### CALENDAR 2013

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<td>Getting to Know Your Class Presentations: P-1 6-6.30pm, 2-3 6.30-7.00pm, 4-6 7-7.30pm</td>
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<td>Twilight Cinema Night 5.30p.m. at the Buln Buln Rec. Reserve</td>
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<td>May 5th-7th</td>
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<td>Gr. 3/4 Camp to Forest Edge</td>
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### MOWING ROSTER

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<td>16-17, 1-2</td>
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<td>Many thanks to the Martyn, Caia, Storey &amp; Wellings families for helping to keep our grounds looking great over the holiday break.</td>
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**SOCIAL SKILLS THEME IS TAKING RISKS**

_In our safe and caring School Community we collectively develop each child’s social, emotional and academic skills for them to reach their full potential and become productive members of society._
Dear Parents,

The busy start to the year has also seen fires nearby that threatened to impact the community. Fortunately we have only had to deal with power outages and smoke, both of which can have a serious impact on how we operate the school. It is useful, therefore, to remind everyone of the most efficient ways of communicating with our larger community. It is virtually impossible for us to efficiently implement a ‘telephone tree’ system to let everyone know what is going on in emergency situations such as these. In these cases the first information will be posted via Facebook and Twitter. Both are intended to get maximum exposure via devices that are still likely to work in the event of power outage.

The Facebook page is not set up to receive posts from parents and families. Even though these might show on your own timeline they will not appear on the schools. If you do not already ‘like’ the school Facebook page please do, and follow us on Twitter @bulnbulnps. The school is not encouraging students to contravene the usage policies of these sites and the information posted on them is for access by parents and family only. Whenever possible email alerts will also be sent so that we cover as many bases as possible. School can only be closed under the direct order from the Regional Director, who is guided by the South Eastern Victoria Region emergency management staff and Incident Control Centre agencies. Please be assured there is no hesitation in closing schools where there is the slightest risk.

It is the time of year that we again elect new members to the School Council. There are three categories of membership:
A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category.
A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Parent membership on School Council provides important viewpoints and skills that can help shape the direction of the school. You have the opportunity to become involved by nominating and voting this year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or by encouraging another person to stand for election.

This year there are three parent member and two DEECD council positions for nomination. Immediately prior to the first meeting of the new school council there is also a special meeting to co-opt any community and casual vacancies.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.
Nomination forms will be available from tomorrow afternoon. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the office or myself by Wednesday 19th February. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.
If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed. The full timescale is set out below:

**Notice of election / call for nominations:**
Wednesday 12th Feb

**Closing date for nominations:**
Wednesday 19th Feb

**List of candidates and nominators posted:**
Friday 21st Feb

**Ballot papers distributed by:**
Wednesday 26th Feb

**Close of ballot:**
Thursday 6th March

**Vote count:**
Fri 7th March

**Declaration of poll:**
Fri 7th March

**Special Council Meeting To Co-opt Community Members:**
Tuesday 11th March (7.15pm)

First Council meeting to elect office bearers: Tuesday 11th March (7.30)

Please ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.

On Wednesday 12th February there will be presentations by the class teacher 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:

P-1 6—6.30pm
2-3 3.30—7.00pm
4-6 7—7.30pm

I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great week.
Drew Allison
Principal

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/](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.

Education Maintenance Allowance

The EMA provides financial assistance to families on a low income to help with the cost of essential educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions. EMA is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink/Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible. Application forms are available from the office and must be returned by February 15th together with your eligible card.

Conveyance Allowance

If you travel further than 4.8km to school and Buln Buln is your nearest state school you are 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.

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. Parking in the school grounds is for staff and delivery vehicles only. Parent access is for before and after school care only. Attached to this week’s news letter is a map indicating directions. Any queries please ask at the office.

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Website
Our school’s website is www.bulnbulpnps.vic.edu.au. This will include newsletters, calendars, forms and a range of information accessible at any time.

PARENT CLUB

AGM: 4th March 2014—9.00 am

Twilight Cinema Night - 22nd Feb 2014 5.30 pm
Tickets are available from the office at $20 per family (purchased from school) $25 per family (at the gate on the night), $10 Adults, $5 kids (3-15 years) and under 3 Free. Tickets will also be available at the gate but to avoid delays, please try and get your tickets prior. A flyer is attached to the newsletter and a copy will also be coming home today with your child. Please feel free to share and invite your family and friends along - it has always been a fantastic night. There will be a sausage sizzle, pizza's, popcorn and slushies available at great prices. Of course a night like this is not possible without the help of volunteers so if you could please spare a bit of time on the night to sell tickets at the gate, cook a sausage or two, man the slushie or popcorn machines, it would be appreciated. Please leave your name and a contact number with Lyn at the office.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Stories are much loved by adults and children alike. I often get to read a picture book to the students and to include a story in my display in the staff room. I’d like to share this one.

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of lemonade and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his lemonade when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a lemonade. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realised how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He’s got the most beautiful smile I’ve ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he’s much younger than I expected."

The story while having an explicit ‘religious’ dimension highlights the way an unexpected meeting can put a smile on so many faces. Perhaps it means different things to different people but it reminds me that a simple human connection between a young and an older person can bring about a change of heart.

I have been contacting people who have made contact with me and I am working on the new meal support roster. If any family is yet to reply to let me know that they are keen to be involved please send me an email – kingwillbj@hotmail.com. Barbara Kingwill

Buln Buln Football Club Junior
Registration night for fourths and fifths players, Thursday Feb 20 at 5 pm. A light training session will be held followed by a sausage sizzle. All current and interested players are welcome.

Any enquiries please ring Steve Symes on 0413 304631.
BULN BULN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Presents...

TWILIGHT CINEMA

“Turbo”

Rated PG Family

February 22nd, 2014

at Buln Buln Football Ground

Gates open at 5.30pm

Movie starts at DUSK

A Family Friendly, Fundraising event!

Tickets
$20 family (pre-paid)
$25 family (at the gate)
$10 adults
$5 kids (3 years- 15 years)
(Under 3 years FREE)

Sausage Sizzle
Pizza
Popcorn
Slushies
Glow in the dark slushie cups

BYO Chair & blanket
Fantastic raffle prizes!

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LEGAL ACCESS TO TOP CAR PARK
(Due to road line markings)

- Red line indicates legal route to access and enter Top Car Park
- Blue line indicates legal route to exit Top Car Park