Dear Parents

**Strategic Direction**

From our Peer Review we have developed our Strategic Plan for the years 2016 – 2019. This document outlines our goals and direction for the next four years. Our Strategic Plan is approved by Shane Wainwright, our Senior Education Improvement Leader and then reviewed for quality and assurance before being endorsed by the Department of Education and Training (DET).

The goals we developed include:

- To improve student outcomes in English and Mathematics.
- To build strong partnerships with all community members through improved connectedness.
- To build capable learners who confidently share their opinions and learning.

From our Strategic Plan we have written our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP), this provides detailed information on how we will achieve our school goals in 2016. Our AIP was presented to School Council last week and endorsed. Shane Wainwright is currently reviewing our AIP and will provide feedback to us. It is then sent to DET.

**ANZAC Day**

Yesterday Rhys, Thomas, Kate, Sophia and Mr. Christensen represented Buln Buln Primary School at the ANZAC Day Commemoration in Warragul. They proudly marched before laying a wreath at the Cenotaph. Thank you to Kim Storey for making our beautiful wreath.

**Junior School Council Fun Run**

What a fun event! Students ran, walked and talked their way around the oval/cricket pitch. It was lovely to see their smiling faces. Monies raised will be tallied this week, with the final amount announced next week.

Thank you so much to the parents and other family members who came and supported us.

**Forest Edge Camp**

There are some excited staff and students in our 3/4 classroom, and also a few nerves. It is fantastic that students talk openly about how they are feeling about camp. We hope they have a wonderful time – the weather looks great!

**Foundation Bags**

On Friday, students in Foundation Level were presented with the bags DET provided for them. Usually these are presented at the beginning of the year but this year we have had an unfortunate wait, due to the fact we did not receive enough bags for all of our students.

**Interschool Athletics Sports**

Good luck to all the children participating in the Interschool Athletic Sports at Newborough tomorrow.

Nicole Ball, Acting Principal
School Council
Last week we held our School Council Meeting. School Council Ratified our 2016 Annual Implementation Plan and also Endorsed our 2015 Annual Report. Parent Club presented to School Council the great efforts they have already achieved with their fundraising efforts which are supported by our School Community. They also shared their ideas for the rest of the year. Buildings and Grounds have brought up some ideas on how to update our children’s play area and incorporate a rebound wall. There are also larger ideas on building some kind of structure for extra cover, seating etc. It was brought to our attention that our Official School Number is 2017 and with next year being 2017 we should look at some ways to celebrate this. Policy and Planning laid out the structure for the year of updating Policies and adding them onto the Web. All in all it was a very constructive meeting. School Council will next meet on 10th May at 7pm. Again, if anyone is interested in contributing to our sub-committees; Policy and Planning, Finance or Buildings and Grounds we would love to have you on board. The same goes for Parents & Friends.

Parent Club
Volunteers needed to help with hot chocolates on Friday mornings between 10.30 – 11.30am. Please leave your name at the office if you can help. Hot chocolates will be available on Friday recess from the Lyrebird room for $1.

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Friday 6th May. All gifts will be $7. If you can help out on the stall (from 9am.) please leave your name at the office or with Janine Sharman.

MARC Van
This fortnight in MARC Library the focus will continue to focus on the careful selection of age and interest appropriate reading materials.

Also, there are still quite a number of students who still need to source a borrowing bag or satchel for themselves. As well as the students name and grade the bag should be clearly marked MARC library.

During the current fortnightly cycle Senior and Middle school students will be introduced to texts linked to ANZAC Day. Students will be presented with both Non-Fiction and Fiction material. A strong focus will be on ‘The Victoria Cross’ and its recipients. Students will be presented with works by Rebecka Sharpe Shelberg and Nicholas Brasch. Research skills will continue to be expanded upon to access knowledge related to the text.

Students in F-2 classes will continue to focus on listening and borrowing skills. Students will be introduced to ANZAC themes through discussions which will stem from the introduction and reading of Libby Hawthorn’s Picture Story Book, ‘A Soldier, a Dog and a Boy’ and/or Rebecka Sharpe Shelberg’s, ‘Reflection’.

The aim this term will be to continually develop an understanding that the books discussed encompass a ‘big idea’, which in this instance is co-operation.

Well done everyone!