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NEWSLETTER

24th August 2023 Term 3 Week 7

Issue 12



Students of the Fortnight

Congratulations to Lachie Doherty and Hugh Alexander on being our **Students of the Fortnight**. Lachie won his award for showing great improvement by working exceptionally in hard in Maths. Hugh received his award for working his constant hard work during Maths. Well done to both Lachie and Hugh!

THE FORTNIGHT IN REVIEW

We have had Science week and Book week over the last fortnight. During Science week, students participated in virtual science incursions. We also visited Scienceworks, this was an amazing day, where students immersed themselves in all things science. We had many comments, on the train and at Scienceworks about how well behaved our students were. Book week was this week, students again were immersed in activities based on the CBCA shortlisted books for 2023. The costumes worn by all were great to see, well done parents.

SAVE THE (TEMPORARY) DATE

As part of our end of term celebration in Media Arts, we will be showcasing the students stop motion animations at the Astor Cinema in Ararat. At this stage, we are looking at Thursday 7th September @ 2pm. We will bus the kids down and family and friends are welcome to attend. I will confirm this date asap.

WHAT'S ON

CLUSTER DAY: August 29th at Pomonal. We are aiming to leave at **8:45** please. The school bus will run as normal, I will chat to Hayden to see if he can arrive by 8:45.

BLACK RANGES: August 31st. Mrs Ashby will be taking the participants to Stawell for this event. If you are going to take your child, please let the school know.

ASSEMBLY: September 1st. This will be running as normal (Mr Mahony & Mrs P. are attending a course in Ballarat). Miss Ashmore and Mrs Ashby will be in attendance.



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

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Everyone should have received a letter from the school around our vision for the future of our school. As mentioned in the letter, we are aiming for our school to be 'the school to go to' in the area, based on academic excellence, student improvement, a safe and friendly environment and teacher excellence. As well as the introduction of our lunchtime clubs to instill belonging, inclusion and engagement, we have had a MASSIVE focus on building staff capacity. Staff (in consultation with me) have identified areas they would benefit from some learning. Professional development which has/is being undertaken to build teacher capacity is:

- Leading School Improvement
- Positive classroom management
- Primary Maths and Science Specialist
- Professional Learning Communities
- Inspire: Local Leaders
- Science of Reading elements
- Leading quality conversations

As a staff, we regularly have professional conversations and meetings around our practice and reflect on the teaching and learning in our classrooms. We are a supportive school, where diversity is accepted and encouraged. We support each other (students and staff) to be their best.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are still running our students to before or after school care in Ararat if needed. From all reports (by the students who have attended) it is a fun place with lots to do. Please contact the YMCA OSHC on 0400 886 524 if you would like to find out more or email on ararat.oshc@yballarat.org.au.

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.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

We began our lunchtime clubs this week.

- Monday Chess/boardgames
- Tuesday: Art (thanks Sarah A)
- Wednesday: Game design
- Thursday: Photography (thanks Sarah W)

If anyone would like to volunteer for lunchtime club next term, please let me know. I have had a request for engineering club, lego club, wood work club, science club.

JSC

Junior School Council have asked to do a Footy Colours Day on September 5th. JSC will provide lunch on this day. Gold Coin Donation please.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone that has supported our Book Fair this week. We (the staff) love it just as much as the students.

SEESAW

As part of making connections to our families, we are using Seesaw. Parents should have received sign in QR codes this week. You can access Seesaw through a phone, tablet or PC. We are super excited to use this platform to enhance these home/school connections. If you have any issues logging in please don't hesitate to contact us.

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

Please use your FAMILY name as a reference if you are making a payment.

3-6 CLASSROOM

It has been a very few weeks in the 3-6 classroom. The first week was science week. We signed up for a few webinars throughout the week and began our Monday with Arludo, a computer game programming company. The students were able to give their ideas to some games designers to put into the games that were created that day. Next on the Tuesday, we had an information webinar called Beneath the Sea. This seminar taught the students all about drones that venture into the sea to research different and difficult places to reach. Wednesday, we invited the F-2 class to join us for the Foldable Flight webinar with Questacon. This was as it sounded, making and testing paper aeroplanes. The students began with an A4 piece of paper and folded it into a paper plane instructed by Questacon. We then tested the planes and made alterations in order to change the patterns on how they would fly. Our second activity for Wednesday was a Kahoot quiz with SciFest. Raven was our top scorer of the class who came 11th out of more than 200 students! Thursday was the Scienceworks excursion in Melbourne. Many of the students were tuckered out by the end of the trip, but all had an absolute ball.



This week has been book week! To start off the 3-6 class we had a webinar with the Author Lian Tanner. The students agreed she was quite quirky but had some lovely advice for future writers from her many years of experience. Tuesday, the students had a short writing webinar where they did some of their own planning and writing then also shared some of their ideas to the host of the webinar to share with all the other schools watching. On Thursday we had a webinar with Kristin Darell who spoke to the students about her Footy Fever book series. She shared her tips and tricks when creating fun and interesting characters and then instructed the students to create their own special football teams. Later on Thursday, we had another webinar called 'Put Yourself in the Picture'. This was directed to the artists and illustrators in the room as we explored ideas and practices used by artists representing different beliefs, views and opinions. The students had a great time drawing and learning new techniques when creating their artworks.



Around all the science and book week webinars, the 3-6 class have continued their learning around 'time' in maths. The students have had a large focus on converting from 12-hour to 24-hour time, durations and ordering these times. Another important learning focus during the maths sessions has been students sharing with one another and educating others with their own strategies.



F-2 CLASSROOM

The last two weeks have been filled with fun. Last week was science week and we looked at a few different science online incursions. Students enjoyed the experiments with the liquid nitrogen especially when the man made things like balloons explode. They also enjoyed learning about animal care at the Sydney Zoo and how aeroplanes fly.

We also celebrated science week with an excursion to Scienceworks in Melbourne. It was an excellent day and the students were able to look at lots of different science based stuff. Students from Buangor loved the future exhibit where they were able to see what they might look like in the future as technology develops. They also loved looking at the sports section.

This week we have been looking at different shortlisted books, writing and discussing what we liked and disliked about each story we have read as a class. Students have also been given the opportunity in class to design their own book cover for a book they like or a book that they have imagined. It was also great seeing all the students dressed up on Tuesday in their book week costumes.

Some things students have said about the shortlisted books we read this week:



Adalee - I liked when the mum wrote/drew a book for the girl.

Teddy - I liked the green monster.

Paddy - I disliked when the girl was disrespectful to her mum saying the book she made wasn't a real book.



Henry - I liked the pictures.

Lucinda - I liked that they used Aboriginal words throughout the book and told us their meanings at the end.

Mckenna - I liked what this story was about.



Georgie - I like how she was trying to make her town a better place.

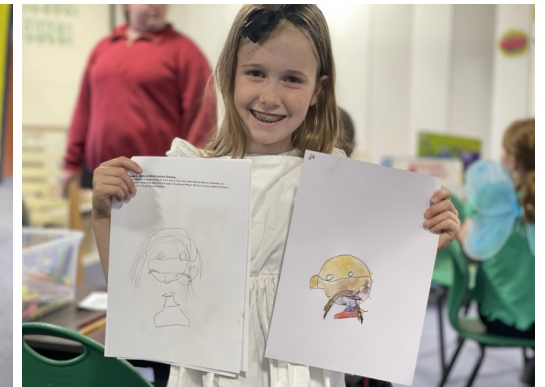
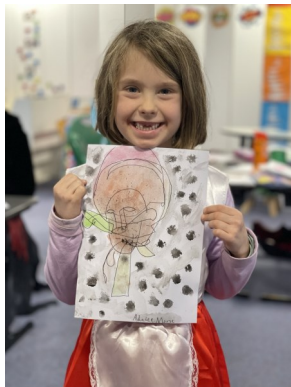
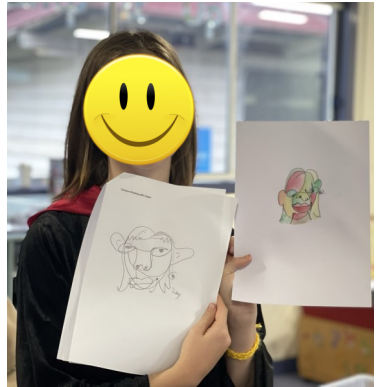
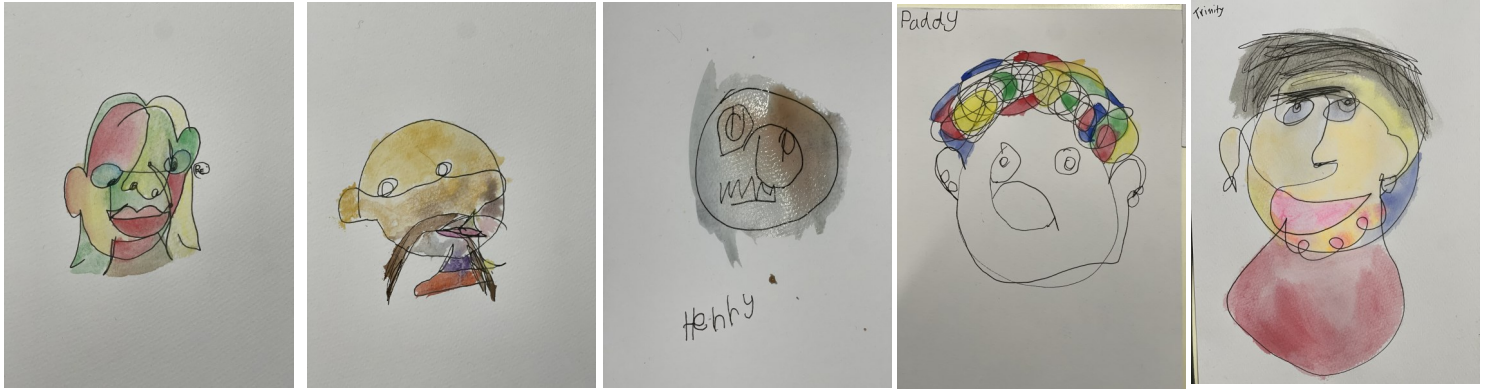
Marlie - I liked how the grandma showed the little girl about flowers.

Paddy - I didn't like the book because it didn't have much detail.

Arabella & Henry's Pet Lambs



Art- Lunchtime Club



CHESS- LUNCHTIME CLUB



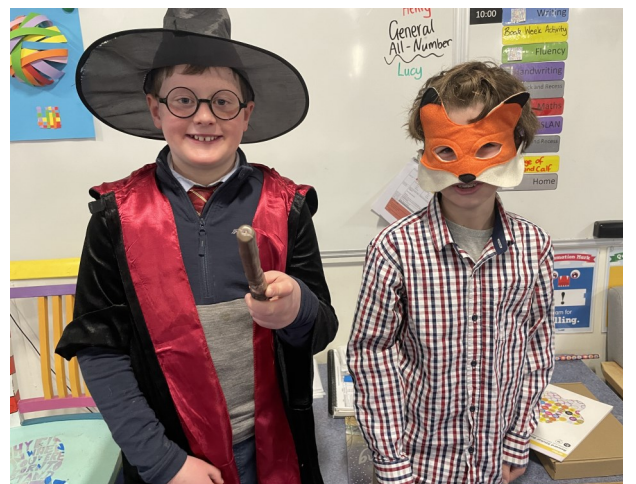
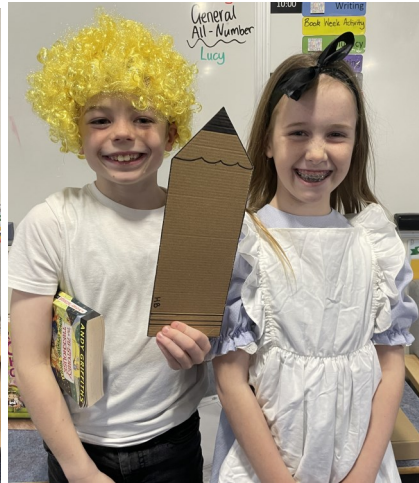
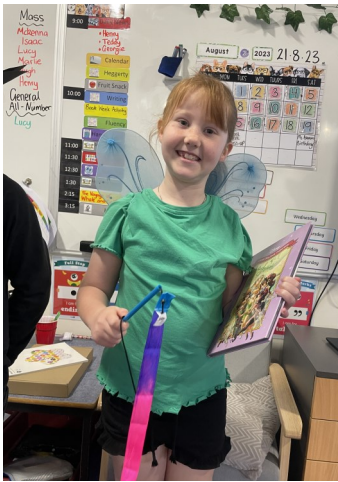
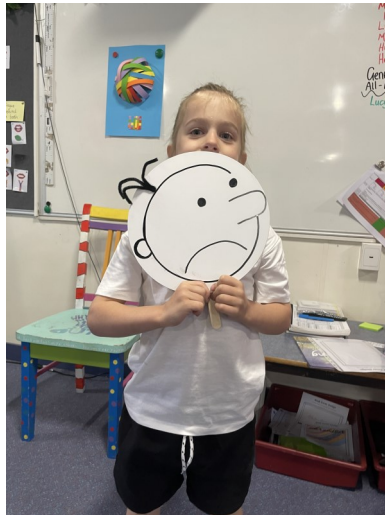
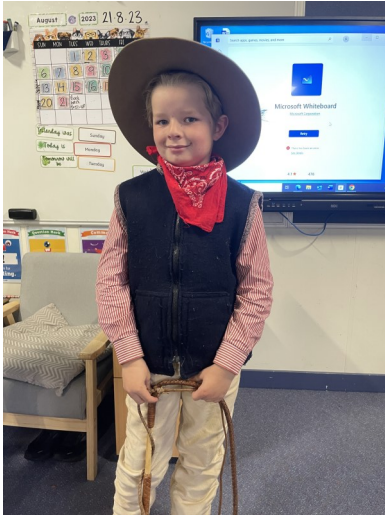
Happy Birthday to
Hugh Alexander.

Hugh will be celebrating
his birthday on
September 4th
We hope you enjoy your
special day!

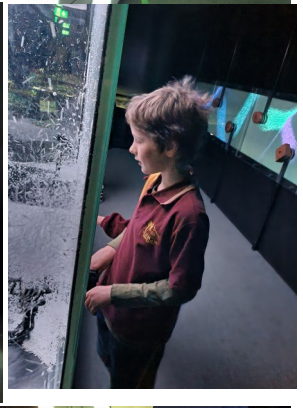
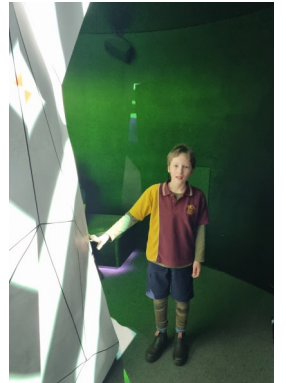
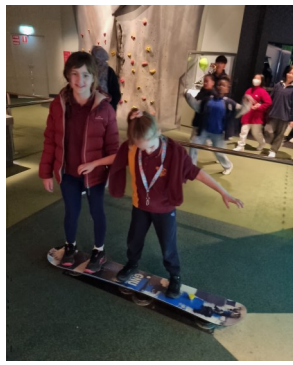
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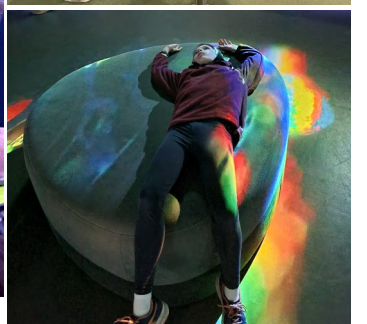
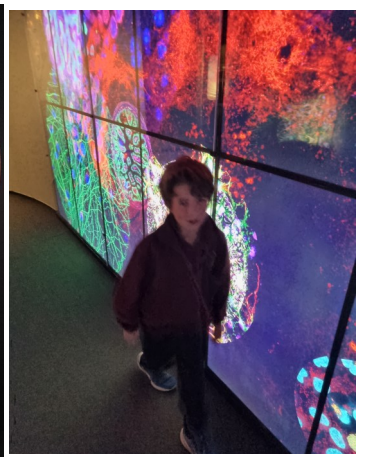


BOOK WEEK



SCIENCEWORKS





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1ST - 15TH OF SEPTEMBER

<https://beleza.com.au/online-store/>

ONLINE ONLY EXCLUSIVE FROM 1/09/2023 TO 15/09/2023 11:59PM AEST
DISCOUNT OFF RRP | NO FURTHER DISCOUNTS APPLY



Pizza

Friday, Sep 8th
Bar open 5 - 11pm

Community Dinner Events

@ Buangor Community Sports Centre
\$15 pp / kids under 10 \$5

Please RSVP to assist with catering

BBQ

Sunday, Sep 10th
Bar open 3 - 11pm
Dinner 5pm approx.



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.

\$1.00- Vegetarian Dim Sim

\$2.50- Plant based caramelised onion and
chickpea rolls

\$1.00- Mini vegetable pasties

\$3.00- Gluten free ham & pineapple pizza

\$1.00- Gluten free chicken strips

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