Student Awards

Congratulations to Lainey and Shaelynn for being our awards winners last week. Lainey received her award for her excellent start to Grade 3 and her fantastic work ethic! Shaelynn was awarded for her great help with the new Foundation students. Well done to both Lainey and Shaelynn!

Principals Report

Last Friday we had a successful Group Day here at Buangor. We had Zac from Kelly Sports who took the students for some circus activities and gymnastics. Mrs Peacock made some juggling balls while I took some sports games. The students had a lot of fun and mixed well with students from Moyston and Maroona. A big thank you to Jodie and Louise for cooking the BBQ.

This week we have had Parent/Teacher Interviews. This has been a wonderful opportunity to talk to your child’s teacher and to set goals for the rest of the year. Teachers are available for further discussions throughout the year, just contact the school to make a mutually convenient time.

Wednesday we had our first visit from The Marc Van. This year’s teacher is Annie Wynen. Annie has had many years teaching experience in Ballarat. While not only focussing on literature and history, the students have enjoyed singing some songs and Annie’s guitar skills will come in handy.

Tonight is our first School Council Meeting for the year starting at 6pm. We will be discussing a number of items including School Council Elections. A note regarding this process will be sent home on Friday.

Lastly, a reminder that hats are to be worn by students this term. We would appreciate if all clothing, especially hats and jumpers, are clearly named.

Enjoy your week.

Marcus Murrell

Please remember we are a NUT FREE School
Congratulations to Abbie and Lily who are our Bus Captains for 2017!!

We had a special visitor to our school last week, Bunnykins Tiley. Thanks Jazz and Emmett for sharing your new friend.

Thank you Jodie for the fuzzy felt you donated to our classroom. The children made fantastic pictures and created oral narratives using their pictures. We had some amazing stories.

We began tennis with Zac from Kelly Sports this week. The students were so excited, we may have even have some future tennis champions.

Family BBQ is next Thursday from 6pm to 8:30pm. Please return your RSVP by Tuesday 21st February for catering purposes.

IMPORTANT DATES

School Council
Tonight 6.00pm

Welcome BBQ
Thursday 23rd February

Marc Van
Wednesday 1st March

Dental Van Screening
Thursday 2nd March
HOT OFF THE PRESS - GRADE 3-6 NEWS

The grade 3-6 class has had a fantastic start to the year and have been very busy in the classroom. We have completed a get to know you project called “All About Me” and have a colourful flag display of this topic on display in our classroom, for your viewing pleasure.

In Maths, we have been working on addition and multiplication, using a deck of playing cards to practice these. The students love this game, and I love the learning and great sportsmanship being shown whilst playing the game.

We have incorporated a ‘Daily News’ segment into our day and students get to share something with the rest of the class on their news day. So far, we have had lots of favourite toys being shared, some furry creatures have visited, and this week we had Tristan bring in his Euphonium to play for us, and what a beautiful sound it was. Thanks Tristan!

Hope everyone has a fantastic fortnight! Mrs D!

The students in F-2 have been learning Maths using Studyladder this week.

No Foundation Students– Wednesday 22nd February & 1st March
News from Mrs White.

What a busy start to the school year it has been, with lots of exciting things going on in both grades!

Our **Science** program is well under way, with both grades studying units from the biological sciences strand.

Senior students are looking at micro-organisms (in particular, yeasts and moulds) and how humans use them for their benefit (i.e. bread making, brewing, fermentation, medications like penicillin). We will be making different types of breads to see yeasts working first hand, and setting up some investigations to observe mould growth.

The juniors are looking at the needs of living things, in particular, plants. Over the coming weeks we will be experimenting with sunflower seedlings, changing the conditions that we grow them in and then observing the effects. Some will grow in sand, some in soil; some will be watered regularly, some won’t; some will receive light whilst others will be kept in the dark; and some with be grown in crowded conditions, whilst the others are given lots of space to grow.

Our new **Cultural Studies** program has also begun on a very positive note, with all children very enthused and already engaged in this learning area. For the first two terms we will be looking at Chinese culture. This area of study will cover topics such as art, geography, history, cultural practices, language, religion, traditions, food, etc. and will include at least one excursion.

We have brainstormed what we already know about China and what we would like to find out next about China. We have kicked the learning off by looking at Chinese celebrations, with a focus on Chinese Lunar New Year. We’ve had lots of fun working out our Chinese zodiac animals from our year of birth, and reading about and discussing the traits that people born in these years are supposed to have, according to the Chinese. The seniors have also enjoyed a fortune cookie, and had fun reading their fortunes for the year ahead. Junior class, you’ll have yours next session!

Next week we will jump back in to our **Bounce Back Health and Wellbeing** program. Every year we begin in Term One by focusing on the core values of honesty, fairness, responsibility, support, cooperation, acceptance of differences, respect, friendliness and inclusion. This is a great way to establish expected classroom and schoolyard behaviours to see us through the start of the school year and beyond.

These lessons include lots of stories, discussion, games and follow-up focus activities to reinforce key ideas. We are always on the lookout to observe children applying their Bounce Back learning in the general classroom setting and the schoolyard.

Here’s to an exciting 2017 with lots of new, interesting, engaging and enriching learning opportunities for all!
School Fees

School Fees for 2017 have been set by School Council at:

1st Child - $140   * 2nd Child - $100   * 3rd Child - $80.

Fees pay for student textbooks and classroom materials, etc

It would be appreciated if school fees could be paid before the end of Term 1. School fees can be paid in full or by instalments. If you would like to pay by direct debit our bank details are listed below.

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Student Personal Information.

If there has been any changes to a students contact details (address, phone numbers, emergency contacts etc.) could you please inform Kate so that we can keep our records up to date.

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CSEF

If you are eligible for CSEF please complete the form which was sent home with last weeks newsletter and return back to school asap. If you need a new form call into the office.

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No Hat, No Play

We are a SunSmart school and children not wearing a hat will be required to remain in a designated shaded area at recess, lunchtime and during outdoor class activities.

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Newsletter

This year the School Newsletter will be published every fortnight instead of weekly.

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School Bank Detail

If families would like to pay money to the school by direct deposit our bank details are below:

BUANGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIAL ACCOUNT
BSB 063 500
ACCOUNT NUMBER 1004 3741

Please use your FAMILY name as a reference if you are making a payment.
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My child _________________________________ of class __________

(Child’s FULL name) (Class name)

Was absent from school on ________________________________

(Date / Dates away)

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