Welcome to 2023

Welcome all our BPS families to 2023. I hope everyone had a great break and enjoyed the time at home with your families. My family and I went to Bright over the Christmas period which was lovely, we ate too much, drank too much and relaxed a lot. I am fairly sure in the first newsletter last year I commented about doing some renovations at our house, these are still continuing!!

We have had a great start to the year. Welcome to Michaela Ashmore, our new F-2 teacher, welcome back Nathan, Katie & Kate.

Our assessment days have allowed us to hit the ground running. Teachers were able to pinpoint areas of need for each student and are currently in the process of developing Individual Education Plans (IEP’s) for students.

Our new Foundation students; Henry, Lucy, Isaac & Flynn, have settled in well. Our other students are back with enthusiasm and excited to see all their friends. We wish Caleb, Kai, Toby & Georgie luck with starting at their new schools.

Reminders:

- Finish time 3:15pm
- We have purchased drink bottles for each student that will stay at school
- Pie Day Friday is the same as previous years
- Students need to wear hats, if they do not have a hat they will need to play in the shade
- Foundation students will not attend school on Wednesdays until the week of March 15th (attending on this day)
- Welcome BBQ—Thursday 9th, 6pm (more information will follow soon)
- School swimming day is Wednesday, 16th of Feb at Ararat outdoor pool
- MARC van begins on Friday 10th of Feb
- First assembly is on Feb 17th in the Old Building at 2:45

Buangor Primary School is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.
**ASSEMBLIES**

Our assemblies are on every 2nd Friday at 2:45 in the Old School Building. The dates are:

- 17/2
- 3/3
- 17/3
- 31/3

**WELCOME BBQ**

We invite everyone to come and enjoy catching up and welcoming new families, students & teachers to our school. BBQ will be on Feb 9th @ 6pm. Can you please fill out the form attached to let us know if you will be attending and how many people are coming?

**SWIMMING**

Our swimming sports will be held on Thursday 16/2 at the Ararat outdoor pool. Permission forms are being sent our shortly. If you have not let me know about catching the bus or driving your kids in (you are welcome to stay) can you let me know ASAP please so I can book the appropriate bus.

**SMILE SQUAD**

The Victorian Government school dental program is visiting our school in Feb 7th. Students will get a free check-up. Consent forms have been sent home please return them before this date.

**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.
MEET MS ASHMORE

1. **What is your name?**
   Michaela Ashmore or Ms Ashmore

2. **Where do you live?**
   Learmonth

3. **Do you have any kids?**
   I have one 3-year-old son named Kai.

4. **Have you lived anywhere else?**
   I have lived in Ballarat.

5. **Do you have any pets? What are their names?**
   I have a Kelpie named Oaka, A cat named Snuggles and two chickens named Schnitzel and Nugget.

6. **Do you have any sisters or brothers?**
   I have a younger sister and a younger brother.

7. **What is your favourite holiday destination?**
   Anywhere camping I like seeing new things.

8. **What did you want to be when you were a child?**
   I always wanted to be a teacher, although I did consider being a psychologist when I was in high school.

9. **Do you have a favourite movie? What is it?**
   There are too many to choose from!!!!
   I love Disney movies.

10. **Do you play sports?**
    Swimming

11. **Do you have a favourite book? What is it?**
    I have favourite authors and genres, but I can’t just choose one book.

12. **What is your favourite band?**
    I have a favourite singer but not a favourite band.
    My favourite singer is Pink.

13. **If you could do anything for a day, what would it be?**
    Exploring with my family.

14. **What is your favourite food?**
    Roast lamb
It has been great getting to know all the students at Buangor Primary school and all F-2’s were excited for the first day of school. I can’t wait to meet families at the welcome barbeque on the 9th.

Next week F-2 students will begin taking readers home each night. They will need to bring them back to school with them each day.

Over the coming weeks in maths we will be improving our counting number skills. In literacy we will be developing our writing skills and sounds.

Students with all smiles on the first day of school.
3-6 CLASSROOM

And so, we begin the new school year in the 3-6 classroom! First up, we would like to welcome our newest additions to the class. Hamish, Charlie and Jock, we hope you have a smashing year with the big kids! One of our big focuses for our students this year will be HOME READERS. Books are important for the mind, heart and soul. Some of our students from last year forgot to bring in their readers, let’s hope the newbies can encourage them to have them in to Mr. Mahony on time and filled out.

The students of 3-6, took a vote this week to help decide a classroom theme. They came to a final decision of a tropical/jungle theme. The students have been working incredibly hard in decorating their classroom and are extremely happy with the end result. We have jungle animals hiding throughout the classroom, vines across the doorways and windows and finally Mr. Mahony’s desk has been turned into a kiosk to sell tropical foods and drinks after he is able to get through all the vines, tigers and snakes.

I’m looking forward to catching up with you all at next weeks welcome BBQ!

Happy Birthday to our students who celebrate their birthdays in January and February.

31st January – Harriet Alexander
7th February – Isaac Potter
8th December – Henry Jess
11th February – McKenna Potter
26th February – Teddy Kaye
We hope you all enjoy your special day!

Pie day Friday
Price List

.70c - Party Pie
$2.50 – Ham & Pineapple or Supreme Mini Pizza
$2.50 – Sausage Roll.
$3.50 – Big Pie.
.50c – Chicken Nugget.
.70c – Steamed Dim Sims.

Orders must be in on Thursday, written on a paper bag and money enclosed.

School Bank Details

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.
PONY CLUB
NOT JUST FOR KIDS!
when: 3RD SUNDAY EVERY MONTH
where: RAGLAN RECREATION RESERVE

READY2RIDE
3-10YRS
BEGINING RIDERS
HALF DAY COACHING

YOUTH RIDERS
RIDERS 3-24 YRS
COACHING/COMPETITION
FUN & FRIENDSHIP

ADULT RIDERS
RIDERS 25 TO 80 YRS
RETURN TO RIDING
PARENTS or BEGINNING

COME & TRY
SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Fun for all
free BBQ lunch
horsie showbags

Contact
Bronwyn 0400 677 005 ah
register at www.justgo.com

** Come&Try fee ($20) deductible
from new membership**

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Eureka Mums
Pop Up
DONATION DROP-OFF

Alexandra Oval
Community Centre
Waratah Avenue, Ararat

Friday, 10th Feb
9am to 4pm

DONATIONS ACCEPTED
- Cots / Bassinets
- Prams
- Car seat / Capsules
- Clothing from birth to size 16
- Socks / Shoes
- Books & toys (no batteries)
- Highchairs & Feeding Equipment
- Playmats
- Safety Equipment
- Linen

See www.stkildamums.org for a comprehensive list of suitable donations.
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