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NEWSLETTER 1st February 2024 Term 1 Week 1 Issue 1

Our 2024 Foundation Students!



WHAT'S ON

Assembly: February 2nd

No Preps: Feb 7th & 14th

Welcome BBQ: Feb 8th

Starting at 5.30pm

MARC: Feb 9th

School Council: Feb 12th

2024 Grade 6

Good luck to our 2024 Grade 6 students beginning their final year of Primary School!

School Bank Details

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

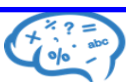
BUANGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT

BSB 063 500

ACCOUNT NUMBER 1004 3741

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



uEducateUs

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



Welcome to all our BPS families to 2024. I hope everyone had a great break and enjoyed the time at home with your families. We had a lovely relaxing Christmas, spent with family. Our oldest son Jack, is home from uni, which was nice. Ben our 2nd son got his licence, so he is off and about, he finished year 12 and started an apprenticeship and our daughter learnt how to drive a chaser bin, got her learners and got ready for year 11.

We welcome back Tayla in the F-2 classroom and welcome back Nathan, Michaela & Kate.

Our new foundation students Dekota, Digby, Indie, Lachlan & William have started the year off well and our other students are happy to be back and see their friends.

Reminders:

- Finish time 3:15pm
- Pie Day Friday is the same as previous years
- Students need to wear hats, if they do not have a hat they will need to play in the shade
- Foundation students will not attend school on Wednesdays until March 3rd (attending on this day)
- Welcome BBQ—Thursday 8th of February 5:30pm (please return the form attached to this newsletter)
- School swimming day is Thursday, 15th of Feb at Willaura outdoor pool - permission forms are on uEducateUs
- MARC van begins on Friday 9th of Feb - students have decorated bags for library books
- First assembly is on Feb 2nd in the Old Building at 2:45

No Hat, No Play

We are a SunSmart school and children not wearing a hat will be required to remain in a designated shaded area at recess, lunchtime and during outdoor class activities.



NO NUTS

Can students please not bring anything to school containing nuts.





WELCOME BBQ

We invite everyone to come and enjoy catching up and welcoming new families, students & teachers to our school. BBQ will be on Feb 8th @ 5:30pm. Can you please fill out the form attached to let us know if you will be attending and how many people are coming?

SWIMMING

Our swimming sports will be held on Thursday 15/2 at the Willaura outdoor pool. Permission forms are being sent out shortly. If you have not let me know about catching the bus or driving your kids in (you are welcome to stay) can you let me know ASAP please so I can book the appropriate bus.



CURRICULUM DAY

Staff at Buangor PS are working with our cluster schools to create a Professional Learning Community (PLC). The aim of this is to provide support for all teachers to identify areas of concern for our students and improve student outcomes. Our first whole cluster meeting is on Feb 14th. This will be a student free day.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEW

Our first PTSI will be on Feb 20th, please book your interview time through uEducateUs. We expect students to be present at these interviews. If you would like to discuss your child without them present, please organise an alternative time with the teacher.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://www.buangor-ps.vic.edu.au/>

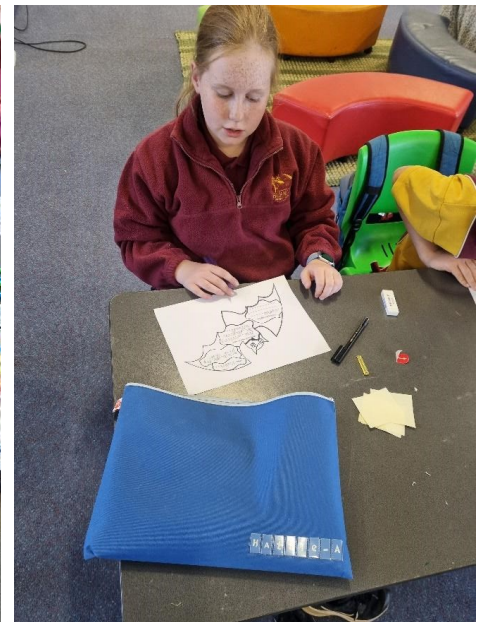
We ask parents to also review the [guidance we provide](#) on how we use [[Microsoft 365](#)/[Google Workspace for Education](#)] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [[Microsoft 365](#)/[Google Workspace for Education](#)], please contact the school.

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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.

3-6 CLASSROOM

Starting off with a very big warm welcome to our new year 3 students joining our classroom for 2024. We have commenced our first week of term one with some fun activities such as the 3-6 student heights. The students measured themselves on the first day of school to compare with the previous measurements we recorded just before the Christmas break to see how much they had grown. The 3-6 students have also chosen their classroom theme for the year. The winning idea was a spooky-haunted theme. One of the decoration ideas from Imogen was bats to hang from the roof. The students were given a blank bat with some questions printed on them about a goal they have for 2024. Once the goals were complete, the students had some free time to design and colour their own bats to be as scary as they pleased.



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.



Happy Birthday to our students who celebrate their birthdays in January and February.

31st January– Harriet Alexander

7th February– Isaac Potter

11th February– McKenna Potter

We hope you all enjoy your special day!

Term 1- Calendar 2024

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk1 Feb	29/1 Staff Return	30/1 Students Return	31/1 NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS	1/2 NEWSLETTER	2/2 ASSEMBLY
Wk2	5/2	6/2	7/2 NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS	8/2 WELCOME BBQ-5.30 pm	9/2 MARC
Wk3	12/2 SCHOOL COUNCIL	13/2	14/2 NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS	15/2 SWIMMING CARNIVAL NEWSLETTER	16/2 ASSEMBLY(3-6)
Wk4	19/2	20/2	21/2 NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS	22/2	23/2 MARC
Wk5 Mar	26/2	27/2	28/2 NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS Black Ranges Swimming	29/2 NEWSLETTER	1/3 Landcare Field Day- Moyston
Wk6	4/3	5/3	6/3 NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS	7/3	8/3 MARC
Wk7	11/3 LABOUR DAY	12/3	13/3 NAPLAN	14/3 NEWSLETTER	15/3 Cluster Day Willaura
Wk8	18/3 SCHOOL COUNCIL	19/3	20/3	21/3	22/3 MARC
Wk9	25/3	26/3	27/3	28//3 NEWSLETTER LAST DAY OF TERM 2.15pm FINISH 3-6 to host whole school celebration	29/3 GOOD FRIDAY

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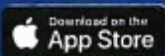


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School Preparations for the Bushfire Season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).



All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the **South West fire weather district**.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and have prioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a **Category 3** school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **South West fire district**.

What is the department's policy?

The department's Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in the **South West fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by text message and a notification on uEducateUs.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

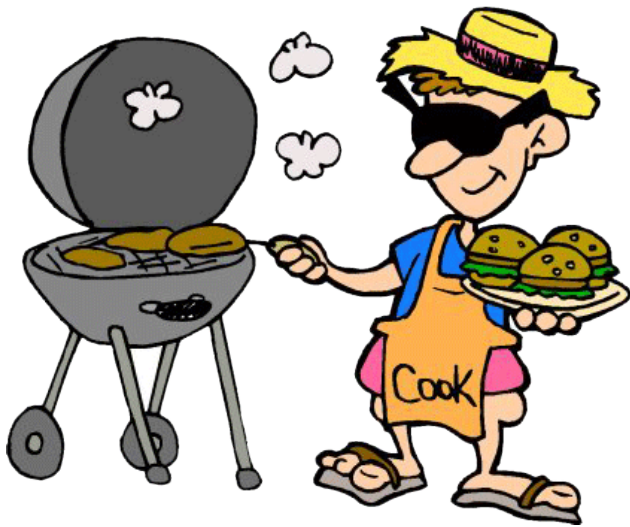
What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking uEducateUs and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the CFA's website.
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfire and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

2024 WELCOME BBQ



WE WOULD LOVE
TO SEE YOU AT
OUR 2023
WELCOME BBQ

DATE: 8th FEBRUARY

TIME: 5:30pm

Families with a surname starting with A-G please bring a salad to share. Families with a surname beginning with H-Z please bring a dessert to share.

BYO DRINKS.

PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BELOW ASAP:

Family name _____

Number of people attending _____

Dietary considerations _____