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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 NOVEMBER, 2023



## Inside the newsletter:

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## AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

The junior classroom have continued to work very hard across the curriculum and have really taken to djembe drumming. Juniors have been using a variety of hand techniques, including open tones, slap tones and bass tones to produce a distinct sound, and mastering the differences between them to create rich and diverse rhythms.

Seniors are doing fantastic research on the topic of 'The Big Question' in science. Working in pairs, they have created a topic that interests them, about how the earth's surface can be affected by different things, such as prehistoric fauna in the Buchan area, limestone and cave formation and the impact of icebergs. The colourful and detailed results will culminate in their presentations!



# 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.



Our swimming program is now complete — THANK YOU to all of our families who have supported us with this program and a big thank you to our awesome students who have given their best effort every session in the pool. Last Friday saw the "survival" part of the program being run — apologies for the additional wet clothes in the swimming bag!!!!

Our 2024 Foundation students will have their first transition day at Buchan Primary School on Tuesday, November 21st. It is always exciting to welcome and support our incoming students in their journey towards a successful and enriching school experience.

Buchan Primary School will be having a report writing day on the 27th of November, this will be a student free day (no students at school). We appreciate your support.

As we move towards the end of the year, we strongly urge all families to diligently monitor School Stream and reach out to Julie in case of any absences. The final six weeks of Term 4 are brimming with a multitude of engaging activities and we are keen to ensure that your child(ren) do not miss out on any of these valuable opportunities.

Best regards,  
Aidan Johnston  
Acting Principal



# East Gippsland Water Poster



After having William Hodge win last year, Buchan Primary School had another winner this year, which is pretty amazing for such a small school!! Congratulations to **Campbell Hill**, who took out the award for Grade 1/2. There was involvement of 14 schools from across East Gippsland in this year's competition. East Gippsland Water received 287 fantastic entries across the five categories incorporating this year's theme 'United by Water'. East Gippsland Water Managing Director Steve McKenzie presented the winners with their prizes during National Water Week at The Hub in Bairnsdale. I would also like to thank East Gippsland Water for their \$500 donation to our school to use towards an environmental or water conversation project.

Full details can be found here:

<https://www.egwater.vic.gov.au/poster-competition-winners-make-their-mark-state-wide/>

# Division Summer Sports



A couple of weeks ago, Buchan Primary School conflated with other cluster schools to participate in division summer sports in Bairnsdale. We had two teams make it through from district to division: boys cricket and mixed volleyball. Both teams played extremely well, displayed excellent teamwork and represented BPS with pride.

# Buchan Flower Show

We were delighted to witness the impressive display of our talented students' work at the Buchan Flower Show this past weekend. The event left us all beaming with pride as we observed numerous ribbons on student work!

The exhibition featured an assortment of creative endeavors, from breathtaking paintings that evoked a wide range of emotions, intricate printings that showcased meticulous attention to detail, mesmerizing zentangles that revealed the power of intricate patterns and exquisite weaving that beautifully interwove tradition and innovation. I also loved the charming pom-pom creatures: which showed the ability of our students to infuse life into the simplest of materials.

The variety of artistic expressions on display was a testament to the diverse talents that our students possess. We commend each participant for their dedication and hard work. We're excited to continue nurturing their artistic aspirations in the future. Some of this work will be on display at the Bairnsdale Show.

Massive thanks to Mrs Sykes for her dedication and hard work in preparing all of the students for the Buchan Flower Show: we are very grateful for your tireless efforts and guidance. Thanks to Tara for helping setup the student displays in her own time as well.







## Planting at the Buchan Caves

On Monday, the 6th of November, our senior classroom students actively engaged in the establishment of several endangered species through planting. A total of 20 refugia plants were planted in the soil. In light of their extraordinary rarity and the precarious state of being critically endangered, the overarching goal was to initiate a dedicated planting site right here at the Buchan Caves Reserve, providing a sanctuary that will enhance their prospects for survival and restoration.

Significantly, this conservation initiative has garnered the attention and interest of the ABC, who intends to feature it in a story. This endeavor is a collaborative partnership involving the BC reserve, GLaWAC, Far East Landcare and Buchan Primary School.



## Swimming

Swimming finished up on the 3rd of November, with a really fun “survival” session. This final session was designed to be engaging and enjoyable for the students, with a variety of activities and games that made the day very enjoyable, while also reinforcing the crucial skills necessary for water survival. We finished up with a play on the playground at The Aqua Dome.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## CAMPBELL HILL

For your story you wrote last week. We loved hearing your interesting word choice and the descriptive language you used to paint an image to your audience.

From Mr Johnston

## CAMPBELL MATHERS

For playing fair, encouraging others and being a good sport during play time. Keep up the fantastic attitude, Campbell!

From Mrs Anisah



## FLETCHER SANDY

Showing that you want to be your best! After teachers give you feedback. Good on you, Fletcher!

From Mrs Anisah



## EMILY MCCOLE

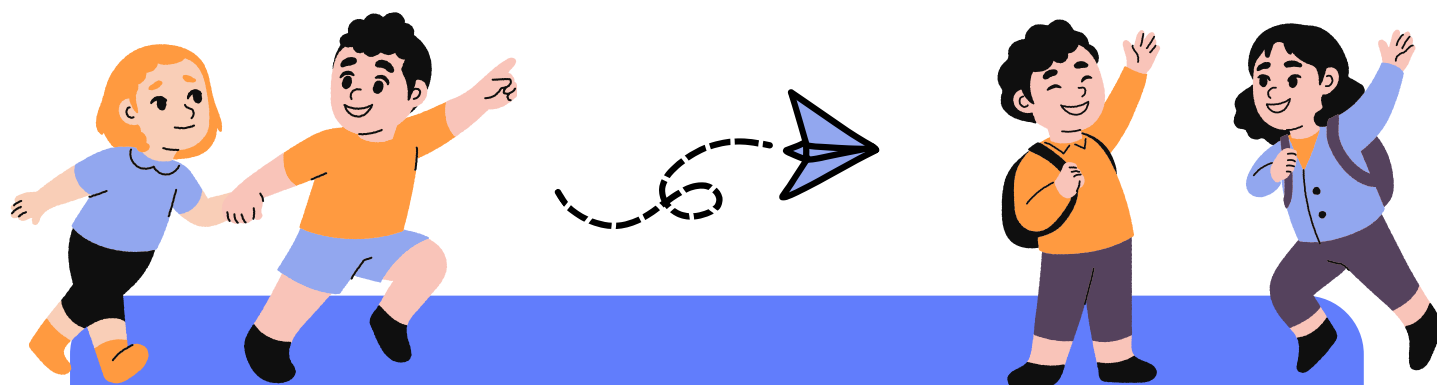
For being responsible and reliable. She's always ready to help no matter what is needed to be done. Thanks Emily.

From Mr Johnston





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

November 9:	Prep 24' Afternoon Information Session 5pm
November 10:	Clean Up Avenue of Honour - Trip to South Buchan
November 15:	F-6 Whole School Excursion to Karoonda Park
November 16:	Aidan and some seniors visiting Kinder from 2-3pm
November 20:	School Council
November 21:	2024 Foundation Transition Day 1 - 9:00 to 11:20
November 22:	MARC Van
November 27:	Report Writing Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
November 28:	2024 Foundation Transition Day 2 - 9:00 to 11:20
November 30:	Interactive Workshop: East Gippsland Catchment & Blakesnake Productions
December 1:	Junior Classroom Sleepover
December 5:	2024 Foundation Transition Day 3 - 9:00 to 11:20
December 6:	MARC Van
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







# Walk to Change the Story

**A GLCH initiative for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**

**Take steps to end violence against women and children**

**Saturday 25 November 2023**

## **COMMUNITY WALK**

**Start and finish at  
Nicholson Street Mall  
in Bairnsdale.**

**Meet 10.30 am sharp!**

## **COMMUNITY EVENT**

- Welcome to Country
- Clothesline Project
- Banner Making
- Information Stalls
- Big Respect Gippsland Photo Booth
- HEY Project T-shirt Tie-dying
- Music with FReeZa
- Children's Activities
- Lion's Club BBQ

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# Social Inclusion Week

## Storytime



**Join in on the fun at a special Storytime session to celebrate Social Inclusion Week!**

The aim is to help all Australians feel included and valued, giving everyone the opportunity to participate fully in society.

The Storytime session will include stories, songs and a craft activity.

**Tuesday 21 November**

Orbost Service Centre

11.00 am

**Tuesday 21 November**

Bairnsdale Library

11.00 am

**Tuesday 21 November**

Lakes Entrance Service Centre

11.00 am

**Tuesday 21 November**

Paynesville Service Centre

11.00 am

**Wednesday 22 November**

Omeo Service Centre

11.15 am

**Thursday 23 November**

Mallacoota Service Centre

2.30 pm

Phone **5152 4225** or book in person at the library for this **FREE** event.