Dates to Remember
Welcome Family BBQ  Thursday 18th February
Group Day – Maroona  Friday 19th February
Swimming/Gym  Monday 29th February – Friday 11th March
MARC Van  Wednesday 24th March
Labour Day Holiday – No School  Monday 14th March
Group Day – Moyston  Friday 18th March
MARC Van  Wednesday 23rd March
Last Day of Term  Thursday 24th March

Nut Free School
Please remember that we are a Nut Free School.

Students of the Week
Congratulations to and Georgina Sporton and Kiah Arch for being “Students of the Week”. Georgina always tries 100% in class. Kiah has been great helping out in the F-2 classroom! Well done to both Georgina and Kiah!
**Principals Report**

Last Thursday we had our first School Council Meeting for the year! It is important for any school to have an active and helpful School Council. We currently have **4 Parent Representative Vacancies up for election with nominations closing next Tuesday 23rd February.** Nomination forms can be collected from the office, with parents being able to nominate themselves or another parent. Please consider if you can help and if you have any questions contact Mr Murrell, Mrs Peacock or Kate at the office.

Tonight is our Welcome Family BBQ which begins at 6pm. It would be great to see everyone there!

Tomorrow we head off to Maroona Primary School for our first Group Day. Students will need to bring play lunch, a hat and a drink bottle. For lunch, students can now either bring their own or there will be a sausage sizzle (not cost).

Lastly, can students clothing, drink bottles and containers please be named. We are finding a number of items left in the yard and without names they don’t always find homes!

Keep an eye out for changes to our school website as we are currently updating.

Hope everyone has a great week!
Mr Murrell

**School Fees for 2016**

School fees for 2016 have been set by School Council at the following:

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

The above prices have been significantly reduced from last year. They can be paid in full or in instalments throughout the year. Fees play a vital role in our school being able to provide necessary books, equipment, materials for students. If you have any questions please see Mr Murrell.

**Judo**

Last night a number of our students started Judo in the Multi-Purpose Room with Rob and Angelique Coelho. This is an extra-curricular activity conducted by Rob and Angelique using school facilities. If you wish for your child/children to take part in these sessions please contact Rob or Angelique. A flyer was sent home with every family last Friday or additional flyers can be collected from the office.

**Dental Van**

The Dental Van will be again be operating all day on Wednesday 24th February, then from 9am-11am on Monday 29th February to Wednesday 2nd March. If you have any questions or concerns about treatment please contact the Dental Clinic on 53529327.

**Swim/Gym**

Just a reminder that the Swim/Gym Program starts on Monday 29th February. Cost for this program is $120 per student. Can we please have all outstanding permission forms returned back to school ASAP.
F – 2 Grade

We are learning about punctuation at the moment in our classroom. We have been using Kung Fu punctuation to learn in a fun way. The kids can recognise and name all types of punctuation (do not mistake a hyphen for a python....).

FULLSTOP....

Thanks to Fleur who is coming in to help out in the classroom, it is a great help for me and the kids love it.

The beautiful Grade F – 2......
Art smocks
If anyone has any old shirts they can part with, we need some for the students in Art. We would also like to rebuild our supply of fabric if anyone can donate some to the Art Room.

Sandpit box
Could all Grade 5 & 6 please bring in some old clothes on Tuesday next week? I would like to paint the sandpit box.

SCIENCE
Having well and truly settled into our new learning spaces and routines for the year, we have now begun our new Science units of learning for Term One.
Prep-2 are working on a biological sciences unit called ‘Watch It Grow!’ This unit “provides opportunities for students to explore the growth of a range of living things and explore the processes of growth and change, of reproduction and death that apply to all animals. Through hands on activities and investigations, students compare the growth of living things under different conditions.” (Primary Connections - Watch it Grow!) A yellow coloured note was sent home on Tuesday 16th February requesting that each P-2 child bring a copy of a baby photo along to school for us to compare and contrast in order to see how we’ve grown and changed over time. If we could also have everyone’s birth stats (weight in kg, length in cm and head circumference in cm) that would be fantastic! We can measure ourselves now and see exactly how much we have grown over the years. Please only send in copies of photos rather than precious originals, just in case there is a run-in with a leaky drink bottle in the school bag! If we could have all photos and measurement details back by the 1st of March it would be much appreciated, and we’ll be on schedule and ready to go on with our next stage of learning for the unit.
The Grade 3-6 class has begun their unit called Desert Survivors. This is also a biological sciences unit, and we will be learning about how plants and animals adapt and evolve to not only survive but thrive in harsh desert conditions. Students will “explore some of the physical and behavioural features of desert plants and animals, and compare them with plants and animals that live in other environments... Through hands-on activities, students will investigate how the features of desert plants and animals help them to survive in their own natural environment.” (Primary Connections- Desert Survivors.)
We began our unit by looking at images and video clips of desert landscapes, noting their features, and by considering what early European explorers such as Burke and Wills would have made of this harsh, arid land.
**HEALTH AND WELLBEING.**

We have also begun our Bounce Back wellbeing program for the year. In the first half of Term One we are focusing on some of our core values, with a particular emphasis on cooperation. In the P-2 class we will be exploring ideas about caring for and supporting others, including people we don’t know; family and teacher support; and kindness to animals. The 3-6 class will be considering the true meaning of cooperation, and the skills we need to be able to cooperate effectively; cooperation on a global level (ie. issues of world peace and environmental care); respecting difference, self-respect and the role of good manners in showing respect for others; and the concept of ‘fairness’.

We already see so many examples of cooperative behaviours from our students at Buangor, and it is great to start the year by honing in on these values and celebrating and building upon our existing positive behaviours.

**Grade 3-6**

This week Grade 3-6 have been looking at how to correctly write a Narrative. We have worked with some templates as well as writing in our books.

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**Writing Moderation**

On Tuesday night teachers looked at writing samples of every student across the school. This was an important exercise for teachers to work together to see where our students are at and where we need to go from here. Writing will continue to be a major focus for our school throughout this year.
**Beaufort Op Shop**

Beaufort Op Shop (near Sparrows Café) generously donates money to our school every year (along with many other schools in the area), which we use to subsidise excursion costs. Please help keep the op shop financially able to continue this much needed resource by donating goods to the shop.

**Beaufort Secondary College**

Beaufort Secondary College are having their come and try day on Tuesday March 15th and parents’ information night on Thursday March 17th at 7.00pm. We will have more information closer to the date.

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**Sal Kimber & the Rollin Wheel**

Sal Kimber & the Rollin Wheel will be performing LIVE at our very own Cobb & Co for the release of their NEW ALBUM – SOUTHERN LIGHT. What an exciting fundraiser for the community....

Don’t forget to book your tickets as tickets aren’t available on the night at http://www.trybooking.com/JXIZ

**WHEN:** Saturday 20th February 2016 ...
**WHERE:** Buangor Cobb & Co
**TIME:** 7.00pm

It promises to be a great night. Check them out at:

https://www.facebook.com/salkimberandtherollinwheel/
Eighty Mile Paddock to Plate Lunch

All produce locally sourced within 80 miles of Buangor prepared beautifully by Paula Symons

Cobb and Co, Buangor Sunday Feb 28

$65 per person drinks @ bar prices bookings essential call 0429 236 528