

BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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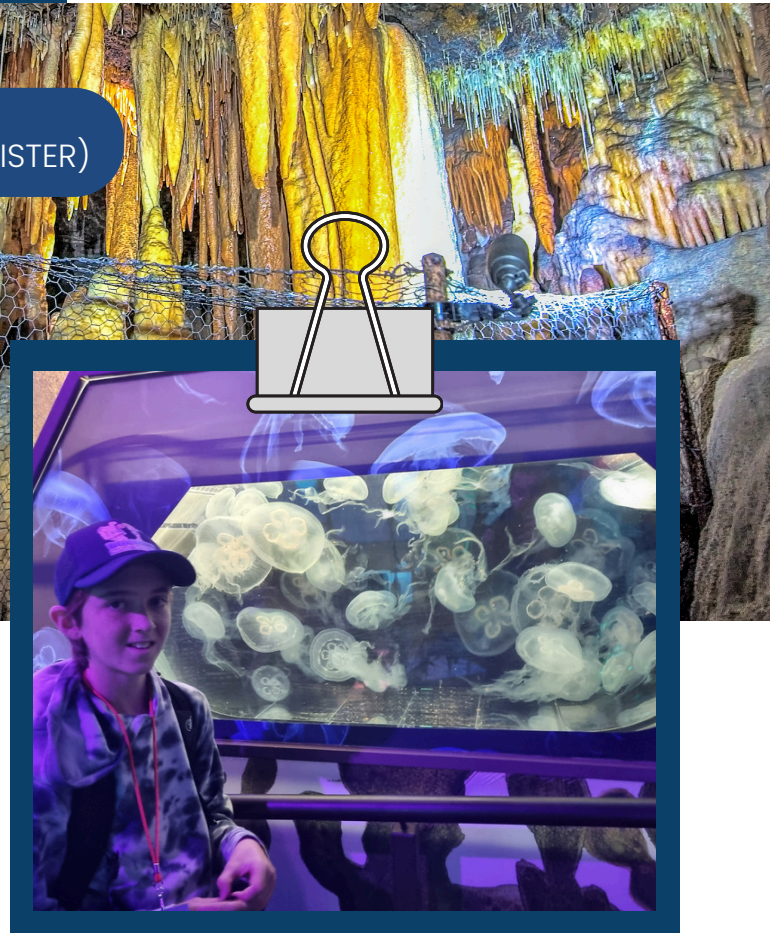
AROUND THE SCHOOL

Grade F-2

Grade F-2 students have been busy strengthening their number fact knowledge and exploring Aesop's Fables in the classroom. They have also enjoyed having much of the school to themselves while the older students have been away on camp, making the most of the extra space and basketball court.

Grade 3/4 Camp

Grade 3/4 students thoroughly enjoyed their three-day camp at Camp Coolamatong. It was wonderful to see new friendships develop with students from other schools, while many students challenged themselves by stepping outside their comfort zones and embracing new experiences with confidence.



Grade 5/6 Camp

Grade 5/6 students recently enjoyed an exciting Urban Camp in Melbourne, where they participated in a range of engaging activities, including a scavenger hunt at Queen Victoria Market, a visit to Melbourne Zoo, and a scenic Yarra River cruise. Throughout the week, students formed new friendships and strengthened relationships with peers from the other participating schools, helping to build confidence, teamwork and social connections. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. Read more about Urban Camp later in this newsletter.

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.



Term 2:

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term at Buchan Primary School, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for their continued support and contribution to our wonderful school community. This term has been filled with exciting learning opportunities, including multiple camps, sporting events, excursions, incursions and engaging classroom activities. It has been fantastic to see our students embrace new challenges, build their confidence and demonstrate resilience, teamwork and a positive attitude towards their learning.

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication of our staff, whose commitment and enthusiasm ensure that every student is supported to learn, grow and achieve their best each day.

As we head into the holiday break, I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term for another exciting chapter of learning and school life at Buchan Primary School.

Wishing all of our families a safe, happy and relaxing holiday break.

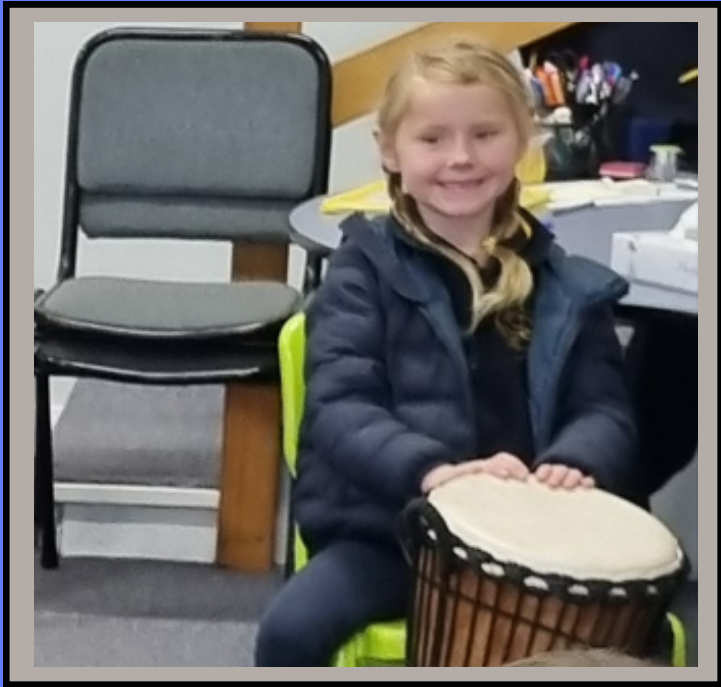
Uniform:

A friendly reminder to please remember to name all school uniform for Term 3, as we have found lots of jumpers left around the school without names on them.

Semester 1 Reports:

Semester 1 reports have been sent home today. Due to industrial action earlier this term, reports include progression points only and do not contain written comments. Refer to the last newsletter for more information or feel free to contact Aidan for any questions.

Best regards,
Aidan Johnston
Principal



Drumbeat Concert

Throughout Term 2, the junior students participated in the DRUMBEAT program with Warren from Gippsland Lakes Complete Health. The program helped build teamwork, confidence and communication through music and rhythm. To celebrate their learning, students performed a short 10-minute concert for staff and the senior students, showcasing several AC/DC classics, including T.N.T.

Art

Students across Grades F-4 combined their creativity to produce this vibrant underwater artwork during Art with Mrs Nicholls. Using a variety of materials and techniques, they worked together to create colourful sea creatures, coral and ocean scenes. The finished piece is proudly displayed for the whole school community to enjoy in the corridor. They now want to make a desert themed piece in Term 3.



STEM

During STEM, senior students took on the challenge of designing and building a paper tower strong enough to support a tin of spaghetti. Working collaboratively, they tested different ideas, refined their designs and explored the importance of stability, balance and structural strength. The activity encouraged creativity, problem-solving and perseverance as students tackled the engineering challenge.

URBAN CAMP

2026



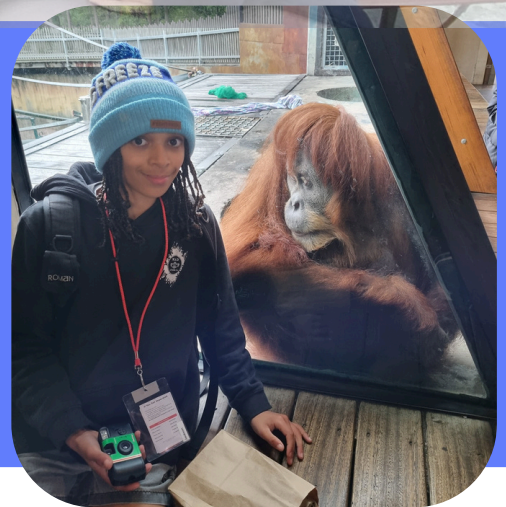
June 15 to
June 19

TUBBS

Grade 5/6

CAMP

Buchan Primary School students recently travelled to Melbourne for an exciting Urban Camp in Parkville alongside students from Swan Reach Primary School and Nungurner Primary School. With around 45 students attending, the camp provided a wonderful opportunity to build new friendships, strengthen existing relationships and develop greater independence.



ACTIVITIES

Students enjoyed a fantastic range of activities throughout the week, making the most of everything Melbourne had to offer. Highlights included visits to Melbourne Museum, Melbourne Zoo and Scienceworks, along with a Queen Victoria Market scavenger hunt and a Yarra River cruise. Students also enjoyed watching a movie at IMAX, riding the Ferris wheel and playing a round of mini golf.

LACHIE'S LOWDOWN

In Melbourne, I had lots of fun visiting the zoo and seeing amazing animals, including the giant tortoise. I also made new friends from Swan Reach, like Able, and enjoyed shopping at Queen Victoria Market, where I hussed to negotiate discounts and bought presents for my family.





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

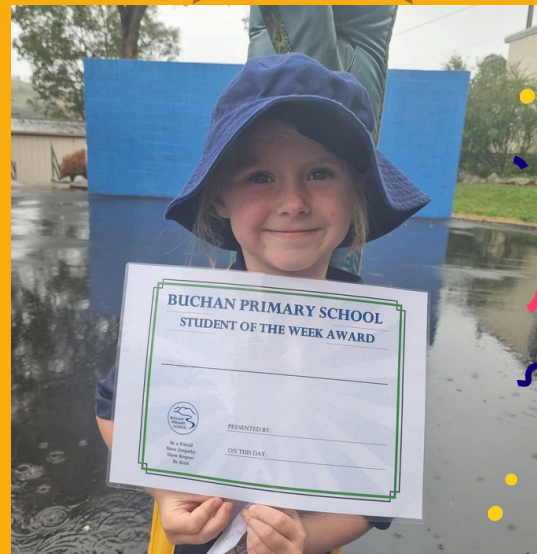


SOPHIE

This student consistently demonstrates our school's value of showing respect. She always listens carefully when others are speaking and regularly follows classroom expectations. Keep up the fantastic effort, Sophie!

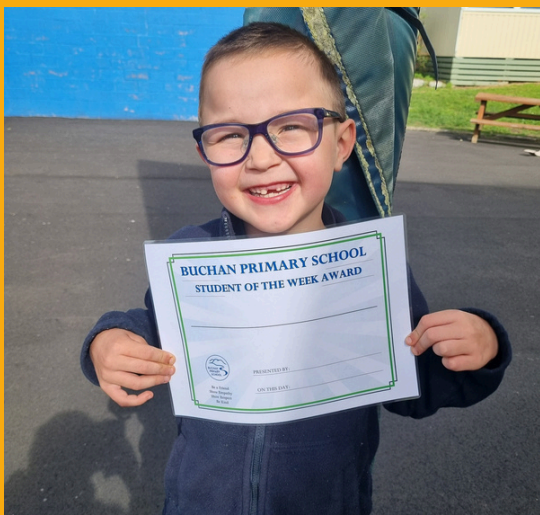
AUDREY

For consistently showing kindness towards your peers and trying your best with learning activities. We are proud of you



HUGHIE

For consistently making positive choices and looking out for your friends. We appreciate all of your hard work



FLETCHER

This student embraced every aspect of Urban Camp with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, participating fully in all activities. His willingness to step outside his comfort zone, engage with others, and make the most of every opportunity made him a fantastic role model throughout the week. Well done.



Term 3: 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
July 13th	July 14th	July 15th	July 16th	July 17th
School Returns Term 3				
July 20th	July 21st	July 22nd	July 23rd	July 24th
July 27th	July 28th	July 29th	July 30th	July 31st
		Regional T-Ball (Tom & Campbell)	Roadhouse Lunch Orders	
August 3rd	August 4th	August 5th	August 6th	August 7th
			TUBBS Athletics Day	

Events Later in Term 3

August 10th and 11th

High Ability Writer's Workshop at Nungurner PS

August 11th

School Council

August 20th

Roadhouse Lunch Orders

August 25th to September 2nd

Grade 5/6 Somer's Camp for Selected Students

September 15th

School Council

September 18th

Last Day of Term 3 - 1PM FINISH



**Term 2 Ends
Friday 26 June at
1pm**



JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FUN,
FRIENDS
& FLIPS!

GYMNASTICS • NINJA • TRAMPOLINING • FUN FOR EVERYONE!

SESSIONS FOR KIDS AGED 18 MONTHS – 16 YEARS

MONDAY 6 JULY	TUESDAY 7 JULY	WEDNESDAY 8 JULY	THURSDAY 9 JULY
<p>NEW! 6-HOUR SESSION</p> <p>9:00AM – 3:00PM PREP – GRADE 6</p> <p>Gymnastics Ninja / Parkour Trampoline & Tumbling Games & Activities</p> <p>BYO SNACKS, LUNCH & WATER BOTTLE!</p>	<p>9:00AM – 10:00AM 1HR KINDERGYM OPEN SESSION 18 months – 6 years</p> <p>10:15AM – 11:15AM 1HR NINJA / TRAMPOLINE / GYMNASTICS 5 – 12 years</p> <p>11:15AM – 12:15PM 1HR NINJA / TRAMPOLINE / GYMNASTICS 5 – 12 years</p> <p>12:30PM – 1:30PM 1HR OPEN GYM SESSION 5 – 16 years</p>	<p>9:00AM – 1:00PM 4-HOUR SESSION PREP – GRADE 6</p> <p>1:30PM – 2:30PM 1HR OPEN GYM SESSION 5 – 16 years</p>	<p>9:00AM – 10:00AM 1HR KINDERGYM OPEN SESSION 18 months – 6 years</p> <p>10:00AM – 2:00PM 4-HOUR SESSION PREP – GRADE 6</p>
<p>SESSION INFORMATION</p> <p>1HR KINDERGYM OPEN SESSIONS Children under 5 years must have a parent/ helper on the floor with them.</p>	<p>1HR NINJA / TRAMPOLINE / GYMNASTICS SESSIONS Coach-led programs for children aged 5 – 12 years.</p>	<p>1HR OPEN GYM SESSIONS Supervised session where kids can explore all equipment throughout the gym. No formal coaching class structure.</p>	<p>4-HOUR & 6-HOUR SESSIONS A fun-filled program featuring Gymnastics, Ninja/Parkour, Trampoline & Tumbling, games and activities throughout the day. BYO snacks & lunch.</p>
<p>COSTS PER SESSION</p> <p>\$15 1-HOUR SESSION EACH</p> <p>\$50 4-HOUR SESSION EACH</p> <p>\$70 6-HOUR SESSION EACH</p>			<p>BOOK NOW! SCAN TO BOOK</p>



Australian Government mobile service centres

If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile service centres (MSCs) travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia to provide help and support. During natural disasters and emergencies, they can provide on-the-ground support for disaster recovery efforts.

Services Australia staff travel with the MSCs and can help you with Medicare and Centrelink payments and services. Our MSCs also have disabled access.

Our staff can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the MSC and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the MSCs.

More Information

To view the latest itineraries for the MSCs, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Information and help you can access on board the MSCs

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Medicare and Centrelink information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.