NEWSLETTER – Thursday April 14, 2016

Dates to Remember

MARC Van Wednesday 20th April
Anzac Day Monday 25th April - NO School
School Council Meeting Wednesday 27th April at 6pm
NAPLAN Gr 3 & 5 Monday 10th May - Wednesday 12th May
Athletic Sports Friday 20th May

Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free School.

Reading Eggs

Congratulations Emmett on achieving your reading eggs certificate.
**Principals Report**

Term 2 has started again with students and teachers quickly back into classroom routines. It was great to see the smiling faces and well rested looks of everyone. I also enjoyed hearing about the holiday trips and experiences.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Working Bee last Sunday. We did a lot of digging, sweeping, mowing, edging, cleaning gutters and preparing our school vegetable garden. We look forward to establishing new garden beds around the F-2 Classroom and we will begin planting our vegetable garden soon. Thank you also to Dale Tiley who donated top soil for the garden. This was much appreciated!

Starting tomorrow we will be trialling a **new assembly format**. We will conduct our school assembly every **Friday at 3:10pm in the Multipurpose Room**. This will be run by student leaders and will involve the nation anthem, student awards, birthdays and showcasing student work and skills. I encourage parents to please come and help celebrate the achievements of our students.

Just a reminder that Drought Assistance forms are now due in order to receive a one off payment of $375 for educational expenses for each child. Every parent is entitled to this payment and it is not means tested. If you have not returned your form please do this ASAP. If you have any questions please contact myself or Kate in the office.

I hope that everyone has a great week.

Marcus Murrell

**FRENCH DAY   La Jour de France**

On Friday 13th May we plan on having a French Fun Day.

Activities will include a Tour de France BMX ride, games, art, a fashion parade and a French luncheon. Parents / grandparents are welcome to attend (and dress up) for all or part of the day.

Activities will be run in multi-age groups.

We would like all students to dress in French gear, nothing elaborate, just something blue, white, red or berets, stripes etc. (there is no need to purchase anything.) Fashion is big in France so students might like to dress as models in a fashion parade and we will have a parade before lunch.

Lunch including French food (croissants, cheese and biscuits, meringues, fruit, cake, drinks and other items) will be provided. A small cost of $5 will be charged for this but no one will need to bring their own lunch.

Please let the school know if you are able to attend / help on the day.

Merci,  Anne-Marie
What’s on this term:

**F-2.**

Welcome back to term 2! We have another busy term ahead. The kids in the F-2 class have all settled into the routine set in term 1 for our classroom. We will continue to have our literacy block in the morning, thanks to Jodie and Fleur for coming in on Monday and Tuesday, it is a great help for me and the kids love it (any more volunteers will be welcomed). As a staff we have implemented a whole school spelling program into our daily literacy block this term, which is going well. Our ‘Morning Talk’ is now called ‘Daily News’, the roster for this will be the same as last term. Our maths block will be after play everyday except Fridays when the kids will have PE with Mr Murrell and then Art with me after lunch. Mrs White will still be taking the kids on a Tuesday afternoon for Science and Bounce Back. Mrs Joyce still has the kids for French on Thursday morning. Mrs Moon (Marc Van) is taking long service leave this term and will be replaced by Deborah Hicks. Marc Van days will be on the newsletter and website. Our focus in humanities this term will be on History—The First Australians. We will hopefully visit the Brambuk National Park and Cultural Centre in Halls Gap later in the term.

Lastly, we will again be using our iPads often in the classroom, I would appreciate it if iPads are brought to school everyday and are charged. Also remind your kids to bring their readers to school everyday.

**Grade 3-6**

This term Mrs White will be teaching Gr3-6 on Monday’s, as well as her usual Tuesday morning and all day Thursday. She will be teaching Literacy, Numeracy, Science and Bounce. Mr Murrell will be teaching Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday and Friday.

Our topic for this term is Australian History – The First Australians. We have Art and PE on a Friday. For PE we will be doing athletics training and later in the term BMX bike riding. Like F-2, we will be using our iPads every day so students need to have them charged and at school.

Senior students will be involved in organising and taking school assemblies from this Friday. This is a great opportunity for students to learn how to speak clearly and confidently in front of an audience as well as developing their organisation skills. We are looking at making our assemblies as much about the students as possible. We would welcome parents, grandparents and friends to join us.
This term we will be implementing the spelling program ‘Targeting Spelling’ across the school, in an effort to improve our spelling and writing outcomes. This program will run every day for 30 minutes and involves explicit teaching of spelling strategies, rules and conventions. Students have been pretested and placed into appropriate groups. If you have any questions please contact Marcus, Sally or Katie.
School Assembly- New Format

School Assembly will now be held once a week on **Friday at 3:10pm** in the **Multipurpose Room**. Please come along and join us!

**After School Sport**

We have our School Athletics this term and will be training in school and Brett Chamings is still running training on a Thursday after school for those interested. After the sports day Brett and Dan Jess will be running AUSKick on a Thursday and Lauren Smithwick and Sarah Cuthbertson will be running Netta on the same day. The afterschool Judo sessions run by Rob and Angelique are still going strong—please see Rob about paying fees, although it is held at school it is not run through the school.

**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.