Dear Parents

At our recent school council meeting, approval was given to conduct a Curriculum day at Buln Buln PS on Wednesday July 15th (the Wednesday of the first week back at school)

The professional development focus is on Restorative Practices. This is a method of dealing with conflict resolution with which I am familiar, and which is useful for all schools to develop and ensure positive relationships. Restorative practices is a no-blame approach to fixing a problem whether the issue be a minor altercation or resolving something far more harmful. Restorative practice is an approach that restores and heals without ongoing resentment that often follows when there is blame.

Remember back to a time you were blamed for something without the opportunity to “have your say about how you saw the situation from your perspective.” How did you feel? Most people answer with the word “angry.” And when we feel angry about something that we view as unjust or unfair, we “hit out” or rebel against the person involved in the issue AND the person deciding the punishment.

Consequently all staff will undertake training in this approach that will then be implemented as a support to the Student Management processes that currently exist within the school.

I know this is short notice but it is important that we participate in the opportunity to undertake this training for all staff. I apologize for the limited time for parents to make arrangements for child care on this day as I know this can interfere with ongoing family and work commitments.

Adding to this notification I also need to alert parents to another Curriculum Day that has been scheduled for later in the Term III. This day is part of some ongoing professional development that is being conducted in partnership with Nilma Primary School that began at the start of last year. Our school has been working with Nilma as part of the “Partnership in Schools”. This has involved participating in staff professional development that informs and improves the teaching and learning in the classrooms. We have a full day workshop booked for Friday September 4th

where we will look closely at what effective feedback is and how to use it for the greatest impact on student learning. This is part of Professor John Hattie’s Visible Learning approach and builds on professional development already completed by staff.
This Curriculum Day is yet to be approved by school council but given the ongoing nature of the work already undertaken, School Council has already suggested they will look favourably upon approving this pupil free day. Note that all schools are given 4 days over the year to conduct such curriculum days and up to this point Buln Buln PS has used only one day this year, and that was at the beginning of the year, before the students returned to school. Again, I apologize for the inconvenience of two pupil free Curriculum Days in the same term and the impact on family arrangements, however we have tried to ensure some distance between the two events to reduce the demands on families. I hope this does not cause too much disruption, however I can assure parents that the professional development of both these days will have a positive impact on the teaching and learning at Buln Buln Primary School.

**Student Voice**
Recently, while conducting a tour of the school with a visitor I spoke casually to the senior students (Year 5 and 6) and asked them if they could tell me two things that they liked about their school. Both myself and the visitor were suitably impressed by the responses the students willingly gave and I think this clearly indicates their maturity in knowing what makes their school a great school. The list of responses is as follows:

Our teachers have a sense of humour and are kind to us.
Our learning has a real purpose and we have fun.
We know what we have to do to achieve the next level of learning.
Our school is friendly.
We are respectful.
Learning is awesome.
We have pride in our school and we look after our school.
We get a great education.
Before and After school care is great.

**Parent Teacher interviews and the Reporting to Parents process**
Being unfamiliar with the Buln Buln processes in this area I would like to express my admiration for the work the teachers have completed in preparation for tonight’s discussions and the Sentral reporting information provided to parents about their children. There is a lot of time needed in planning, preparation and team discussion in readiness for both the reports and the work samples.
I have now seen some of these reports and I have been suitably impressed with the depth of knowledge indicated in the reports and with the examples of student learning.
Using a digital approach requires considerable change, especially when new computer technology and software usually has a variety of glitches and problems that need to be solved. I congratulate everyone, (staff and parents), on adapting to the change involved in the current approach.
I hope parents gain valuable insight into their child’s development at the Parent / Teacher discussions tonight and with the reports on Sentral.
**Music**
Please note that the music program will be continued for all classes in Term 3. Each class will receive one hour of Music on alternate Wednesdays. This program will be conducted by Mrs. Nelson.

**Holidays**
As this is the last formal communication before the holiday break I would like to wish everyone all the best over this two week winter break. I know that some lucky families will use this time for a holiday to warmer climates so we wish them a safe journey. To everyone else, particularly staff and students, we hope they have a relaxing break, charge the batteries and return energised and ready for the very busy Term III.

**Don’t forget our early dismissal on Friday September 26th at 2.30p.m.**

Bill Jeffs
Acting Principal

**100 nights of reading:**
Quinten, Tom, Kadia and Raffi.

**Star Student awards:**
Rhemy, Jack, Amber, Max, Matthew, Joshua, Hamish, Connor, Dakota and Larah.

Vinnie competed at the zone level of cross country at Lardner Park last week. Vinnie finished a very commendable 20th. Well done to Vinnie for managing the tough course out there.

Grade Prep, One and Two enjoyed their bus trip to the Warragul Arts Centre to watch the show of Cranky Bear. Three talented performers played out the story written by Nick Bland through songs and music. The children were very well behaved and represented our school well. Thankyou to everyone for supporting this excursion.

**Assembly**
On Friday assembly will be led Lara Duncan and Tessa Grubb from Falcon House.

**Grade 5/6 Wearable Art Assembly Item**
The Year 5/6 students have been busy in the last 5 weeks, expanding their artistic skill, to create their own World Of Wearable Art. Students presented their masterpieces at assembly last week with Rhys and Sam receiving the WOW Award for their work tilted Unicow-Everything is possible.

The themes of Hero’s and Antagonists or Dreams and Fantasies where selected by students who were required to plan, create and evaluated their own work for wearability and the Elements of Art - Colour, Tone, Texture, Shape, Pattern and Form. All students should be extremely proud of their work which was of a fabulous standard.
Woolworths Earn & Learn
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect the Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at school or at your local Woolworths. Sticker sheets will be available from the office at school.

Outside School Hours Care
Just a reminder that After School Care runs as normal on the last day of each term.

Parent Club
Polar fleece zip jackets available from Hip Pocket Work Wear for $25.50. You will be able to order from store.

Next meeting – Wednesday 24th June @2.30.

Please feel free to attend our next meeting on the 24th June, or if you are unable to attend but have some ideas or suggestions, please contact me on 0447 360 810.

Message from Melissa Harford
A big shout out to my Buln Buln family. It has only been a term since I left, but it feels so much longer to me. I’m sure all of our learners are a little taller, a little colder and a lot more wiser! Whilst you are all battling through cold frosts, wind and snow, I am in balmy Sri Lanka complaining about the heat and humidity (my hair really does not like this weather).

We have settled in well, although James and Daisy are now on summer holidays for two months. I do scoff at the term 'summer' as it always seems to be summer here. I'm not sure what we'll do for that time, but I guess lots of tuk tuk rides and trips to the beach will be a must!
I have been lucky enough to see monkeys swinging through the trees, James and Daisy have monkeys at their school running around on the roof tops; elephants; heaps and heaps of chipmunks and loads of birds. We have a little kingfisher who bathes in our pool everyday.
We have explored many parts of Colombo and those who know me well will be pleased to know that I have sort out and found every good coffee shop in Colombo!
We are all still getting use to the poverty that we see everyday. It makes us all reflect on how lucky we are to be born in such a wonderful country like Australia and how blessed we are to have a great education system that gives us all opportunities. We need to make sure we use it wisely.
Another thing I have learned is how much each and every one of you brightens my day. I find myself wondering what each class is doing and how different students are going in their sport, arts or what books you are all reading. I miss your smiles and voices.
It would be remiss of me to not mention the beautiful class of 1/2B, I think of you all often and really hope that you are continuing to challenge yourselves, take risks and be the best that you can be!
To finish off, as I feel the tears starting to well in my eyes, I want to wish you all a very safe, warm and happy holiday. I miss you all so very much.
Take care,
Melissa Harford
Meal Support
There are a number of families who in the past have offered to provide a meal for another family when this is helpful. It may be due to an illness, birth of a new child, 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 it 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. My intention at this stage is to compile a list of people able to assist as this allows for a fast response to needs. If you are interested in participating the information contained on the included form would be appreciated. This can either be printed and delivered to the school or copied and emailed to me – kingwillbj@hotmail.com. Often circumstances change and so could those families who have been involved in the past also reply to indicate their availability?
Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

Meal Support Roster
Name: ____________________________________________
Contact Phone number/s: ______________________________
Mobile: ____________________________________________
☐ I would like to add my name to the meal support volunteer list

It is helpful if meals are labeled as to the 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.

Agistment wanted ASAP.
Hello. We have recently moved to Brandy Creek & are currently looking for agistment for my 4 very friendly horses. I have 2 little Shetlands & 2 horses. They are all very friendly, well behaved & do currently share a paddock. We are hoping for something not too expensive, barbed wire fences are okay. Please, if you are able to help us out, contact......Jade Street 0422 622 202, Lyn Street 0418 122 431.
Home phone 5626 8428 or email.....jade.street@hotmail.com
Any help would be greatly appreciated.
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St Paul's is delighted to launch a fun and exciting holiday program for all children in the community aged 8 -12 years. Sessions will run from Tuesday 7 July - Thursday 9 July.

**Tuesday 7 July**

9.00 am – 12.00 noon
AFL skills workshop - $30
The AFL session will develop kicking, handballing and marking skills as well as introduce children to football specific fitness activities.

9.00 am – 12.00 noon
Public Speaking - $30
This workshop is filled with fun challenges and activities designed to develop the presentation skills of the children. Learn speech structure, voice projection and many more skills to captivate an audience.

1.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Robotics - $30
Children will build and program a basic robot to complete a set of tasks/missions using hi-tech sensors and motors. NO EXPERIENCE required.

**Wednesday 8 July**

9.00 am – 12.00 noon
Cooking - $35
Enjoy and experience the fun of cooking. Children will prepare two courses including pizza and apple crumble. Please bring two tea towels. Important: Please advise us of all allergies and intolerances.

1.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Music - $30
Utilising ACID Music Studio computer program, the children will create their own piece of music. They will explore different rhythms, syles and instruments, and add effects such as reverbs, delay and distortion. NO MUSICAL EXPERTISE required.

**Thursday 9 July**

9.00 am – 12.00 noon
Basketball Skills - $30
Learn and develop ball skills such as dribbling, shooting, passing and catching, incorporated into a variety of games and activities.

9.00 am – 12.00 noon
Drawing - $30
This workshop will explore a variety of elements such as shapes, tone, light source and different drawing techniques and mediums.

1.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Dance - $30
Explore the art of Dance and Choreography in this creative workshop. Children will create their own dance routine, exploring dance elements such as action, dynamics, space and relationship. NO EXPERIENCE necessary just a desire to dance and have fun.

**Children staying all day will be supervised at lunch time (12.00 pm - 1.00 pm) extra cost $5**

Children will need to bring their own snacks and drinking water. Those staying a full day will also need to bring lunch. No nuts or nut products please.

All workshops will be held at St Paul’s Anglican Grammar School, 150 Bowen St Warnagul.

Bookings will open 19 June 2015 - http://www.trybooking.com/HZYy