Thursday & Friday) in Term 1. Mr Hodge has extensive experience with Science of Reading (SOR), coming from a leading SOR school in Melbourne and will be working the other days at Churchill Primary School (another leading SOR school). Mr Hodge will be taking the junior class each Thursday while I am in the office. On Friday, Mr Hodge will be rotating between the classes, giving myself and Mr Kenyon planning time.

It is great to see the commitment of lifelong learning from both staff and students. Students are immersing themselves in the changes to the curriculum, while Tara and I have been busy undertaking Sounds-Write training together. Sounds-Write is a 6-week course requiring about 10 hours of study per week.

Sounds-Write is a Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme used in the junior classroom for 30 minutes a day. This programme is an evidence aligned speech-to-print linguistic phonics programme based on the science of reading and has a very high success rate in teaching reading, spelling and writing. You will see that some of the decodable readers children are bringing home are created by Sounds-Write. Due to acting principal duties, I have taken a leave of absence from my Master of Education (Language and Literacy) at La Trobe University, but am keen to hopefully finish this later in the year.



Please remember that if you have any concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. We are all part of the same team, and it is important that we all work together to support our children.

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Acting Principal

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST 14TH OF MARCH



Morgan Chester, owner of Ninety Mile Beach Therapies, will be conducting screening assessment on all children in Foundation and Grade 1 on the 14th of March. A speech pathology screening helps identify if a child is experiencing difficulties with their speech and language development. Morgan will complete some informal observations and testing to determine if the child's speech and language skills are within or below the level expected for the child's age. It is important that we identify any issues early, early identification leads to early intervention. Literacy-related learning difficulties are common and one in five students in Grade 4 across Australia failed to achieve international benchmarks in the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study. Facilitating early interventions have the potential to alter the trajectory for children at risk.

JUNIOR TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

The junior school will be partnering with the Kinder to have a "Teddy bears Picnic on Thursday the 16th of March at



10am at the Buchan Recreation Reserve. Parents of students are more than welcome to join us, a list of what to bring was posted on School Stream yesterday.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

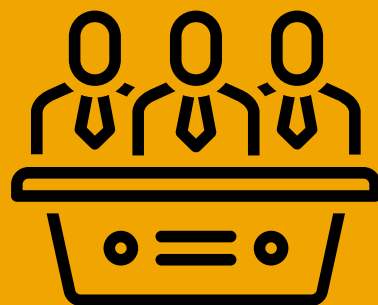


it was fantastic to get such a good turnout at parent teacher interviews on Tuesday. We are looking forward to continuing these tonight. We thank you for your continued support.

EASTER RAFFLE

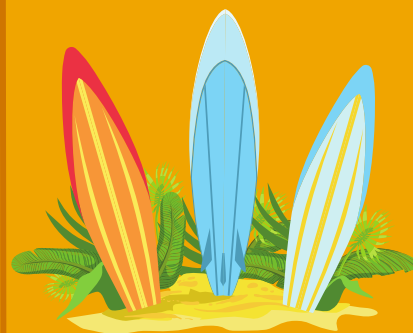
Any donations of chocolate for our 2023 Easter Raffle would be greatly appreciated. Please give these to Julie in the office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



School council nominations have now closed and the School council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on the 20th of March.

SURFING



We are super pleased to pair up with Surf Shack again to offer surfing to our students. We will be going to Cape Conran on the 31st of March for 2 hours worth of surfing lessons. The school will cover the costs of this excursion, parent permission forms will go out sometime next week.

HARRIET VILLE

2023



● ● ● Feb 27 to Mar 3

CAMP

The Grade 3-6 students attended camp at Mountain View Retreat in Harrietville from February 27th to March 3rd. All students should be very proud of themselves, all Mountain View Retreat staff commented on the exceptional behaviour displayed and the respect our students showed for the camp property. Big thanks to Mr Kenyon for giving up his evenings to attend.



ACTIVITIES

While we were only in Harrietville for 5 days, students immersed themselves in a range of activities. Activities included canoeing, swimming, raft building, hut building, an adventure course, mini golf, bucket frisbee, gaga ball, bushwalks, visits to both Bright Splash Park and a deer park, as well as so much more! Feel free to have a browse at a handful of photos on the following page.

CAPTAIN'S RECAP

Overall, camp was a blast, I really enjoyed everything we did there and I can't choose one thing that was the best. However, swimming at the Bright Splash Park particularly stood out. It was great fun swimming in the river and playing at the splash park and. After, our teachers let us have a scoop of ice-cream!



BY LUCA WIELAND



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

WEEK 4 & 5



CAMPBELL HILL

For sacrificing 30 minutes of frisbee golf to help another student who was upset and always being willing to help the classroom when needed.

From Mr Johnston

MICHAEL SOWDEN

For working really well during sessions with Mrs Nowell.

From Mrs Nowell



WILL HODGE

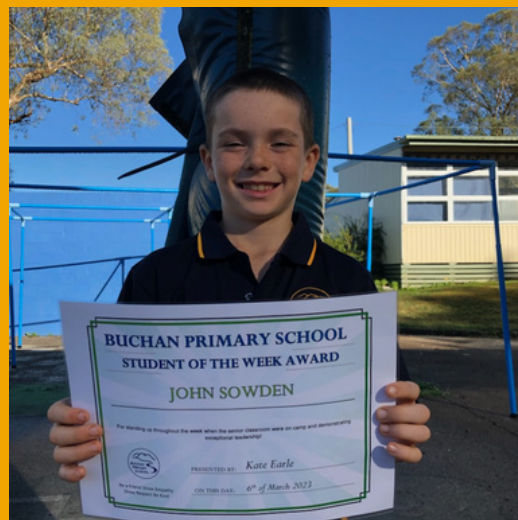
For standing up in front of the classroom and presenting information about the top 15 inventions from the TV Screen.

From Mrs Earle

JOHN SOWDEN

For standing up throughout the week when the senior classroom were on camp and demonstrating exceptional leadership.

From Mrs Earle





MARC Van

The Mobile Area Resource Centre (MARC Van) continues to roll on at Buchan Primary School. Students looked at *"The all New Must Have orange 430"*, a book about a boy who is obsessed with 'stuff'. Kids then created a go kart with items from school.



Frisbee Golf

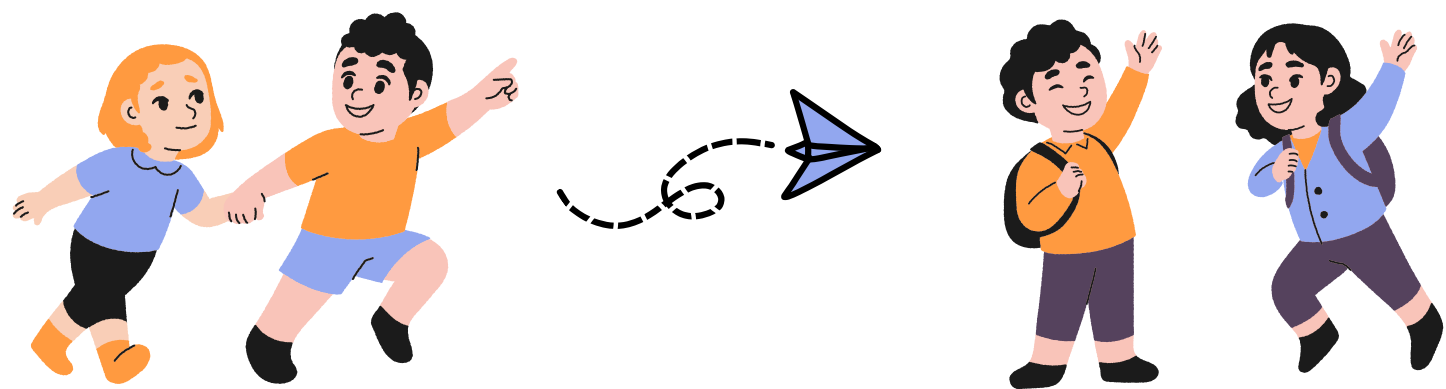
Students ventured out to the Rec Reserve on the 23rd of February and played some frisbee golf with Mr Kenyon and Mr Hodge. Frisbee golf is played like traditional golf, however, instead of a ball and clubs, students use a frisbee.



Tennis

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend tennis on Tuesday night. However, from all reports it was a very successful session and we look forward to continuing to work with Tennis Australia.

Pictured below is a schedule of events that will be held over Term 1. Please continue to monitor School Stream and each fortnightly newsletter, as events are always being added!



Upcoming Events

March 7th & 9th:	Parent Teacher Interviews
March 9:	Optional Roadhouse Lunch orders
March 10:	Professional Practice Day (No kids at school)
March 13:	Labour Day Public Holiday
March 14th - 27th	NAPLAN OVER 2 WEEKS
March 16:	Optional Hotdog Lunch Orders
March 16:	Junior Class Teddy Bears Picnic with Kinder
March 20:	School Council AGM
March 23:	Optional Dim Sim Lunch Orders
March 24:	Cross Country
March 30:	Optional Roadhouse Lunch orders
March 31:	Surfing at Cape Conran with Surf Shack

