### CALENDAR 2013

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<td>**** Coming soon to Buln Buln Primary******* Book Fair May 19th – 23rd. Mark this on the calendar!!</td>
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### MOWING ROSTER

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**SOCIAL SKILL THEMES: GETTING ALONG, PERSISTENCE, CONFIDENCE, ORGANISATION & RESILIENCE**

*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 back to term 2, which will be extremely busy with Naplan for year 3 & 5 students, The Taste of Good Food cooking programme, grade 3 & 4 camp, education week, Mothers Day stall, book fair and a couple of staff professional development days thrown in for good measure.

In assembly yesterday we gave social skills awards. Congratulations to the following students:

Archie, Claire, Bailey, Stella, Flynn, Max, Daniel and Jazzmyn.

On Friday it was a pleasure to represent Buln Buln PS at the Anzac service in Warragul, along side Jasmine, McKenzie, Max and Cullen. The students laid a wreath prepared by Kim Storey and were a credit to the school.

It has been brought to my attention that some issues regarding the use of social media outside of the school have started to emerge in school. This revolves mainly around the use of “Kik”. This can not be accessed within school, but the discussions between students related to the messages being sent on it certainly did start to appear in the latter part of last term.

Kik is a messaging app for smart devices such as smartphones, ipod touches and tablets. Once the app is downloaded the user can send texts, ‘stickers’, pictures, surveys and videos to other Kik users free of charge (other than normal data costs) – which is one of the reasons it is popular with kids. **Kik states that users must be 17 years or older.**

Kik users have a User Name to identify them; they don’t use their phone number. Some users share their User Names with each other on other platforms like Instagram to continue the chat privately.

The use of the internet and social media can be likened to teaching children how to swim. It needs to be explicitly taught in an environment that is safe and well monitored. We certainly wouldn’t dream of keeping children away from the water until the age of 18, then throw them off the end of the pier and expect them to swim. It is important therefore that all of us are fully aware of how to communicate safely online and to provide a safe environment where children can feel confident, comfortable and, if necessary, report or seek help with issues that they encounter.

I have copied a link below to an excellent resource for students, parents and teachers. It is designed to support and encourage participation in the digital resources by providing information and education which empowers children to be safe online.

**http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/**

Here is also a set of frequently asked questions about Kik:

**Are there risks for my child?**

Kik allows children to send messages to other users as they would with SMS. The main difference is that you might not know who they are messaging and in some cases they may not know who is messaging them. Kik also allows you to send messages and pictures to more than one user at a time.

**What should my child do to protect themselves?**

Ideally children should only message friends they know offline. If they are going to message strangers or ‘friends of friends’ they should keep their information including their phone number private. In the ‘privacy’ settings of Kik users can block people. Under the ‘notifications’ setting, users can choose whether to turn the ‘Ignore new people’ on – the default is set to off.

**Is there inappropriate content on Kik?**

The type of content your child will receive will depend on who they are sharing messages with. If they only message people they know the risk of being sent inappropriate content is the same as with normal messaging.

If they seek out anonymous users, they may be subject to inappropriate content. Remember the Kik developers recommend use by those 17 years and over.

**If my child is quite vulnerable should I stop them using Kik?**

You know your child better than anyone else. If you are concerned about them you should keep a close watch on all their on and offline activities. If you feel they are in contact with anonymous users talk to them about your concerns.

**How do I talk to my child about my concerns?**

Be honest with them. Express your love and concern about what might happen. Ask if they have experienced bullying or sexual advances. Banning seldom works and children will find other ways to get online and may stop talking to you about issues to avoid getting in trouble. Keep the communication open. If they won’t talk to you about things, recruit a trusted family friend or family member to keep the communication going.

**When should I be worried about my child?**

If your child’s behaviour changes at home and/or school you should talk to them. Examples of changed behaviour could include disinterest in things they used to like, seeming very unhappy and/or their sleep and eating is being impacted. Seek professional advice if necessary. If your child has particular vulnerabilities, be vigilant about their contacts offline and online. Help them join groups out of school where they can find friends and support. Talk to the school and make sure they are supported.

Kids Helpline provides free online and phone counselling for children and young people.


An excellent and free opportunity to gain a Level 3 qualification in Business, with a strong emphasis on the use of technology, is being offered through the school by The Technology Institute of Victoria. This will be hosted at the school during the day and all participants will be loaned a Toshiba notebook computer to use throughout the duration of the course. It is open to parents, family and friends. For the course to be offered there is a requirement that there are twenty participants. The information and expression of interest is an attachment to this newsletter email, which has to be returned by Friday 9th May. There are also hard copies at the school office.

As this term begins it is a good time to praise students for how smart they have looked in school and whilst representing Buln Buln at events in the community. If uniform is lost or outgrown, we hold a small amount of second hand items in school. Hip Pocket Work Wear have a full range of our current items.

It is also timely to remind our students about issues around uniform. Jewelry is strongly discouraged, and it is expected that this would be limited to stud earrings, in the case of pierced ears, and watches. As well as health and safety considerations, the school and education department do not hold insurance for items that are lost or broken. Makeup should not be worn. If there is a cultural or medical need, this can be discussed with myself and the classroom teacher. Long hair should be tied back for safety, and also it helps us be ever vigilant and active in discouraging head lice.
Dear Parents,

You may have seen in last week’s newsletter that we have had a couple of stalls to raise money: the Easter raffle and bulb fundraiser. As a result, we have made a profit of $865 from the Easter raffle and $600 from the sale of bulbs. Money which will be well spent on your child/children’s schooling.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is on until September! Students from Prep-2 are required to read 30 picture story books as a class. Parents of Prep-2 students do not need to do anything at home, these books are read at school and teachers will record the number of books for the whole class.

Grade 3-6 students are required to read 15 books independently, or with family members. Parents of 3-6 students can help their child by making sure they are reading every night and keeping a record of the books that are read. Grade 3 student’s books will be recorded online by their classroom teacher. Grade 4/5 and 6 students will be logging in during class time to record their books online. Remember that most of the books that are read need to be from the official Reading Challenge book list which can be found at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc.

If you are able to help at the stall, which commences at 9.00am on the Friday morning and generally finishes by 10.00am, please leave your name with Lyn at the office or let Jan Doberer know if you are available.

Hot chocolates will be on sale for $1.00 again this term each Friday from the Lyrebird room. A roster will be left at the office with Lyn for people to place their name to help out. We only need 3 people each week from 10.30 till 11.30. If we are able to get enough helpers, you may only be required to help out once or twice a term.

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The Grade 6 class acted out an event from the war in Gallipoli. They told the story of a submarine, the AE2 and its crew and how they worked their way through the Dardanelles. Unfortunately the submarine was hit by Turkish torpedoes and the men had to abandon their ship. Some of the soldiers were rescued by the Turks and for 3 and a half years were forced to work on building a railway line through rugged mountain country. The captain, Henry Stoker was remembered as being very proud of his crew for being brave and loyal to their country.

PARENT CLUB

Mothers Day Stall—9th May

This is a very exciting time for the children to bring along their money and purchase a gift for their mums. All gifts are $7.00 each and correct money if possible would be appreciated.

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Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

**Bunnings visit**
Today we had a visit from Tracey from Bunnings who helped Grades Prep to Three to plant veggies into our garden. We are very grateful for their donation of veggies, time and equipment.

**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.

For Term 2 there will be Fun Net for the Prep, Grade 1 and 2 children on Tuesdays and multi skills/hockey for the Grade 3 to 6 students on Mondays. The Fun Net coach will be Ashlea Lawry and Chris Miles will be the coach for Multi Skills/Hockey. 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 on the 12th & 13th May forms should be returned to the office by Friday this week. The 15 places are allocated in order of the receipt of forms.