

# BUCHAN

## Primary School

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**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.

31st January, 2019

### IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 6th February Photo for preps

Monday 25th February School Council

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back!!!

A **change is as good as a holiday** - but we have had both at Buchan Primary School.

It was great to see the kids back yesterday.

Our school is looking fresh and clean and our classrooms bright and colourful - thanks to a lot of **staff effort** over the holidays, painting, cleaning and carting even more rubbish. It is fantastic to see such commitment and enthusiasm. I think we are in for a great year at Buchan!

A big welcome to **MISS GRAY**, who had her first day with her own class yesterday. The feedback from the students was really positive.

Our **Foundation students** were off to a great start. No-one cried or clung to their Mum - a great sign they are ready to start school life.

#### **BUSHFIRE BACK-UP PLANS**

Over the past few days, I have been speaking with Emergency Management personnel from the Dept. Of Education. They are in continual contact with the state's emergency incident team and fire controllers. At present, our area (including our bus route) is considered safe. However, we know this could quickly change.

**ALL BUS TRAVELLING FAMILIES NEED TO ORGANISE A BACK-UP FAMILY IN BUCHAN FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO STAY WITH SHOULD THE ROADS BE CUT**  
Please inform the school ASAP of your decision.

If we feel our bus run is at risk at any time—we will close it & contact families ASAP.



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COMPULSORY  
THIS TERM**



**Oliver Sandy is 6 today!!!**

### **3 Separate forms to complete!!! 2 only if not eligible for concession.**

#### **Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund!**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Your card must be current as at 29th January or 23rd April, 2019.

Please call into the office for an application form or ask your child to pick one up to take home.

Please return your forms as soon as possible.

#### **Drought assistance payment available - apply now**

As part of the Victorian Government's drought assistance package, all students are eligible for a drought assistance payment through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

This includes parents and independent students that do not hold a means-tested concession card, but are experiencing financial hardship as a result of drought conditions. Families who receive the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible. A 'one off' amount of \$375 per student will be paid to the school to be used towards educational expenses for the direct benefit of your child.

Can you please complete the application form attached and return it to school ASAP.

#### **Drought Response Package**

The Victorian Government has announced a one-off commitment of \$2.2 million to help all families in the drought affected local government areas of Wellington and East Gippsland with the cost of uniforms, shoes and other school items.

This support is being made available through State Schools's Relief (SSR). Families can choose one of the following 3 packages for each child at this school.

- Package 1: uniform package **or**
- Package 2: reduced uniform package plus textbooks voucher to the value of \$100 **or**
- Package 3: limited uniform package plus textbooks voucher to the value of \$200.

Drought response package—request form is attached. Please complete and return to school ASAP, we are advising that package 3 is of more benefit for families as it gives you another \$200 towards your child's education.

#### **Notices Attached to this Newsletter**

- Headlice form
- Local Excursion form
- Photo form
- Student Details Contact form

Please return all forms to the office as soon as possible so we can update our records on the system. Your attention to this is appreciated and **very important.**

#### **Student Banking**

We will continue with student banking every Thursday. Please remember to send along your child's bank book on this day.

There are some great new rewards when you collect 10 tokens.

If you would like to start an account you will need to go into the Commonwealth Bank to do so.

#### **Lunches on a Thursday**

As a fundraiser for our school we will be supplying either dim sims or hot dogs alternatively every Thursday. In terms 1 and 4 there will be icy poles and terms 2 and 3 warm milo.

The costs are:	Dim sims (3) \$2	Icy poles 50c
	Hot Dog \$2	Warm milo 50c