CALENDAR 2013

**Feb**
- 10th: Monday, Assembly Mr Christensen's Grade
- 11th: Tuesday, Parent Club Meeting—9a.m.
- 12th: Wednesday, Getting to Know Your Class Presentations:
  - 9-10am P-1 6—6.30pm
  - 10-12am 2-3 6.30—7.00pm
  - 12-1pm 4-6 7—7.30pm
- 17th: Monday, Assembly Mrs Connolly / Mrs Mahoney's Grade

**March**
- 3rd: Monday, Assembly Mrs Johnston's / Mrs Harford's Grade
- 5th: Wednesday, Preps first Wednesday for 2014
- 10th: Monday, Labour Day—no school
- 17th: Monday, School Photos
  - Assembly Mrs Martyn's Grade
- 24th: Monday, Assembly Mrs Renshaw's Grade
- 28th: Friday, School Sports—Geoff Watt Track, Burke St., Warragul
- 31st: Monday, Assembly Mrs Brooker’s Grade

**April**
- 4th: Friday, End of Term—2.30p.m. dismissal
- 22nd: Tuesday, Start of Term 2

**May**
- 5th-7th: Mon-Wed, Gr. 3/4 Camp to Forest Edge

MOWING ROSTER

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<td>Many thanks to the Martyn, Caia, Storey &amp; Wellings families for helping to keep our grounds looking great over the holiday break.</td>
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SOCIAL SKILLS THEME IS TAKING RISKS

*In our safe and caring School Community we collectively develop each child's social, emotional and academic skills for them to reach their full potential and become productive members of society.*
Dear Parents,
Welcome to this first newsletter of 2014. Also a very special welcome to the new Preps and their families. I’m sure your years at the school will be very happy and productive. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the Prep students and getting to know some of the parents. Please stop and say hello if we haven't already met. I have included in this newsletter much information that current parents and students already know, but it is useful as a reminder and vital to those of you new to Buln Buln.

This is the first newsletter that has been emailed to all parents rather than a combination of printed and email copies and this system will continue for the rest of this term. The Ultralanet reporting system had many well publicised issues and I have now replaced this with a far simpler and more accessible system called Sentral. Through this system you will access the fortnightly literacy and numeracy reports, the calendar, attendance data, school forms and much more. It is accessible through PC’s, Mac, Smart Phones and Tablets. Registration is very straightforward and we will run sessions later in the term to assist anyone who requires help with this. I am ensuring that before the system goes live to families that it is fully functional and that we have worked through any glitches in the program. In the meantime, the formative assessments will continue fortnightly as previously, but will only be published towards the end of the term. I will be approaching some families in the next couple of weeks to register early to ensure that this side of the system is running smoothly.

The information below will be particularly useful to those of you new to the school. If there is anything you are unsure of please don't hesitate to ask at the office, your child’s class teacher or to give us a call. Have a great week.

Drew Allison
Principal

Getting To Know Your Class Presentations
On Wednesday 12th February there will be presentations by the class teacher about how the grades work and the expectations for the year. These are not parent/teacher interviews, which will take place towards the end of terms 2 and 4. The timings for the presentations are:
P-1 6—6.30pm
2-3 6.30—7.00pm
4-6 7—7.30pm

School Fees
The prompt payment of school fees is much appreciated, as these funds are used for classroom and specialist resourcing. A payment plan is available if needed—please see Lyn at the office. School fees are $110 per child for the year.

Anaphylaxis
Anaphylaxis is an acute reaction to certain food items and insect stings. It is a severe and potentially life threatening condition. The most common allergens are nuts, eggs, cow's milk, bee and other insect stings and some medications. Signs and symptoms range from mild/moderate hives/ rash, tingling in or around the mouth, abdominal pain, vomiting or diarrhoea, facial swelling to severe cough or wheeze, difficulty breathing or swallowing, loss of consciousness or collapse or cessation of breathing.

The Education Department policy for schools is to reduce the risks of an anaphylactic episode through awareness, avoidance and action.

We have a number of students who have nut-related allergies.

By making the school community aware of the seriousness of the risk we ask that foods brought into our school NOT INCLUDE NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS.

Attendance
All students are expected at school every day. An absence note sheet is attached to communicate the reason for absence which the school is required to keep. We aim for an attendance of over 95% for each child.

Headlice
Please continue to be on the lookout for these persistent pests. We regularly check to try and prevent their spread.

Classroom Helpers
Teachers welcome the support of parents in a range of activities. Please note that classroom helpers must have a Working With Children Check (available online at this link: http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/) completed before they can be a helper. Any helpers are to sign in and out at the office and wear a name tag for that time.

Education Maintenance Allowance
The EMA provides financial assistance to families on a low income to help with the cost of essential educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions. EMA is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink/Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible. Application forms are available from the office and must be returned by February 15th together with your eligible card.

Conveyance Allowance
If you travel further than 4.8km to school and Buln Buln is your nearest state school you are eligible to apply for a conveyance allowance. This helps offset the costs of travel. New applications need to be completed and returned by February 16th. No new application is necessary if families were previously entitled and circumstances remain unchanged.

Mowing
Attached to the newsletter today is a flyer asking for families to put your names down on our mowing roster. The school has both a ride on mower and a push mower on site available for families to use and all fuel is supplied. With the help of many families we can spread the workload and therefore decrease the number of times you are requested to help out. Please see Lyn at the Office if you are available.

Parking
Please park safely and wisely as the school zone gets very busy. The top car park can only be accessed by making a left hand turn when entering and exiting due to the line marking restrictions. Parking in the school grounds is for staff and delivery vehicles only. Parent access is for before and after school care only. Attached to this week's news letter is a map indicating directions. Any queries please ask at the office.

Website
Our school's website is www.bulnbulnps.vic.edu.au. This will include newsletters, calendars, forms and a range of information accessible at any time.
School Banking
School Banking starts this Wednesday—please send along your child’s deposit book and money to the classroom teachers.

Lunch Orders
School lunch orders are up and running each Wednesday. Please place your child’s order in a brown paper bag and if possible, please use correct change.

Icy-Poles
Our grade six students sell icy-poles during Terms One and Four in the undercover area for 30c and 60c each.

Bookclub
This service provides cheap books and related materials for your children plus a percentage of sales go towards books for our library. Bookclub orders and money should be returned to your child’s class teacher by Wednesday 12th February.

Active After School Program
For families that are new to our school the Active After School Communities Program is a Commonwealth funded program aimed at encouraging children to be active and experience different sports. All activities are provided free to parents with the cost of coaches, supervision and a healthy snack covered by the grant. At Buln Buln we run two activities each term, one for the Prep, Grade 1 and 2 students and another for the Grade 3 to 6 students.

Programs are advertised through the newsletter and usually run for seven consecutive weeks. Children participating meet at 3.30 in the undercover area to enjoy a healthy fruit snack and mark a roll. The coach then runs the session until 4.45pm. All programs are inclusive of all levels of fitness and experience with the emphasis on fun and participation. There are 15 places in each activity and these spots are allocated as forms are returned to the office. We do keep a waiting list as sometimes circumstances change and a child may withdraw from a program.

Active After School activities will begin next week. For Term 1 there will be Dance for the Prep, Grade 1 and 2 children on Tuesdays and football for the Grade 3 to 6 students on Mondays. The Dance coach will be Steph Jones and Jason Hibbs will be the coach for football. Programs begin straight after school with a healthy fruit snack and roll marking. Sessions finish at 4.45 and students should be collected from school at that time. Please note that no students are permitted to walk home alone at the end of the program. All students need to have a drink bottle that can be refilled and their school hat. Both hat and drink bottle should be clearly named. All dates are listed on the permission form with your newsletter. As both programs begin next week forms should be returned to the office by Friday this week. The 15 places are allocated in order of the receipt of forms.

PARENT CLUB
Next General Meeting: 11th Feb 2014—9.00 am

AGM: 4th March 2014—9.00 am

Twilight Cinema Night - 22nd Feb 2014 5.30 pm
Tickets will be available from next week at $20 per family, $10 Adults, $5 kids (3-15 years) and under 3 Free. Tickets will not be available at the gate so please ensure that you book your tickets early. Flyers will be going out next week with more information available in next weeks newsletter.
We would like to have our sponsorship details finalised by Friday 7th February so if you are aware of any perspective sponsors could you please have them contact Danielle Smethurst on 0438 320 139 or Lyn at the office.
The year is off to a flying start, and our school is full of the excitement and a touch of nervousness that a new year brings. There will be many exciting days ahead but for me the first big challenge is to learn and remember all the new Preps names. On the subject of names, last Tuesday as staff gathered to plan and prepare, I asked them to say something about their name, perhaps how they got it or what it means. I shared a story that my mum told me about how I came to be called Barbara. The idea came about because my adult children are at the stage of having children themselves and so they are talking about potential baby names. While our names do give us an identity, W.C. Fields once said "It ain't what they call you, it's what you answer to." It might not be our name but I wonder what things we might answer to. His comment reminds me that there are other labels that we might wear, 'names' that either enable or disable us. They may be terms that help us to grow and develop to our full potential or words that hurt and limit our progress. I wonder what the world would look like if we all named each other in ways that created peace, joy and hope.

On the first day of school I was able to visit various rooms. In the Grade 2/3 room Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Harford and Mrs. Smith were talking about the word they most like to use to encourage and praise students. When I was asked what was most important to me I said that it was the word "kind". I notice when students show this quality towards others and I will often praise them for very simple acts of kindness. During the second day of school I was able to spend time with the prep/one classes and to get to know the new students. I was also able to see kindness in action with the Grade six students doing an excellent job looking after their buddies and making sure that they feel comfortable in the playground.

Most parents will already be familiar with how Chaplaincy works at Buln Buln Primary and with the role that I play at the school, and I look forward to getting to know the new families. One thing that I do each week is to set up a small display area in the staff room. It will often be a creative exhibit of current events which regularly feature stories and quotes. A favourite of mine follows:

> We can not do great things, only small things with great love. It is not how you do but how much love you put into doing it – Mother Teresa.

This is something that guides much of my role as Chaplain.

One of the activities that I assist with is a meal support roster. There are a number of families who have offered to provide a meal for another family when this is helpful. It may be due to an illness or some other event. This is just one way that the school as a whole can express care and support each other. Sometimes people find it easy to accept a helping hand, sometimes it can be harder, but it is a good opportunity for children to witness and experience the generosity and compassion that is a hallmark of the Buln Buln school community. Sometimes just having one meal a week prepared for you is such a help. I am always mindful of privacy issues and there have been times when it has been appropriate for the recipients to remain anonymous. In this case families who cook are given the number of people and any food allergies or dislikes. If you know of any family who would appreciate this kind of support please let me know or leave a message at the office with Lyn Weller. Most importantly I wanted to let the new families know about this activity. If you are interested in participating please supply some information included on the attached form. This can either be printed and delivered to the school or copied and emailed to me – kingwillbj@hotmail.com. Would those families who have been involved in the past also reply to indicate their availability?

Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

### Meal Support Roster

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<td>I would like to add my name</td>
<td>to the meal support volunteer list</td>
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It is helpful if meals are labeled as to type and date prepared and delivered and placed in the fridge in the Lyrebird room. Disposable food containers are available on request at the office.
Ordering Lunch: Use a brown paper bag, record child’s name, class, order, costs and total cost.

If a brown paper bag needs to be supplied, please include an extra 10c to cover the cost of one.

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<td>Smiths Chips- plain, chicken, S &amp; V $2.00</td>
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<td>Vegemite</td>
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| 20c extra                             |                                               |
LEGAL ACCESS TO TOP CAR PARK
(Due to road line markings)

- Red line indicates legal route to access and enter Top Car Park
- Blue line indicates legal route to exit Top Car Park

- Bus Loop
- Top Car Park
- School
Active After School Programs  Term 1  2014

Program 1:  Grades Prep—2
Dance
Conducted by Steph Jones
Tuesdays starting Tuesday 11th February and running for 7 sessions,
3.30pm-4.45pm. Tuesday 11/2, 18/2, 25/2, 4/3, 11/3, 18/3, 25/3 and 1/4.
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 3—6
AFL
Conducted by Jason Hibbs
Mondays starting Monday 17th February and running for
7 sessions,
3.30pm-4.45pm. Monday 24/2, 3/3, 10/3, 17/3, 24/3 and 31/3.
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.

Return Permission Forms to the office by Friday 7th February, 2014

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES — TERM 1 2014

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

AFL       - Grades 3-6  
Dance     - Grades Prep-2

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.)

________________________________________________________

Signed (parent/guardian): ........................................... Date: ............................
Telephone contact numbers during period of activity:

Home: .................................................. Name: ...........................................
Emerg: ............................................... Name: ............................................
My child …………………………
Was absent from school on the following date/s.
The reason for this absence is as follows:-
                                                                                       
                                                                                       
Signed:   ______________________________

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Was absent from school on the following date/s.
The reason for this absence is as follows:-
                                                                                       
                                                                                       
Signed:   ______________________________