

CARING COMMITMENT
CREATIVITY COLLABORATION COURAGE

BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

IS A BARR SCHOOL.

(BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER)

This means our school will be

closed and unstaffed on

Code Red Days

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Week 11 Term 4
Thursday 17th December
2020
Edition 32

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Proverb: Blood is thicker than water.

Meaning: Relationships with family (or blood relatives) is stronger than other relationships.
(lemongrad.com).

IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY 2021

Staff officially commence work - Wednesday 27th.

Curriculum Day no students at school - Thursday 28th.

Students start school - Friday 29th.

Hats to be worn - Friday 29th January to Thursday 1st April

SCHOOL COUNCIL DATES FOR 2021

Monday: Term 1 - 15th Feb, 15th March
 Term 2 - 17th May, 21st June,
 Term 3 - 19th July, 16th Aug,
 Term 4 - 18th Oct and 15th Nov.

Wuman Njinde Parents, Students and the School Community,
As 2020 comes to an end and we start to plan and prepare for 2021 I would like to thank you for your support throughout this year. I am looking forward to taking on the role of acting principal again in 2021 and along with Julie, Aidan, Cathy and our yet to be appointed wellbeing and support staff, we are excited to once again implement changes to the curriculum and school that will continue to benefit our students education and the school processes and procedures. I hope you all have a very safe and deserving holiday over the Christmas and New Year season.

FAREWELL

As the year comes to an end I would like to farewell Sam P, Stephanie L, Ulas Tekin and James L who are leaving us to continue their education in the secondary school system. The staff and students would like to thank them for being our school captains / vice-captains and grade 6 senior school representatives and we wish them every success in 2021. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of Bill Doring who was our junior school teacher. Bill will be commencing work in 2021 at Portland Primary School. Thank you also to Tammy Woodgate our school cleaner who is finishing up with us at the end of the year. Your attention to detail and cleanliness was very much appreciated.

2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

Curriculum - Introduction of MAPPEN, LOTE (Italian), Literacy Planet, CAFÉ and Music. Non-negotiable timetable implemented for Literacy and Numeracy learning. Employment of a full time graduate teacher. We also received new literacy books. We all learnt how to use Webex and the students participated in quite a few incursions using Webex such as the Chinese Cultural activities and RACV Safety Squad and the school participated in a Hands up to Change the Story project. Our school values were also updated to reflect our school today. They are Show Respect, Show empathy , Be Kind and Be a Mate. The introduction of School Wide Positive Behaviour was also implemented in Term 4. we also participated in the High Ability Leadership course too.

Uniform and logo - the school updated their uniforms and logo and all of the children began to wear their new school tops and windcheaters.

Furniture - The library was moved to the portable building and we received new shelving and seats and tables to replace the old furniture in the library. We also got new tables and seats to sit on for when we eat our play lunch and lunch. This furniture was from a grant from GIVIT. In the staffroom and principal's office, the chairs were replaced with new furniture. We also received new television screens in each classroom and this was also from a grant Ms Edward's put in for. In Term 4 new computer and headphones were also delivered to the school through a grant and we also received a new ride on mower which was also received from a grant.

Activities—During Term 4 the junior school had a sleep over and the senior school did a white water rafting day on the Snowy River. We also had channel 10 turn up to the school and take photographs and film us when the Melbourne Cup visited our school. Early in Term 4 the whole school excursion spent a day at Karoonda Park and we did abseiling, flying fox and paddling in the kayaks. We also had our whole school excursion to Lakes Entrance.

School communication - The school website was changed and updated regularly to reflect school activities and events.

Bushfire support and donations - The school was given quite a few bikes too and all of the children were given beautiful handmade quilts to take home. The school also received handmade bird feeders to put in the gardens to bring back the birds. We also had some new faces visit the school during Term 1. They were the Regional Director from the Department of Education. Her name was Debbie Locco who visited our school and met students and staff to check in to see how we were all coping and we had a drama teacher donate his time to come up and visit our school from Melbourne to run a drama class. Children were also given several gift bags from Save the Children The army supplied the school with bottled water and we were given a whole lot of snack packs too to munch on during this term. We also received sec-

ing. We also received a new ride on mower.

Breakfast / lunch - Food Bank started their deliveries this year and we were given apples, cereal, milk and canned food, as well as take home boxes of food.

Despite the fact that we haven't spent the whole year at school, we have had a very productive year a lot of changes and activities that have happened both inside and outside the classrooms. I am very grateful to the positive changes these have made to the school.

2021

In 2021 we have a lot to look forward to. We will be welcoming 2 preps to our school whose names are Campbell and Will and we will also have a new grade 4 student called Luca.

Kelly will continue her role as Bushfire Practitioner and I will be teaching the junior school. Next year we will be welcoming 2 new staff, they will be Aidan Johnston who will be teaching the senior school and Cathy Williams who will be working as an Education Support Staff in the junior school.

At the start of next year, the school will be employing a tutor to work with targeted students who require extra assistance and their timetable will be finalised next year.

We were also successful in receiving the Chaplaincy Grant and we will be able to employ someone for the next 2 years to support our students' wellbeing and engagement.

We have also recently signed the school up to the app School Stream and we encourage all parents to log on to this, as this will be our main form of communication we will be using going into 2021.

We are also working closely with Nursery Garden Industry of Victoria to get a major playground and landscaping works to commence the middle of the year. I am in the process of applying for grants to make this happen.

I have also been working closely with Tennis Victoria and Gavin the coach at the Buchan Tennis Club to introduce tennis coaching for students which will hopefully start after school in Term 1.

We received a grant from Oz Harvest and we will be given kitchen equipment and frying pan sets for our cooking program to commence in Term 2.

New seating and tables will be delivered over the school holidays to replace the existing furniture in the junior and senior classrooms.

The junior class will have a make over and be freshened up and repainted by me.

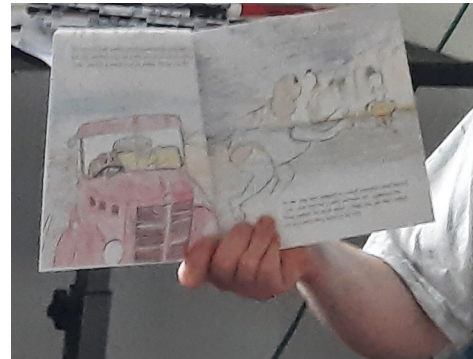
I have applied for a grant for the Victorian Government's Living Safely with Pets Primary School Program and I am hopeful this will occur in either Terms 1 or 2 next year.

COLLECTION TIN

On the weekend I counted the collection tin at the Buchan Pub that has been sitting on the counter all year. The generosity of our locals and visitors was astounding. The money that was raised was \$1371.55. This money will be banked and the children will have input next year as to how this will be spent in the school.

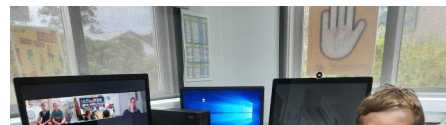
LAPTOPS FOR SALE

personally drop off the books and for her generous gifts to our school and the junior school students. You can visit her website on www.cuddleschildrensbooks.com.au so you can start collecting the series. Lorraine is also the author of Felix the Water Rat and the Rescue of Purr-fect, The Missing Baby Dragon, Trouble at 'Joanna Shipwreck', When the Uneverythingable Happened and Blue Moon over Raymond Island.



FIRE SAFETY AMBASSADORS

Noah and Archie are our Fire Safety Ambassadors. Each day they are responsible for updating the fire rating board located near the school crossing. On Wednesday they attended a Webex with 2 other schools (Rawson PS and Harkaway PS). There were 10 screens involved in the Webex altogether and included Glenn Tarrant our DET representative for Emergency Management. Archie and Noah spoke about what they are doing during the fire season and what they could do to help others going into 2021.





PREP BUDDIES

Zoe and Noah will be Will's prep buddies for 2021. Archie and Robbie will be Campbell's prep buddies for 2021.



END OF YEAR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

English Junior – Grace McAuliffe.

English Senior – Noah Mathers.

Maths Senior – Robert Greene and Roman Murphy.

Maths Junior – Noah Bowen.

Endeavour Senior – Stephanie Lewendon.

Endeavour Junior – Hope De Wit.

Leo Forrest Award – Sam Petrie.

The criteria for this is consistently displays the values of respect, courtesy, responsibility and honesty. Actively participates in all areas of curriculum in class and out, adopts a “have a go” attitude displays leadership and acts as a role model.

