Dear Parents

Welcome back to term 3. I hope that your holidays were happy and productive and that the students are refreshed for a busy term of learning. It will be packed full of events and we will continue to build on our culture of celebrating success at weekly assemblies, and through the information portal where you will be able to access work samples to show your child’s level of learning, as well as past reports, learning goals, attendance data and the ability to submit absence explanations online.

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

Next week there will be new 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 will help staff and students more clearly identify who visitors are and also ensure that we 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.
**Student Awards**

Congratulations to Ella for reaching 100 Nights of Reading. Next week there will be two sets of awards to celebrate as we hand out Star Student and Social Skills certificates.

Congratulations also to Zoe who represented Buln Buln in the Horse Barn Saddlery Showjumping, riding Fairwater Kennion, she took an impressive 9th place.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

If you were unable to attend the parent / teacher interviews and would still like to discuss your child’s progress, please contact the child’s teacher for an appointment.

**Specialist Religious Instruction**

Last term the forms were sent home for opting in to Specialist Religious Instruction. Students can only participate in these lessons if the signed form is returned. If you do wish for your child(ren) to take part in the lessons, please return the completed form to us by Friday so that the timetable can be finalised. Replacement forms are available at the office.

**Site Works**

You may have noticed the excellent work that has been done over the holiday to re edge the garden beds at the front of the school, and also the area where the play equipment is. The damaged fences and seats outside the classrooms have been repaired, as have the broken timbers in the play equipment and the seat around the palm tree. The garden areas will have mulch added, as will the play area with the correct specification of mulch. A huge thanks to those who have donated so much of their time in completing this work. It really is appreciated.

Drew Allison
Principal

**Hooptime**

Hooptime is fast approaching with the Grade 3/4 day on Friday the 1st August. Parents are required to help with scoring on this day and we hope to see lots of parents cheering the teams on. GO BULN!

**Grade Prep/Ones**

The Grade Prep Ones have been invited to participate in National School Tree planting day at the Neerim South wetlands. Parent helpers are welcome to attend for the afternoon session approximately 1pm – 2.30.

**Wanted** - spare clothes needed for the junior grades, especially long track suit pants around size 6.

**Parent Club – Next meeting Tuesday 22nd July 9.00am**

School Concert DVDs are now available for sale - $10.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, please put your name on an envelope with the money enclosed and leave it with Lyn at the office.

**School Disco – Wednesday 23rd**

Get your disco clothes out and your dancing shoes on! The disco will be held at the
Buln Buln Sporting Rooms, starting at 3.45 till 5.30pm. As per previous years, each child is asked to bring along a plate for afternoon tea and entry is still via gold coin donation. Parent helpers are required to meet at the school at 2.30 to collect food from students to take over to the Sporting Rooms. Could you please leave your name with Lyn at the office if you are able to help out.

Shopping Tour
We now have only 6 seats available, so don’t miss your spot on the trip. All you need to do is see Lyn in the office with your deposit of $30.00 per person to secure your seat.

| When: Saturday 25th October |
| Time: 7.00am sharp (departs school car park) |
| Return: approximately 6.30 pm |
| Cost: $57.00 |

This price includes lunch at a hotel in Collingwood.

Pie Drive
We will be having a Pie Drive again this term, so look out for your order forms next week. It’s a great time to stock up for the next school holidays.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
A reminder that the Premier’s Reading Challenge ends on the 12th of September. Many of the Grade Prep-2s have almost finished reading their 30 books together as a class! Students from Grades 3-6 still have 2 months to finish reading their 15 books. A big thank you goes to all of the parents and families for their support and encouragement of reading at home. Great reading, keep up the good work!

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN
Hello and welcome back from the holiday break. There is no need for a foreign language this week in the kitchen as cuisine of the USA was the focus in ‘A Taste of Good Food’ cooking program. Students prepared a three course lunch of Corn Chowder, Buttermilk Fried Chicken served with Hash Browns and Cobb Salad and followed by Pumpkin pie. At first the students were unsure about having a vegetable for dessert but most were won over and wanted seconds. The salad was also a hit and instead of being a tossed salad it is arranged in a very attractive stripe like pattern of ingredients including bacon, avocado, blue cheese, lettuce, endive, watercress, hardboiled egg and tomatoes. If you would like to get a recipe and have a lesson at home check out http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H60PSPdmOy8. Mrs Connolly came to dine and chat to the children about the food they had cooked. Thanks to the assistance of the two parent helpers, Julie Allen and Liz Giles, the students were able to have a great cooking experience and a delicious meal.
The students who will be preparing a Chinese lunch next Monday include; Ryan, Olivia, Zoe, Sophie, Samuel, Dakota, Nicholas and Cullen. Parents of these students may only wish to send a snack for morning tea that day so please take note. I am also in need of parent helpers for this session (11:30am – 2:00pm). If parents or grandparents of any of these students would like to assist with cooking please send a message via the office or email to advise me kingwillbj@hotmail.com

Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

Lost
At the end of last term a hoodie size 8 or 10 with the name Luka on the tag. Please check at home and return to school if found. Thank you.

Buln Buln Tennis Club
There will be a Tennis Club meeting on the 30th of July at 7.30p.m. at the tennis clubrooms. It will be a short meeting and is mainly for the juniors, so if any new junior families are interested in playing please come along and see how the club runs. See you there.