



BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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# NEWSLETTER

5/2/26  
Edition 1

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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.



## JUNIOR CLASSROOM

The junior class has started settling into daily routines, and it has been fantastic to welcome our Foundation students to the school. It has been heartwarming to see them spending time with their buddies and building positive connections. Mr Lee has been very impressed with how quickly all students have adjusted and are getting down to business, showing enthusiasm and readiness for learning.



## SENIOR CLASSROOM

The senior class has made a strong start to the year, settling back into routines with enthusiasm and a positive mindset. The first day back included team-building activities that supported cooperation and leadership, as well as time to adjust to schedules with myself and Mrs Z. Grade 6 students will begin their captain speeches next week, developing confidence and leadership skills.

# 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.



## Welcome to 2026!

Firstly, I hope everyone had a fantastic summer break. We were delighted to see the return of all our students on Thursday. New students arrived with smiles and the first few days have seen a remarkably smooth transition, with our school year beginning on a high note. A reminder that assemblies are held on Monday morning from 9:00am to 9:10am and families are always welcome to attend.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

We encourage families to take time to share any specific needs or concerns about their child with their classroom teacher. Open communication early on helps us work together to support every student as best we can, please feel free to reach out at anytime. You are also very welcome to arrange a time to meet with me directly. Often, concerns can be resolved simply, and by working together we can quickly get things back on track. We will also have our Parent-teacher conferences on Monday the 23/2, Thursday the 26/2 and Friday the 27/2.

## Cost of Living Support

Our school is proud to be part of the Victorian Government's Real Support Right Now initiative, which provides practical support to help families with the cost of living and education. Through Victorian government funded programs, families can access support such as School Breakfast Clubs, more affordable school uniforms, Glasses for Kids, Smile Squad dental care, and assistance through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) (refer to the CSEF flyer in the newsletter). These supports are available to eligible students at Victorian public schools. Posters and signage are displayed around the school, please speak with Julie or Aidan if you would like more information.

## Emergency Management Plan

Our school prepares for a range of potential hazards, including bushfires, severe weather and building fires, with clear procedures in place to respond safely. We regularly practise emergency drills so that procedures such as evacuation, sheltering in place and lockdowns are well understood by staff and students. If the plan is activated, families will be notified via School Stream, with updates provided as needed. We will communicate if any action is required from families. During emergencies, we work closely with emergency services and the Department of Education to follow safety advice. The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is our highest priority.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Buchan Primary School. Forms will go out in the next newsletter. We would love to see a few new faces on our council, the more the merrier! This year, we will meet on the third Tuesday of each month (2x meetings per term). The meetings usually run for between 60 to 90 minutes.

## SCHOOL STREAM

In 2026, our preferred method of communication will continue to be School Stream. Aidan will post an [IMPORTANT UPDATE] each weekend with key information relevant to the upcoming week. The school newsletter will also continue to be distributed fortnightly on Thursdays.

## SUNSMART

Just a reminder that as the temperature starts to creep up over summer and the UV rating stays high, that we are a Sunsmart school. It is encouraged that students wear sunscreen and hats are required for all outside activities (including playtime). Hats can be purchased at school, please see Julie in the office if you need to purchase one.

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## PERMISSION FORMS



General permission forms are attached to this newsletter.

These include:

- Local Excursion Permission Form
- Permission for publication of student photos and schoolwork
- Permission to conduct head lice inspections
- Permission to watch PG-rated movies

Please return these forms as soon as possible.

## PARENT PAYMENTS



School Council have set the voluntary parent payments at \$260.00 per student for this year. This payment helps to cover the costs of local excursions, visiting artists, art and craft supplies, computers and educational items that students own and use on a daily basis. More Information can be found on our school website. Payments can be made at the school in cash or Bpay or direct debit to the school bank account.

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## HOMEWORK



Our junior students will receive nightly decodable / phonetically controlled readers that align with the specific sounds they are learning in class.

These readers are very important, as students move through new sound sequences every one to two weeks and regular practice is essential. Reading with your child each night can make a real difference. As in previous years, a reading log will be provided, and readers will be changed by Tara each morning.

Most senior students are independent readers and will bring home a library book every few weeks. They are expected to read for 15 minutes each night, with a parent or carer signing to acknowledge this. Senior students will also receive times tables worksheets throughout the year, aligned with what they are learning in class.

# First Day Back

What a fantastic first day back! It was wonderful to welcome our two new Foundation students, Audrey and Cillian. Throughout the day, students spent time building connections through team-building activities and working with their buddies. Everyone came together in the final session to enjoy a game together, finishing the day on a positive and energetic note.



## MARC Van

We were pleased to welcome Mrs Jade Brunswick to her role in the MARC Van on Monday. Many of our senior students will remember Mrs Brunswick from our camps with Clifton Creek Primary School in 2024. Students enjoyed a range of engaging literacy activities, including sharing a book and reflecting on their aspirations and goals. They also created a big wish list of books they would love to borrow in 2026!

## Literacy

We're excited to share that our junior students have started a new language program called Story Champs! This engaging, evidence-based program helps children build strong oral language skills through storytelling, listening, and retelling. Students will also develop vocabulary and early writing skills in a fun and supportive way. Marley has also been enjoying joining the Foundation students for these sessions!

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## RAGNAR

You have made a fantastic start to your year. Your kindness and consideration towards others is a highlight, and makes other people smile. We appreciate you.

## ALENA

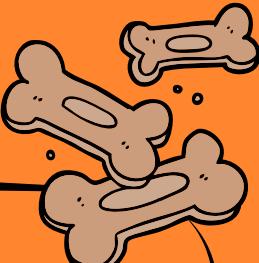
Congratulations to Alena for having an outstanding start to Term 1! Alena has settled into classroom routines beautifully and shown a positive attitude to learning.



## Marley's Holidays



Marley had a fantastic break over the school holidays, spending lots of her time enjoying long walks and plenty of outdoor adventures. She is well rested and excited to be back at school, ready to support students and staff. Marley will be onsite 3 times per week.



# Term 1: 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
January 26th	January 27th	January 28th	January 29th	January 30th
Public Holiday - Labour Day	Curriculum Day - No Students	Curriculum Day - No Students	First Day Back - No Students	
February 2nd	February 3rd	February 4th	February 5th	February 6th
MARC Van			WE ARE HERE	
February 9th	February 10th	February 11th	February 12th	February 13th
			Roadhouse Lunch Orders	
February 16th	February 17th	February 18th	February 19th	February 20th
MARC Van				

## Events Later in Term 1

March 9 <sup>th</sup>	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL
March 11 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup>	NAPLAN for Grade 3 and Grade 5 students
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	TUBBS Cross Country at the Buchan Caves Reserve
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day of School - 1PM FINISH



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

## CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>





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Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety

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## Lakes Entrance Aquadome

43 Palmers Road, LAKES ENTRANCE, VIC 3909

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 February 2026

8.30am to 5.00pm

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# LAKES ENTRANCE



BRUTHEN ARTS  
AND EVENTS  
COUNCIL  
PRESENTS



# CHILLI BOMB TRIVIA NIGHT

TEST YOUR BRAIN & SUPPORT THE  
CANCER COUNCIL

FEB 7<sup>TH</sup> @ 8PM  
\$10 ENTRY

BRUTHEN INN HOTEL

<https://www.trybooking.com/DIUYG>



Help us raise **\$5,000** for Cancer  
Research with Box Rallies

### The chilli bombs

Lesley Czulowski & Jeff Wagstaff  
are fundraising for the Cancer  
Council

Shitbox Rally 2026 Winter is not a race, rather a challenge to achieve the unthinkable... To drive cars worth just \$1,500 across Australia via some of its most formidable roads, all in the name of charity



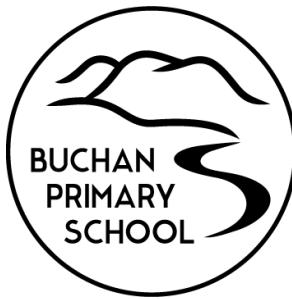
Scan the QR code to  
donate



### Why we are rallying

We're thrilled to announce that we're taking part in Shitbox Rally 2026 - Winter! We'll be hitting the road in our \$1,500-or-less Shitbox, driving from Mildura to Townsville on an unforgettable 7-day adventure. It's not just about the drive—it's about making a real difference in the fight against cancer.

Every participating team is required to raise a minimum of \$5,000. Every dollar raised goes directly to Cancer Council and helps fund vital cancer research, which is why we're doing everything we can to hit our goal. Your support, whether big or small, will have a real impact.



## **PG Movie Permission Form**

Dear Parents,

As part of the Victorian Curriculum, students may view a range of age-appropriate films throughout the school year to support learning in areas such as English, Humanities, Health and Wellbeing, and Social and Emotional Learning.

From time to time, these films may be classified PG (Parental Guidance). PG-rated films are selected carefully by teaching staff and are considered suitable for the age group.

By providing permission below, you are giving consent for your child to view PG-rated films during school time and approved school activities, including special events (e.g. reward days, incursions, camps, or sleepovers), without the need for individual permission notes for each film.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact your child's teacher.

Could you please fill out the return slip below.



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## **PG Permission Form**

I give permission for my child/children

\_\_\_\_\_ to watch PG-rated films at school as part of the Victorian Curriculum and approved school activities.

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent / Teacher Conversations

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of February and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of February

We will be holding Parent/Teacher conversations on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February and Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February. These early parent-teacher interviews are designed to establish open communication, set collaborative goals and address any concerns promptly. Please indicate the time that best suits you to meet with your child's teacher.

**Please write three time slots that suit you and we will try to accommodate you the best we can. Please return the form by Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February.**

**Senior Class:** The senior class is shared between Aidan and Lisa, and one of them will be available on each of the three conference nights. If you would prefer to speak with one, please let us know on the form or via School Stream/text and we will do our best to accommodate.

Thanking you  
Aidan Johnston and Julie Cameron

**Parent(s) Name** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2026

3:15:	3:30:	3:45:
4:00:	4:15:	4:30:

#### Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

3:15:	3:30:	3:45:
4:00:	4:15:	4:30:

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

3:15:	3:30:	3:45:
4:00:	4:15:	4:30:

**Please return by Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2026!!**