Dear Parents

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the school community for welcoming me. It is a pleasure to arrive at a school where students, staff and parents are friendly and a positive learning environment is evident.

My name is Nicole Ball and I have been the Assistant Principal at Warragul and District Specialist School for over 4 years. During that time I had the opportunity to be the Acting Principal at Bona Vista Primary School for a term last year. Previously I have worked as a Teaching and Learning Coach, and a classroom teacher in both Primary and Special Developmental Schools. My husband and I have lived in Traralgon for many years.

During my visits last week and my two days this week, it is obvious that Buln Buln Primary School is a lovely school. The pride shown by the school community is clear as I walk around the beautiful grounds and enter the classrooms which showcase student learning.

I am looking forward to getting to know, and working with, the Buln Buln school community whilst in the Acting Principal role. Please feel free to come in for a chat.

100 Days of School
Yesterday saw the celebration of 100 days at school. Students arrived with smiles on their faces, proudly showing staff and peers their collection of 100 items. All classes participated in activities related to 100. It was great to see the enthusiasm of students as they counted their items, some counting by ones, some by twos, others putting them into groups of ten and then counting by tens. The grades 3, 4 and 5 students seemed to thoroughly enjoy the activities where they completed a variety of tasks for 100 seconds – it was impressive to see the amount of sit ups, star jumps and writing that can be achieved in that time. It was a well organised event – well done!

Peer Mediation
Last week students in grades 5 and 6 completed the Peer Mediation Training. This involved intensive training where students learned about Conflict Resolution and how to follow a script and detailed process to help out with minor playground issues. Playground duty commenced yesterday and students eagerly walked the playground, being vigilant for any issues. It was fantastic to see the Peer Mediators engaging with students playing appropriately and reinforcing expected behaviours in our yard.

Nicole Ball
Acting Principal
100 nights of Reading
Krystal, Montanna, Oliver, Layla, Bailen, Connor and Maya.

Student Awards
Matthew, Vaughan, Meg, Arli, Phoebe, James and Charlie.

Peer Mediation at Assembly
Ayden Ramm and Jessica Whelan did a practice role play of how Peer Mediation works in the yard.

Assembly
On Friday assembly will be led Tanae and Hamish from Harrier House.

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.

Hooptime Report
Whoops – sorry forgot this amazing Rookie team from our Hooptime report last week. Well done.

Parent Club

Your Inspiration at Home
Coming home tonight is a brochure regarding our next fundraiser - “Your Inspiration at home”. There is a self explanatory covering letter, however if you have any questions, please feel free to catch up with Janine Sharman for further explanation.
The school receives a very generous 40% of all sales, so it’s a great way to help raise funds for our school.

On a sad note, we say goodbye to Danielle Smethurst who has been part of parent club for over 8 years. Danielle has volunteered hundreds of hours to our school, much of which goes unnoticed, but is greatly appreciated by the school community. Your enormous contribution and generosity will be sadly missed. We can't thank you and your family enough. It’s been an absolute pleasure working with you and we all look forward to seeing you at our quiet end of year Parent Club dinner with Samantha!
School Disco
Wednesday 19th August

The school disco starts at 3.45pm – 5.30pm at the Sporting Clubrooms. Children going straight from school can get changed at school and will be walked over to the Sporting Clubrooms as a whole group with Mrs. Ball. Entry is a gold coin donation.

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

With all the cold weather heaters have been on overtime, and while I enjoy sitting in front of the open fire I’ll be glad to see some fine weather. Many of us may be thinking that the wet weather has gone on long enough but I noticed a spin off the other day from all the rain. Perhaps like me you were looking towards the hills and could see a little more clearly than usual. The view from my kitchen while I cooked on Sunday was fantastic. Sometimes we just get caught up in our activities and miss the beauty around us. When the air is clear, take a look around and see what you can see.

The Junior Taste of Good Food program commenced yesterday and the seven P-2 students made Little Hummingbird cakes and Mini meat Balls. Here they are enjoying their treats.

Thanks to my three parent helpers Peggy Eastwood, Karen Pierrehumbert and Brooke Stone the children were able to have some one-on-one as well as group cooking time which always results in a great experience.

Next Monday 17th August the students who will be preparing a snack to eat for lunch or take home include; Jack, Lachlan, Tyler, Montana, Riley, Lillie, Kaylee and Arli. 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 Alliance - 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.