

Buln Buln Primary School

Our Children, Our Community, Our Future

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CALENDAR 2014

October

Tuesday 14th

Regional Athletics @
Newborough
School Council 7.30

Wednesday 15th

Writers Café

Tuesday 21st

Responsible Pet
Ownership Incursion

Wednesday 22nd

Kanga Cricket

Monday 27th

Grade 4/5 Healesville
Excursion

Tuesday 28th

Grade 5/6 Hooptime
Regional Finals
All Stars at Traralgon

Thursday

30 October

Grade 3 /4 Future All
Stars Hooptime at
Dandenong

November

Tuesday 4th

Melbourne Cup
Holiday

Tuesday 11th

School Council
Meeting

Wednesday 12th

Prep Transition
9.15am– 10.30 am

Dear Parents

Kara Schultz

The Buln Buln Primary School Community is deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Kara, a former student of our school. Our thoughts are with Nicki, Wayne, Jack and families.

Student Awards

Congratulations to Sam, Stella, Daniel, Tyler and Matilda for reaching 200 Nights of Reading.

Merit awards: Matthew, Elisha, Ethan, Riley, Kobe, Riley Butters, Kaylee and Charlie.

Writers Café – A Journey Through Writing (7pm – 8pm)

Tomorrow night we will be hosting our annual Writer's Café evening where we celebrate our children's work.

This is a wonderful experience and opportunity for our students to 'show off' their amazing writing pieces and allow all of our families to be involved in this learning process.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Regional Athletics

Good luck to Montanna, Indianna, Phoebe, Shauna and Elisha who are representing us at the Regional Athletics Championships at Newborough today. We look forward to celebrating their successes next week.

Reporting

A parent recently commented to me how they preferred the reports that used to be produced by the school. It might be helpful to compare the old and the new, and the reasons why we report as we do.

The reporting model in Victoria, for a number of years, was the twice yearly publication of the 'dot points' which show how the teacher judges student performance against set standards for their age. In addition to this a summary of learning in literacy, numeracy and other areas was given, with work habits, behavior etc thrown in for good measure. This was crammed into a report of 1200 characters (not words) and took the form of a generic summary rather than a document that assists in improving learning.

The system that is now more commonly in place throughout education, and the one that we use at Buln Buln, involves updating and reporting information to you on a far more regular basis.

At Buln Buln you can access:

- The 'dot points'. Published at the ends of semesters 2 & 4. Parent / teacher interview take place in line with the publication of these.

Thursday 27th

Prep Transition 9am-11.30am

December

Monday 1st

Buln Idol Assembly

Friday 5th

Report 'Dot Points' Published.

Tuesday 9th

9am– 1.30pm Prep Transition & 'Stepping Up'

Wednesday 10th

Class Parties

Friday 12th

Grade 6 Excursion Melbourne Arts Centre

Tuesday 16th

Grade 6 Graduation

Thursday 18th

School Concert WGAC

Friday 19th

Last day of term 4.
2.30 Finish

MOWING ROSTER

October Sat/Sun

18-19 Willis

25-26 Bailey

Many thanks to the Kay family for helping to keep our grounds looking great.

- Attitudes to Learning matrix. Published at the end of each term.
- One piece of writing, showing edits, per term.
- Record of reading level, focusing on comprehension. Twice per term.
- Numeracy work sample, assessed. Twice per term.
- Continuum assessments. These show which AusVELs outcome statements each student has achieved and are updated regularly.

This ongoing reporting ensures that you are accessing current information in relation to your child's learning, which has evidence of their level attached. It is now timely, specific feedback rather than a summary, which is proven to significantly enhance learning.

There is no shying away from the fact that there have been issues accessing the new system. This was identified as a Department issue, and has now been further identified as one that Telstra have to rectify with our connection. I am applying constant pressure to the education department for this to be sorted.

We will continue to ensure that our processes in school enable us to share accurate assessments and work samples that show what your child currently knows and what they need to learn and do next.

Penpal Visit

Last Thursday the Prep and Grade One children went to Trafalgar Primary School to meet the penpals they had been writing to all year. They were so excited and enjoyed some time getting to know each other, as well as reading, going for a Nature walk and a tour of the school. The visit inspired some more writing back at school and now when we write letters we will know who we are writing to.

We are looking forward to the Trafalgar Preps coming here later in the year.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Jane Smith for completing the Melbourne half marathon (21kms) on Saturday. That is some achievement.

Sun Smart

An ongoing reminder that it is now well and truly into the SunSmart period and that students need to be wearing broad brimmed hats. The link below will allow you to install the free SunSmart app on a smart phone or tablet.

<http://www.sunsmart.com.au/tools/interactive-tools/free-sunsmart-app>

The UV alert now can also be viewed on the school website homepage.

Mulch Spreading & Odd Jobs

Thanks to those of you who found time to help us spread the mulch on Friday afternoon. Many hands really did make light work. The playground looks so much better.

Have a great week.

Drew Allison, Principal.

Parent Club

Shopping Tour – Final Payment Due.

Would you please organise to pay the remainder of your deposit for the shopping trip. The balance being \$27.00.

When: Saturday 25th October

Time: 6.45 am sharp (departs school car park)

Return: approximately 6.30 pm

Cost: \$57.00

This price includes lunch at a hotel in Collingwood.



FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In the junior cooking session this week students prepared **Pea & Haloumi Fritters and Muesli Slice**. Thanks to my parent helpers Elli Lockett and Anita Turner the children enjoyed the snacks and their cooking experience.

The junior students who will be cooking a snack next Monday 20th October in the session from 11:30 until 1:30 are **Matilda, Callum, Stella, Toby, Madeline, Luka and Deane**. Parents of these students may wish to only pack a snack for playtime as the students will be making **Pork & Chive Dumplings and Choc-Bubble Biscuits** and these snacks will be ready for them to eat at 1:30.

Also I am in need of one or two adult helpers for this session. If parents of these students would like to assist could you please send an email to kingwillbj@hotmail.com or a message via the office?

Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

Lost

Missing New Zealand keyrings that were in a zip lock bag left on the picnic table in front of the netball courts near boys toilet last week. They have a sentimental value to the family. If found please return to the school office.

Active After School Programs

Next week our term 4 Active After School Programs begin. On Monday night's the grade 3-6 will have fitness with Margie Whitford and on Wednesday night's the Prep-2 will have athletics with Oscar Sceney. The programs will run for 7 weeks. A permission slip is attached to this newsletter and the children will also be bringing home a form with them, please return the slips by Thursday to confirm your participation.

Active After School Programs Term 4 2014



Program 1: Grades 3-6

Fitness

Conducted by Margie Whitford

Monday's starting **Monday 20th October** and running for 7 sessions,

3.30pm-4.45pm. Monday 20/10, 27/10, 3/11, 10/11, 17/11, 24/11 and 1/12.

Program will run at Buln Buln Primary School.

Students will meet after school for a healthy fruit snack before beginning activities.

Students need to be picked up at 4.45pm. Please note that no child will be permitted to walk home alone after the program finishes.

Limited to 15 places.

Program 2: Grades Prep—2

Athletics

Conducted by Oscar Sceney

Mondays starting **Wednesday 22nd October** and running for 7 sessions,

3.30pm - 4.45pm. Wednesday 22/10, 29/10, 5/11, 12/11, 19/11, 26/11 and 3/12.

Program will run at Buln Buln Primary School

Students will meet after school for a healthy fruit snack before beginning activities.

Students need to be picked up at 4.45pm. Please note that no child will be permitted to walk home alone after the program finishes.

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Return Permission Forms to the office by Friday 10th October, 2014

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES —TERM 4 2014

I give permission for _____ to attend the selected program/s (please place a tick in the appropriate box.)

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| Fitness | - Grades 3-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Athletics | - Grades Prep-2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I agree to collect my child/children at 4.45pm promptly.

I authorise the teacher in charge of the activity to consent, where it is impractical to communicate with me, to my child receiving any surgical or medical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Medical Considerations (allergies, asthma etc.)

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Signed (parent/guardian): Date.....

Telephone contact numbers during period of activity:

Home..... Name.....

Emerg..... Name.....