

Buangor Primary School

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Review

All schools are required to go through a review every four years. This is to inform the development of the schools four year strategic plan. This year, we completed our review with cluster schools, Maroona and Willaura. The process is a big undertaking and I would like to thank the staff, students, parents and community members involved. The report will inform our annual implementation plan for the next four years. The review findings and future goals will be reported to the community when available.

2026 Enrolments

Enrolments are still opened for 2026. If you know of anyone that may be interested in a school tour and some information. Please ask them to contact the school.

Writing PD

Last week, Miss Hughes, Abbie and I participated in a professional development day with a focus on writing. Our presenter, Emina McLean, explained the history of writing in education, what to teach and when and an overview of assessment. Our next steps will be creating a clear and consistent sequence of learning for our whole school

Working Bee

Thank you to all the families that helped out with our working bee. We got a lot done in a short amount of time. I have had a discussion with parents and have decided to organise a roster with jobs for each month. Stay tuned for this to be out shortly.

New Zealand Trip

Just a reminder that I have my study tour to New Zealand next week. We are travelling to small rural schools. Our purpose and intent are:

- 1. Observing Best Practices:** Gaining insights into New Zealand's education system, teaching methodologies, cluster and leadership approaches.
- 2. Exploring Curriculum & Pedagogy:** Understanding the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) and its focus on student-centered learning, inquiry-based approaches, and cultural responsiveness.
- 3. Leadership Development:** Learning from school leadership models, governance structures, and professional development programs for principals and teachers.
- 4. Incorporating Māori & Pasifika Perspectives:** Understanding how New Zealand integrates Māori and Pasifika cultures into education through the Treaty of Waitangi principles, Te Reo Māori language programs, and inclusive practices.
- 5. Enhancing Student Well-being & Inclusion:** Observing initiatives related to student well-being, mental health support, special education, and inclusive learning environments.
- 6. Technology & Innovation in Education:** Exploring the use of digital tools, e-learning platforms, and modern classroom technology to enhance student engagement. Particular interest in any Virtual Learning models..
- 7. Networking & Collaboration:** Building professional relationships with New Zealand educators, school leaders, and policymakers for future partnerships and knowledge exchange.
- 8. Assessing School Governance & Policies:** Understanding the role of school boards, community involvement, and policy frameworks that support school autonomy and accountability. Particular interest in how small rural schools are funded.
- 9. Evaluating Outdoor & Experiential Learning:** Learning how New Zealand schools incorporate outdoor education, environmental sustainability, and hands-on learning experiences.
- 10. Exploring Vocational & Future-Focused Education:** Observing how schools prepare students for future careers through vocational training, career guidance, and pathways to tertiary education.

While I am away, Natalie will be in charge and your point of contact.

Don't forget to check your app for school announcements.



School Bank Details

If families would like to pay money to the school by direct deposit, our bank details are below:

BUANGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT

BSB 063 500

ACCOUNT NUMBER 1004 3741

IN THE CLASSROOM WITH GRADE 3-6

Interview with a student

Name: Charlie

Age: 11

Favourite colour: military green

Favourite food: dumplings soup

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at school?: hunting

Do you have any pets? yes

If so, what are they and their names?

Dogs (Archie & Ruby), Chooks (Honeynut, Blackbeauty, Chicken Drumstick, Scrawny Chook and all the other chooks.

Where is your favourite place? Crystal Creek, Townsville, QLD

What would you like everyone to know about you? I can finish a whole soft drink while riding my bike.

Contacting the School

If you need to contact the school, the school phone is 5354 5513 or 0429 388 980. While we endeavour to answer the phone or check messages, these are sometimes missed. If you need a response from someone and do not receive one please call Sally's mobile 0417 070 420.



Pie day Friday Price List

.70c - Party Pie

\$2.50- Ham & Pineapple/Supreme or Margherita Mini Pizza

\$2.50 - Sausage Roll.

\$3.50 -Big Pie.

.50c - Chicken Nugget.

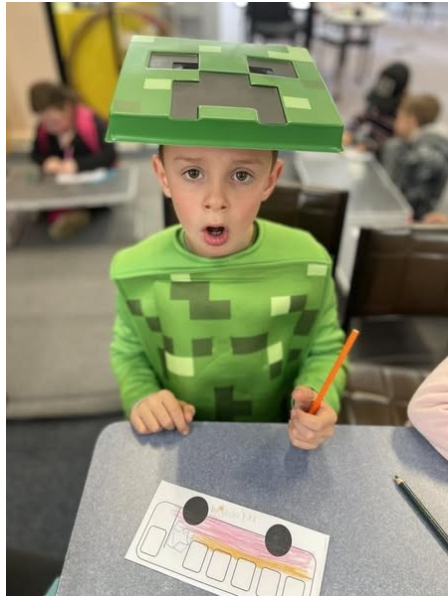
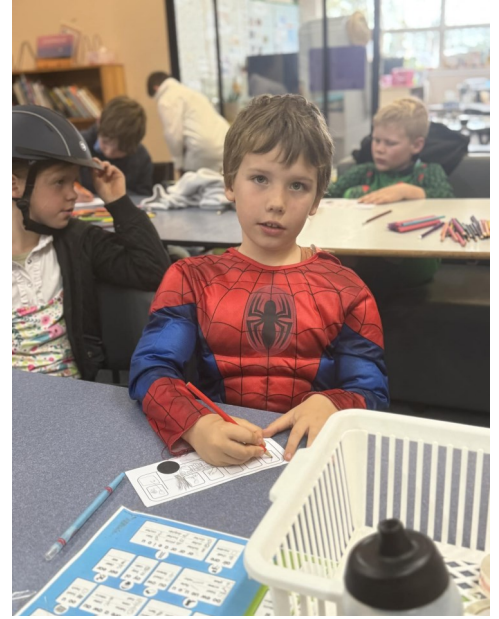
.70c - Steamed Dim Sims.

.70c- Vegetarian Dumplings

Orders must be in on Thursday, written on a paper bag and money enclosed.

F-2 CLASSROOM

The F-2 students have had such a blast over the last two weeks with book week and the Landcare cluster day. The children learnt about trees and their roots. They also dressed up as their favourite book characters and completed fun Book Week activities. In Maths, the children have been working on increasing their speed with friends of ten with some progressing to friends of 100 and beyond.



Landcare Cluster Day

On Monday, the whole school went down to Rocky Point for a Landcare cluster day. When we got there, we did a short bush walk to get to the activities for the day. The activities were based around trees and tree health. We split into groups and chose a tree to work with for the day. For the first activity, we had a pile of sticks to map out tree roots to little white flags. On the little white flags,

there were amounts of water or minerals that we would use to make our tree thrive. For the second activity, we learnt about fungus and how they make the tree grow better. We went back to our tree and did the same activity as the first, except we used bark to symbolise the fungus. When we finished, we figured out how much more the fungus helps the trees. For our last activity, we played a game where there were trees, pests and savers. The pests would go around and tap trees to kill them, while the savers would give the live trees coloured balls so pests couldn't get them. Over all everyone had a great time.

By Penny



Book Week/Science Day -Cluster Day

On Friday, 15/8/2025, we went to Willaura for a cluster day. We dressed up as book characters or in casual clothes. We started with a parade, and everyone looked great. In one of the sessions, we designed buses we would live in and we read a book called "We Live in a Bus" where a family travelled all around Australia in a minibus. We also did some golf with Tony. We also did a science session where we learned about viscosity and tested our hypothesis by adding water, honey, or, as our professor referred to it "bee vomit" and oil to a beaker. The honey sat at the bottom the water in the middle and the oil at the top then we added three peas to the beaker, some of the peas were boiled some frozen and some were normal we were given three peas at random and we had to see if they would sit in the oil, float in the water or sit upon the honey. In golf, we had a competition to see how far we could hit the balls and if we could shoot them over the bucket without touching the ground. It was a great day.

Kanika & Hugh



Buangor Primary School is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

Term 3- Calendar 2025

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk5	18/8 Moyston -Landcare	19/8	20/8	21/8 Newsletter	22/8
Wk6	25/8 MARC	26/8	27/8	28/8	29/8 Assembly (F-2)
Wk7	1/9 Fathers Day Breakfast	2/9	3/9 Roses Gap Black Ranges Golf- Tony	4/9 Roses Gap	5/9 Roses Gap
Wk8	8/9 MARC	9/9 CURRICULUM DAY	10/9 Golf -Tony Kinder Visit	11/9	12/9 Assembly (3-6)
Wk9	15/9	16/9	17/9	18/9 Newsletter	19/9

BBMC RIDE DAY U18'S



**SUNDAY 31ST
AUGUST 2025**



10:00AM - 2:00PM



**BEAUFORT-LEXTON RD
BEAUFORT**

Gates open 9am
Riding @ 10am after rider briefing
\$25 Main Track / \$20 Junior Track
Registration Forms to be completed
Canteen Open
Raffle



Facebook.com/beaufortbluelightmotorcycleclub



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bftbluelightmc@outlook.com

To All Members/New Members, Parents, Carers, Players, Coaches and Referees



REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN-SUMMER 2025/26 SEASON

The SUMMER 2025/26 Season will run over Terms 4&1 is planned to commence the week of **OCTOBER 6, 2025** for our Junior & Senior Basketball and Futsal Competitions.



REGISTRATIONS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

REGISTRATION PROCESS

To Register: visit our website: <https://araratbasketballfutsal.com/>, click on the "Register here" for BASKETBALL or FUTSAL

BASKETBALL

Junior Mixed & Junior Girls Comp Basketball

- Season fee = \$130 per player, BV Licence \$32 per year, BV Game Development Levy \$5.50 per year.

Senior Mixed Basketball

- Team Captain to register the team ONLY, players will be guided by their Team Captain how to register.
- Player Registration - \$46.00 BV Licence (Insurance) fee plus BV Game Development Levy \$5.50.
- Weekly Team Fee applies - \$60 per team.
- Team Uniforms MUST be approved by the ABA – please email through. No Football shorts are to be worn!

Little Redbacks Basketball

- Great starting point from Ages 4+, Cost: \$50p.term + \$5p.term Ins. (Registrations can occur at any time – they do not close)

FUTSAL

- ALL players (competition/training/clinic) MUST wear shin pads with long socks.

Junior Mixed Futsal

- Season Fees = \$150 per player per season (Includes Insurance per season)

Senior Mixed Futsal

- If interested in playing Senior Futsal, contact our Futsal Coordinator Rod Jerram on 0438 521 192 for the process.

Little Redbacks Futsal – TO BE CONFIRMED

- This program requires a Coordinator to run – if you should be interested, please contact the ABA: araratredbacks@gmail.com

PAYMENTS

All registrations for all sports are through **PlayHQ**, payment due at time of registration. **PlayHQ** registrations also allow for PayPal payments (including 4 instalments option).

AGE GROUPS*

Basketball

Little Redbacks = Age 4+ (Wednesday)
U10 = Born 2017-2018 (Wednesday)
U12 = Born 2015-2016 (Wednesday)
U14 = Born 2013-2014 (Monday)
U16 = Born 2011-2012 (Monday)
U18 = Born 2009-2010 (Monday)
U20 = Born 2007-2008 (Monday)

GIRLS COMP:

Under 10 = Born 2017-2018 (Wednesday)* & **
Under 12 = Born 2015-2016 (Wednesday)* & **
Under 14+ = Born 2007-2014 (Wednesday)
SENIORS = Aged 14+ (Wednesday)

Futsal

Little Redbacks = Age 4+ (Thursday)
8 & Under Born 2018-2020 (Friday)
10 & Under Born 2016-2017 (Friday)
12 & Under Born 2014-2015 (Friday)
14 & Under Born 2012-2013 (Friday)
16 & Under Born 2010-2011 (Friday)**
18 & Under Born 2008-2009 (Friday)**
Seniors = Aged 14+ (Thursday)

*Age groups can change based on registered numbers

**Days and Times for games can change based on numbers registered/teams

***Refer to our program rules & regulations for further information, available on the ABA Website.

TOPS

Please return all tops to the ABA on your last playing game. **Reminder: Unreturned tops incur a \$30 fee.** If a returning player – you will not be able to receive your next season's top(s) until your previous one(s) is returned.

UNIFORMS

- Junior players are supplied with a Team top on a **TOP COLLECTION day** (date yet to be confirmed).
- ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS - Basketball and Futsal - MUST WEAR PLAIN BLACK SHORTS, NO LOGOS and NO POCKETS** – players may not be able to take the court if uniform is not compliant.
- NO FOOTBALL SHORTS ARE TO BE WORN BY EITHER CODE.**
- Futsal: **ALL players MUST wear shin pads with long socks.**

REFEREES

We are always looking for Referees for both Basketball and Futsal at Junior and Senior levels. If you are keen, please let us know via email or talk to someone within the ABA.

The ABA will continue to keep you updated via email, social media and Notice Boards. Should you have any further inquiries please email araratredbacks@gmail.com

Kind Regards

ARARAT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

FATHER'S DAY

Breakfast



MONDAY, SEPT 1st

8:30 AM

Buangor PS

Family Movie Night Under the Stars

Join us for a Buangor Primary School fundraiser. A fun-filled evening of movies and community spirit.

Tickets for sale from the school - 03 5354 5513 or scan QR code



When: September 19th - movie starts at 7pm

Where: Buangor Sports Oval

How much: Adults \$14, kids \$7

Movie showing: Lilo and Stitch (2025)

Bring along a picnic rug, a blanket, a cushion or a chair. We will be selling pizza, popcorn, icecreams and drinks. Adult drinks at bar prices.