Dear Parents
Welcome to this first newsletter of 2015. Also a very special welcome to all of our new students 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.

Getting To Know Your Class
On Wednesday 11th February there will be an opportunity to meet the class teacher to get information 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:
Prep 6—6.20pm
1-2 6.20—6.40pm
3-4 6.40—7.00pm
5-6 7.00-7.20pm
Laptops and assistance will also be available on the night for those of you who would like some assistance registering for Sentral.

Sentral Registration and Login
Yesterday emails were sent to the new families with your family access key and the addresses that you need to register. If you already have children at the school your login details remain the same.

This is a simple process that will involve you entering your email address and a password of four characters or more. Once you have done this you will be asked to enter the ‘family key’, which is provided in the email. Simply copy and paste this across and you will see your child(ren)’s picture on the screen. Click on the picture and you will be able to access their portal.
The links to register then login are:
https://sentral.bulnbulnps.vic.edu.au/portal/register
https://sentral.bulnbulnps.vic.edu.au/portal/login

Attendance
All students are expected at school every day. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have a pre-arranged appointment. Explanations of why a child is absent are required and this can be done in Sentral. Daily learning time starts at 9am so please ensure your child(ren) is in school prior to this and ready to begin.
Many thanks to the Martyn, Smethurst and Caia families for helping to keep our grounds neat and tidy.

Friday 6th

**To explain absences:**
Click on Absences.
Click on Explain Absences.

You can also see an overview of your child’s attendance in this area.

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**Sun Smart**
An ongoing reminder that it is now well and truly into the SunSmart period and that students need to be wearing broad brimmed hats. The link below will allow you to install the free SunSmart app on a smart phone or tablet.


The UV alert now can also be viewed on the school website homepage.

**School Fees**
School fees are $110 for the year. Prompt payment is much appreciated, as these funds are used for classroom and specialist resourcing. A payment plan is available if needed- please see Lyn Weller in the school office.

**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.

**House Structure**
Our house structure has now been introduced. The students have been informed of their houses and the colour that represents it, as well as being introduced to their captain and vice-captain. The Captains will represent the school at community events, lead assemblies and be exemplary role models for our student community. Their vice captains will be there to deputise and assist them with their duties. Siblings have been allocated to the same house to develop a real sense of community and belonging.

House points will be awarded for learning, attitude, good work, improvement,
attendance, social skills etc. A running tally of points will be kept with the weekly award of the House trophy. The houses are named Kestrel (Yellow), Harrier (Blue), Kite (Green) and Falcon (Red).

Lara Duncan – Captain Falcon House
Tess Grubb – Vice Captain Falcon House

Tanae Guy – Captain Harrier House
Hamish Clark – Vice Captain Harrier House

Bailey Willis – Captain Kestrel House
Montanna Brown – Vice Captain Kestrel House

Drew Cahill – Captain Kite House
Eilidh Purton – Vice Captain Kite House

Visitor Badges
There are badges at reception that must be worn by all visitors to the school. As a community we are excellent at signing in and out of the building. This helps staff and students more clearly identify who visitors are and also ensure that we are fully following OH&S requirements.

This badge is for those of you helping in class, around the school and on school excursions. It is already pre ticked for the Working With Children Check as this is a pre requisite of working within the school in any capacity.

This badge is for general visitors to the sight, i.e contractors, parents visiting staff, etc
If a student is late, this needs to be collected from the office and handed to the teacher.

If there is a need to pick a student up early for an appointment, please sign them out of the office and collect this badge. This then must be handed to the class teacher.

There are other badges that you might see as you visit the school relating to pre service teachers, work experience students etc. These will assist you in knowing the purpose of any unfamiliar ‘faces’ around the school site.

Parking
It is important that I strongly emphasise the importance of safe car 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.

Please do not ignore the no parking signs. Under no circumstances, park on the grass verges approaching the school from either direction as this obscures driver’s view of the crossing. Please also be aware of parking laws in terms of how close you park to junctions etc. There is plenty of parking no more than two minutes walk away at the footy oval.

The school park is not to be used for dropping off or collecting students unless in before / after school care. Please help us keep everyone safe at these busy times of day. Below is a diagram of traffic flow.

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

The menu can be found in Sentral. Login and click on your child’s photo. Click Dashboard. Click Resources.

The following page has the lunch order menu. The school handbook is also on this page.

Newsletters 2015
This year, newsletters will be published fortnightly. There is now a calendar in Sentral that is kept up to date and is accessible at any time to you. The award winners for the fortnight period will all be published in the newsletter.

Login to’ Sentral’ Click ‘Applications’ Click ‘Webcal’ and choose ‘Parent Calendar’

You will then see this calendar.
**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.

**Assembly**
We enjoy welcoming families to assembly to celebrate the success of our students. **Please, however, do not go back to your child’s classroom with them when the assembly finishes. The school day and routine begins at 9.00am and it is important that this continues.**

**Conveyance Allowance**
If you travel further than 4.8km to school and Buln Buln is your nearest state school you may be 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.

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

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**Parent Club**
Hi everyone and welcome to 2015. It’s with great excitement to let you all know that Parent Club have purchased 2 refrigerators for the use of all children. One is located in the grade 5/6 room and one in the great space. There are a few simple rules that need to be adhered to and we would appreciate you explaining these to your children.

1. To make sure your containers come home, please ensure they are clearly named as each Friday before the end of school, a PC member will clean out the fridge and discard any leftover food or containers.
2. Children are not to open the fridge unless they have food in it and they are not to touch or move anyone’s lunch.
3. Please only put food that needs to be refrigerated in the fridge as space may become an issue if their whole lunch box is put in.

We hope having these fridges in place may make life easier when it comes to packing healthy snacks and lunches like yoghurt, fruit salad, cheese, dips, salad wraps and leftovers from dinner. If you have any questions or suggestions please don’t hesitate
to find me after school to discuss.

Included in this newsletter is an order form for the Concert DVD for 2014. The cost is $10. Please fill out and return with money to the office if you require a copy.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN
It has been a great start to the school year and with the first Monday assembly yesterday the school year feels like it has now ‘officially’ begun. I have particularly enjoyed spending time in the prep classes, seeing how all the new students have been welcomed and have settled into the school. The grade six students have been doing an excellent job looking after their buddies and making sure that they feel comfortable in the playground.

Many parents will already be familiar 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 cannot 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. So often it is the small and simple acts of ‘friendliness’ that make all the difference for child and adult alike. A smile and a word of encouragement cost the giver nothing, yet they offer the recipient a priceless gift. Our school, homes and our community are enriched when we respond to each other with caring and kindness.

Each week I will be at the school for two days, this includes Monday and one other day during the week. If you would like to speak to me, or arrange for me to chat to your child this can be organised. The form below can be completed and returned to the school; alternatively you can visit or phone and speak to me. Some families who are going through challenging times, due to illness or other unexpected life events, find that their child benefits from some extra support in addition to what the other caring members of the school staff provide. When we are aware of a particular need teaching staff and I can work in conjunction to provide the level of care that assists both the child and family to cope with these challenges.

I look forward to another great year of learning in 2015
Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

Buln Buln Netball Club Junior Registration and Training
Buln Buln Netball club junior registration and training is tonight Tuesday 3rd February at 6pm at the netball courts.
This is for girls aged:
Under 11 (Born 2004 , 2005)
Under 13 (Born 2002 or 2003)
Under 15 (born 2001 and 2000)
Under 17 (Born 1999 and 1998).
Any questions talk to Mrs Martyn
Parent/Guardian Chaplain Referral

Student Name: ___________________________ Grade __________

Parent’s/Guardian’s Name: __________________________

Contact phone number/s: __________________________

☐ I/We would like to meet with the Chaplain

☐ I/We would like our/my child to meet with the Chaplain

Concerns you may have (optional): __________________________
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I/We give permission for the Chaplain to see my/our child.
(Permission may be withdrawn in writing at any time.)

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ________________
HELP REQUIRED!

To ease the workload of our small, but dedicated team of volunteers, we are seeking more families to register their names on the mowing roster. All you need to do is mow the lawns and all equipment is supplied.

The more families we get to register means less work for everyone.

If you can assist, please leave your name at the Office or phone 5626 8330.

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2014 SCHOOL CONCERT DVD ORDER FORM

$10.00 per copy
(please enclose correct money in envelope with students name and grade)

NAME:: _______________________
GRADE: _______________________
Number of copies: _____________
Amount enclosed: ______________