Dear Parents

As mentioned in previous newsletters I have been filling in replacing Mr. Drew Allison for a designated period of time. It is now confirmed that my time as Acting Principal at Buln Buln Primary School will finish as of Friday of this week (August 7th).

Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for their support in my short time here. Even in this limited time you develop relationships with the students, the teachers, other staff members and the parents. In doing so I have been impressed with the friendliness, the openness and the spirit of collaboration of the entire Buln Buln school community.

You have a great school here. The staff work hard for the benefit of the students, they are innovative and work extremely well as a committed team with a clear focus on student learning. They adapt readily to change, especially when focused on student and school improvement. There are many diverse programs that are embedded in your school that you should be very proud of.

The students have been equally impressive. They are friendly, accepting, are well mannered and well behaved. They care for and support each other (despite the occasional differences of opinion) and are motivated and focussed on their learning. The parent community have also been very accepting of a new person in the Acting Principal role and I have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know many of the parents, the School Councillors and the members of the Parents and Friends Association. The variety of voluntary work of your parents is impressive and ensures the continuing development of your excellent school facilities. I will reflect on my time here at Buln Buln very positively, happily telling others what a great school you have here.

As of Monday August 9th I will be replaced by Mrs. Nicole Ball, who is currently Assistant Principal at Warragul Special Development School. I met Nicole yesterday and she had a quick tour of the school, meeting the staff and many of the students, as well as Mel Brown our School Council President. Nicole will be back on Thursday morning for another chance to discuss some changeover details and continue to meet students, staff and parents.

I am sure everyone will give Nicole the same level of support that I received in my short time here. Nicole will remain as Acting Principal until the situation regarding Mr. Allison’s leave is determined. There is no further information available at this stage. Nicole will keep everyone informed when details are available.

Hooptime

Last week I had the opportunity to watch the various Year 3 / 4 basketball teams at the Hooptime event in Warragul. I was very impressed with the manner in which the teams played. They were team focussed, shared the ball around, were good sports and yet competitive in the way they played the game. All the teams were successful and were great ambassadors for the Buln Buln School. A big thank you to Mrs Martyn for all the team practice, preparation and organization prior to the Hooptime event.

Buildings and Grounds

One of the very positive things I have become aware of at Buln Buln is the commitment of a number of very dedicated parents who volunteer their time to maintain the Gardens and surrounds to ensure an attractive, appealing school environment. Many of these parents come in on a Friday afternoon to complete a variety of small tasks and I wish to thank them for their contribution to the school. However we are always seeking more support so if there are any other parents who
would like to help please contact our Building and Grounds Convenor, Rory Butters or leave your name with Lyn at the office.

Parent Opinion Surveys
Thanks to all parents and families who have returned their Parent Opinion Survey. We have had an excellent response rate this year. These surveys will now be sent to the Department for collation and this will eventually give the school a chance to reflect on parent opinion for future improvements.

Bill Jeffs
Acting Principal

100 nights of Reading
Amelie, Blaze, Max, Annalisa, Ashley, Archie, Sebastian and Paige.

Star Student Awards
Elissa, Anna, Bailey, Lachlan, Matthew, Jeremey, Blaze and Rieley.

100 Days of School Celebration Monday 10th August.
To help celebrate our Preps now having reached 100 days of school all children are asked to bring along 100 of something to show to the other children and grades. Encourage your child to find the items themselves and to do the counting themselves. Ideas from previous years include: 100 piece puzzle, 100 paper clips, 100 pieces of paper etc.

School Values
Thank you for the great response to our recent survey. We have analysed the results and are seeking two interested parents to join the Wellbeing Team in using the data to identify our values. Recommendations from this team will then be sent to School Council for consideration.
If you are interested and would be available between 3.45 – 4.45p.m. next Tuesday, 11th August, please see Gillian Connolly.

Assembly
On Friday assembly will be led Bailey Willis and Montanna Brown from Kestrel House. Assembly will include the presentation of Peer Mediation Certificates.

Sporting Schools Grant
Our Karate and Dance programs have begun for the junior students. The program is proving to be very successful with the children having a lot of fun and learning some new skills.

Life Education Victoria
A reminder that the Life Ed Van will be visiting us this Thursday and Friday. Timetable sessions will occur with all classes. We will hear more about this program in next week’s newsletter.

FREE MOVIE DAYS IN TERM 3
Junior School Council are having DVD lunch time sessions in Term 3. These will be shown as in 2 groups- in the great space, BYO lunch.
The Jungle Book will be shown for Grade P-2 over 2 lunch times; Thursday and Friday August 13th and 14th. The movie will start soon after the first bell of lunch time and we will stop 10 minutes before the end of lunch play so children have time to stretch and go to the toilet before the bell. On the Friday, August 14th the children can return to watch the rest of the DVD.
Grade 3-6 will be invited to see Rio the following week– Thursday and Friday
August 20th and 21st at the same time and place. It will run the same as the previous week where children will come with their lunch and the movie starting shortly after 1:30. Junior School Council members will be running this event and I will be present as well. **This is a free activity, no money is required.** Gerardine Johnston, on behalf of the Junior School Council.  

**PS – FOOTY DAY IS COMING – FRIDAY AUGUST 28th. More information coming soon!**

**Hooptime Report**  
On Thursday 30th July 4 teams of Grade 3 and 4 children went to the Warragul Leisure Centre for a Hooptime Basketball tournament against Nilma, Darnum and Bona Vista. Three of our teams were Rookies having not played competition basketball and the other team was a mixed team of girls and boys who do play basketball. The day was a great success on so many levels. The Future stars won their grand final against Darnum 22 -7 and the Rookie teams all had some wins and some losses. The children enjoyed their day playing basketball improving their skills as well as developing team work and social skills. They need to be congratulated on their good sportsmanship throughout the day. Thanks also to all the parents who were able to assist and the coaches, all ex students, Jazzy, Jaiden, Fletcher, Elisha and Jasmine. The Future stars will now play off in the Regional final at Dandenong on October 29th.

**Parent Club**  
Get your dancing shoes on for the annual Buln DISCO! Wednesday 19th August 3.45 - 5.30pm at the Buln Footy Rooms. Please bring a plate of food to share with your class. Food will be collected from the classrooms at 2.30 or you can bring your plate with you at 3.45. **Please do not send popcorn as this is a nightmare to clean up.** Parent helpers are required to set up at 2.30pm and clean up, so if you can help please leave your name with Lyn at the office.

**FROM THE CHAPLAIN**  
It was the last week of senior cooking and the final cuisine to be prepared and sampled was Spanish food. On the menu were Empanadas de Espinaca (Spinach & Cheese Empanadas), Chorizo & Chicken Pilaf served with a side dish of Broad beans with tomato, salami and mint followed by Crema Catalana with Oranges in spiced tea syrup.

Here is a snapshot of the student’s handiwork.

Mrs. Renshaw and Mrs. Smith were the special guests at the lunch and students were able to chat to them about preparing the meal. Gracias (thank you) to my two helpers Wendy Gilmore and Janette Clark with their assistance the students were able to have a great cooking experience and a delicious meal.

Next **Monday 10th August** junior cooking sessions commence and the students
who will be preparing a snack to eat for lunch or take home include; Eden, Jeremy, Page, Bailen, Chelsea, Mia, Toby and Rhylee. I am in need of two helpers for this session which runs from 11:30 until 1:30. If parents or grandparents of these students would like to assist please send a message via the office or an email to kingwillbj@hotmail.com

Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

You are invited to a
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS INFORMATION SESSION

Following our Mental Health Round on 11 July, the Buln Buln Football and Netball Club will be hosting a FREE Mental Health information evening for the community.

Date: Thursday 13th August

Time: 7:30pm for a 7:45pm start (1hr duration)

Where: Buln Buln Sporting Club Rooms, Station Street, Buln Buln VIC 3821

Our speakers from Gippsland Mental Health Allianz - Dannii Taylor Bowman, Ann Hamden and Beth Fogerty will cover:

• Signs of poor mental health
• General mental health issues in the community
• How to promote good mental health and
• Services available in our region.

For further information, please contact Robyn Mitchard on 0407 607 380 or mitchard36@icloud.com

Buln Buln Cricket Club
Junior cricketers wanted for Buln Buln Cricket Club. Under 12s and under 14s welcome, please contact Glenn Barnes 0409 806 518 or Jeff Walsh 0405 143 021. Boys and girls are all welcome regardless of their abilities. Season starts in October, and runs through until Late Feb. training will start mid September.