Dear Parents

**Student Awards**

Congratulations to Archie and Taya for reaching 100 Nights of Reading.

Also congratulations to Ella, Olivia, Jessica, Bethany, and Jasmine, absent Elliot, Chelsea and Shenae our Star Students of last week.

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**Hooptime**

Congratulations to our Grade 3 and 4 basketball team who won the Hooptime Grand Final on Friday. A thrilling final saw them win with 3 seconds of overtime remaining. **Well done and thank you for making us so proud of your efforts!!** Thanks also to Mrs Martyn for organising the squad and to Mrs Harford for coaching them on the day.

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**CFA Fire Safe Kids**

On Friday 8th August, the CFA are visiting the school to talk to the students about fire safety. The ‘Fire Safe Kids’ program looks at keeping safe in case of a fire, what to do in an emergency and fire preparedness in the home. Some of the planned activities require students to investigate at home so they may come home with lots of questions. More information about this program is available at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

We understand that students’ experience with fire is varied, and it is important that we are aware of any incidents that may require special consideration. Please return the permission slip that will come home, ticking the box for us to contact you if there is any information you feel we need to be aware of.

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**Sentral**

There is still an issue with the way the Department has configured access to our server which is preventing you logging in. **This is not an issue with Sentral.** The department engineers are working on our access to the server as a matter of urgency.

In the meantime, the newsletter is always available on the school website and we will also email it until we are sure the access issue is sorted.

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**Bullying**

Recently, I have heard the word bullying used by parents, specifically in relation to some inappropriate actions of some students and some rough play.

Firstly, it is important to stress that that neither of these are tolerated in any way, triggering prompt and appropriate intervention. Please remember that asking a child in the same class what consequences were given to the students concerned will not give you anything like the real picture. They will not and should not know the actual actions taken with the students and conversations that have taken place involving parents.
It is important to understand the difference between bullying and silly, rough and inappropriate behavior. We at Buln Buln are absolutely confident that any issues on a scale from inappropriate comments to anything that might start to resemble bullying are dealt with swiftly and decisively. Therefore I am confident enough to put this in the newsletter so that more informed discussions can take place regarding the subject:

**What is bullying?**

The National Safe Schools Framework defines bullying as **repeated** verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies, e.g. the internet or mobile devices. Conflicts or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

In short, bullying is a repeated pattern of harmful verbal, physical or social behaviour which involves the misuse of power. Cyberbullying is bullying through the internet or mobile devices.

Not all aggressive or harmful behaviour between people is bullying. While conflicts and aggressive behaviour need to be addressed, it is important to be clear when these behaviours are not actually bullying.

The definition of bullying has three critical aspects - a repeated pattern, the misuse of power within relationships, and behaviour which causes harm; all three aspects need to be present in order for behaviour to be called bullying.

A clear, comprehensive and shared definition is essential to enable school to identify bullying, and distinguish it from other types of conflicts or violence, so that appropriate strategies and interventions can be used.

The critical feature that distinguishes violence, harassment and discrimination from bullying is that bullying happens within social relationships, featuring repeated and harmful behaviours that stem from a misuse of power. Violence, harassment and discrimination can occur as part of bullying, but also can occur in one-off conflicts or between strangers.

It is important to know the difference as the effect on the individual or group may be different and the responses to each may need to be different.

Intervening early and non tolerance of any inappropriate behavior is the approach taken at Buln Buln. Early intervention ensures isolated incidents do no escalate into habitual and more serious negative behaviours.

Have a great week.

Drew Allison
Principal

**Hooptime Gr. 3/4 Basketball** - Friday 1st August

Congratulations to all the basketball players who represented Buln Buln Primary School so well at the Hooptime basketball Round Robin at the Leisure Centre last Friday. Four teams participated. Three were Rookies (new to the basketball game) and one Future Star team (play in competition basketball). All teams were mixed girls and boys. The teams played against other schools in the district, Nilma, Bona Vista and Darnum.

The results of games were mixed with some wins, draws and loses. The last game of the day, the Future Stars grand final was very exciting as it went into overtime with scores level. In the last few seconds of the game the Buln team scored a goal and
were winners. This team will now advance to the next level of competition. (Date yet to be set).
Thanks to all the parents who supported the event and to the coaches, Claire Martyn, Paris Wright, Chris Wellings and Jack Storey, all ex-students from Buln.

**Numeracy & Literacy Week 25th – 29th**

To celebrate Numeracy and Literacy week we are holding a Maths Evening on Tuesday 26th August from 7pm – 8pm in an evening of activities. Come along and participate with your children. Discover the different ways we can learn maths.

**Parent Club**

**Hot Chocolates – More helpers please!**

Hot chocolates are now available for sale on Fridays at morning play time for $1.00. We are in need of helpers, and unfortunately we have the same few putting their name down, so if you can, please put your name on the roster that Lyn has in the office. If we have enough helpers, you may only be required once or twice per term.

**Shopping Tour**

We now have only 4 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 – Please return tomorrow 6th August.**

An order form for the pie drive was sent home a few week ago. The pies are supplied by Out of Dough in Morwell. Please feel free to ask family and friends to order, as this is a great fundraiser for our school and the more we sell the more we make. All orders and monies to be returned to school by Wednesday 6th August. Thank you.

**Junior School Council**

The Junior School Council members are having a Pet Photo Competition. Entry is FREE! You MUST be in the photo and it MUST be a pet. It is one entry per child, so if you have more than one child at school they can all enter. If you have more than one pet, either choose which one you would like to enter or have a photo taken with all of them. Photos no bigger than regular camera size print please. There are 6 categories, fluffiest, cutest, largest, smaller, ugliest, funniest. Bring your photo in to Room 5, Mrs Johnston’s room any Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8.30 till 8.55. Place your photo in the category you think it fits best. The competition closes on Friday August 15th. The following Monday August 18th the Junior School Council
members will be judging all photos and making their decision. Winners will be announced at the next assembly August 25th and be presented with a certificate. So get out your brushes, clippers and bubble bath!
Gerardine Johnston for the Junior School Council.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN
Grüß dich (Hello) from the kitchen. In ‘A Taste of Good Food’ cooking program yesterday the senior students prepared a three course German menu including Kartoffelsuppe (Potato soup), Wiener schnitzel & Spaetzel Dumplings followed by Apple Strudel served with ice-cream. Mrs. Lowrie joined the students for lunch and chatted to them about the part they each played in preparing the various dishes. All the students had a try of the sauerkraut although most agreed that it was perhaps best described as an acquired taste! A big danke (Thank you) to my two helpers, Megan Duncan and Wendy Gilmore. With their assistance the students had a yummy meal and a wonderful cooking experience.

The students who will be preparing a Spanish lunch next Monday include; Jazzmyn, Mathew, Jye, Kate, Patrick, Maddy and Melinda. 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 one more parent helper 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

Active After School Care
Badminton started on Monday 4th August to the Grade 3-6 children and Taekwondo to the Grade Prep – 2 children (Taekwondo session is now full) starting this Thursday 7th August.

Lost
Size 14 “class of 2014” hoodie with Allen written on tag. Please hand into the office if found.

Buln Buln Tennis Club
The tennis season is nearly here again. There will be a registration night and tennis training on the 4th September at 4p.m.
So please bring your: runners, tennis racquet and drink bottle.
If you haven’t played before it doesn’t matter as you will be taught the basic rules to start with. If Mum or Dad would like to stay for tea or coffee and watch that would be great as tennis training only goes for about 1 hour.
If you have any queries please phone Chris White on 0437 797137.