Dear Parents

Student Awards
Congratulations to last week's Star Student awards winners: Charlie, Bailey, Lyndon, Luke, Claire, Ryan, Joshua, Sebastian.

Congratulations to this week’s awards winners:
Lachlan, Jessica, Mia, Isaac, Elidh, Paige, Jasmine.

House Points Winners
It was a pleasure to announce the first winners of the house points awards:
1st place - Falcon
2nd place - Harrier
3rd place - Kite
4th place – Kestrel

School Fees
School fees are $110 for the year. Prompt payment is much appreciated, as these funds are used for classroom and specialist resourcing. A payment plan is available if needed- please see Lyn Weller in the school office.

You may have read in the press that the Victorian Auditor-General has released a report on school costs for parents.

In response to the report's findings, the Minister for Education has asked the Department of Education and Training to review its parent payment policy.
As a result of any changes to the Department's policy, we will work with our school council to update our own policy and make it absolutely clear how money is used.
The Department's parent payment policy is what we use to guide us in deciding what we will ask you to pay each year.

Attendance
All students are expected at school every day. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have a pre-arranged appointment. Explanations of why a child is absent are required and this can be done in Sentral.

Daily learning time starts at 9am so please ensure your child(ren) is in school prior to this and ready to begin.
We enjoy welcoming families to assembly to celebrate the success of our students. Please, however, do not go back to your child’s classroom with them when the assembly finishes. The school day and routine begins at 9.00am and it is important that this continues.

Parking
Thanks to those of you being vigilant with road safety around the school. Things have
improved this week, although we can still get better. Please remember to:
- Only use the school crossing, regardless of where you have parked.
- Only use the footpath. Do not walk in the road behind parked cars.
- There is no right turn into or out of the car parking closest to the school. The diagram below shows the legal traffic flow.

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

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**Calendar 2015**
A reminder that there is now a calendar of events in Sentral that is accessible at any time to you.

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**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/) 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.

**Visitor Badges**

There are 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 helps staff and students more clearly identify who visitors are and also ensure that we are fully following OH&S requirements.

- **Parent Helper**
  - Working With Children Check ✓

  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.

- **Visitor**

  This badge is for general visitors to the sight, i.e contractors, parents visiting staff, etc.

- **Late Arrival**
  - Please sign your child in at the office and hand this to the class teacher.

  If a student is late, this needs to be collected from the office and handed to the teacher.

- **Early Leave**
  - Please sign your child out at the office and hand this to the class 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.

**Icy-Poles**

Our grade six students sell icy-poles during Terms One and Four in the undercover area for 30c and 60c each.

Have a great week
Drew Allison
Principal
Gardening and outside jobs

Are you keen to help with keeping our school clean and tidy?

Every second Friday afternoon 2.30pm – 3.30pm starting this Friday 20th February parents are welcome to help out with a variety of gardening and outside jobs. This will be the same Friday of MARC Van and the same week that the newsletter is published. There are a mixture of jobs that need to be done and will be coordinated by a small group of parents. All equipment will be supplied. We just need the people to help out. Hope to see you Friday afternoon.

Melissa Elliot and Teresa Martyn

Parent Club

Included in this newsletter is an order form for the Concert DVD for 2014. The cost is $10. Please fill out and return with money to the office if you require a copy.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In Mrs. Renshaw’s class yesterday the students were doing a literacy task and discussing the challenges of spelling some words like friend. Later in the day they watched a presentation about how people can be quite different in appearance but also share some similarities. Interestingly these thoughts were picked up in my display area in the staff room and I thought I’d share part of this via the newsletter. This is the poster that I have on display:

It may put a smile on our face but seriously who does want a friend prepared to think of others and respond with kindness and care. As people we are all very different but we share the need for understanding and acceptance which we find in our relationships with family and friends. So from the simple exercise in spelling there is an opportunity to build important social skills. As I visit classrooms and walk in the playground it is my pleasure how Buln Buln Primary students are encouraged to show respect and tolerance of diversity; to build not only their own competencies but also to be actively supportive of other students.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to mention one of the other activities that I assist with which is a meal support roster. 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

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☐ 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.

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**BULN BULN PS**

2014 SCHOOL CONCERT DVD ORDER FORM

$10.00 per copy
(please enclose correct money in envelope with students name and grade)

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DROUIN DRAGONS
SOCCER CLUB

Parent and Player
INFORMATION NIGHT
Thursday 26th February
Starting promptly at 6pm
DDSC Clubrooms, Bellbird Park,
Lampards Road, Drouin

Looking for players for:
Mini Roos (7—11yr old), Under 13, Under 16, Under
19’s / Reserves, Women, Senior

Meet the coaches:
Have a practice kick
Collect registration forms:

Further information:
Fiona Killey 0408 555 016
drouindragonscc@hotmail.com

HELP
REQUIRED!

To ease the workload of our small, but dedicated team of volunteers, we are seeking more families to register their names on the mowing roster.

All you need to do is mow the lawns and all equipment is supplied.

The more families we get to register means less work for everyone.

If you can assist, please leave your name at the Office or phone 5626 8330.
Gulls Hockey Club
Registration & Training

11th March 2015
Bellbird Park Drouin

Join us on the 11th March for
Registration and our
First Training Session at Bellbird Park

U8 & U7’s – 4pm-4.45pm.
U9’s – 4.30-5.30pm.
U14 & U16’s – 5pm-6pm.

Juniors & Seniors needed, beginners most welcome!
For all enquiries please contact
Natasha on 0400 732 645

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Warranor J.F.C.

Warranor Junior Football Club
REGISTRATION INFORMATION DAY
Friday 20th February 2015
Burke Street Park, Warragul
5.00 pm - 6.00 pm
BBQ & drinks provided

Registrations are now open for
U10, U12 and U14’s

All 2015 rego’s must be completed online at
www.warranorjfc.sportingpulse.net

For more details see website or contact
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