

# BUCHAN

## Primary School

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### 14th February Newsletter #3

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 25th February	School Council Meeting
Friday 1st March	Judi Sykes Celebration
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Holiday
Monday 25th March	School Council AGM

**BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
IS A BARR SCHOOL.  
(BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER)**  
**This means our school will be  
closed and unstaffed on  
Code Red Days  
as well as other days deemed  
unsafe.**

Families will be given as much warning as possible. Safety is our first priority.

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi again,

Hopefully you are enjoying this cool break in the weather. It has been great to not have so many hot days—particularly now school has returned.

#### HOMEWORK

Homework was sent home this week in Boomerang Books. Please excuse us if any notes were missing. We are all still getting into the swing of school routines. Boomerang Books are due back every FRIDAY. This is a whole school expectation.

#### BASE CAMP VISIT & BACKBURNING

On Tuesday, we had a guided tour of the DELWP Base Camp. What a set up!!!

Some of you may have even seen us on WIN tv.

I have been informed that backburning will commence tomorrow. Please ensure you have your family's emergency fire management plans in place and keep monitoring the situation.

#### BUSHFIRE BACK-UP PLANS

At present, our area (including our bus route) is still considered safe. However, it is requested that **ALL BUS TRAVELLING FAMILIES NEED TO ORGANISE A BACK-UP IN BUCHAN FOR THEIR CHILD TO STAY WITH SHOULD THE ROADS BE CUT.**

If we feel the bus run is at risk at any time—it we be closed & contact families ASAP.

**Please inform the school ASAP of your back-up alternative.**

## ATTENDANCE

With all the action and excitement of the fires, a new teacher, new classes and a new school year, we are only just starting to settle into a routine at school.

A number of children across both grades have already missed quite a few of days of school. This makes it very challenging for teachers to complete assessments multiple times with children due to absence, but also impacts on the child's and the classes ability to settle and learn properly. Please ensure you keep your child's absence to a minimum and get a medical certificate if possible when they are ill.

The Department of Education now monitor individual student attendance on a daily basis.

### **EVERY DAY COUNTS ...**

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much but ...**

When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

**Give your child every chance to succeed ...**



### DOXA

The senior class will be attending DOXA in the final week of Term 1. Permission forms and information will be coming home shortly.

### WHEELS WEDNESDAY

Please sign and return the 2019 consent form if your child wishes to participate in Wheels Wednesday this year.

### **Forms to be returned please.**

The first newsletter of the term had a couple of forms attached with a request that they be returned by 8th February. I am still waiting on a couple of families! Can you please return your forms by tomorrow.

### **CSEF Application forms.**

No-one has come to collect a form from the office. If you were eligible for this last year I have attached a form to this newsletter. Please return by tomorrow.

### School Banking Program Brochure

I have attached a brochure for school banking to the newsletter. This is a great way for children to learn about saving. If you would like to open an account all you need to do is go to the Commonwealth bank and bring your bank book to school on a Thursday.



**Judi Sykes**  
**Retirement Celebration**  
BUCHAN HALL  
5pm Friday 1st March 2019  
Please contact the school if you have photos or memorabilia.  
**Please bring a plate to share.**  
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### JUNIOR SOCCER TRYOUT DATES

**BOYS 14,15th Feb @ HOWITT PARK**  
U12 register 5pm, trials from 5.30.  
U14 register 6pm, trials from 6.30.  
U16 register 7pm, trials from 7.30.

**GIRLS 12,14 Feb @ WEST BAIRNSDALE OVAL**  
U13 register 4.45 pm, trials from 5.00.  
U16 register 4.45 pm, trials from 5.00.

