Dear Parents

BBPS House Sport Carnival
On Friday 24th of February, the first Buln Buln Primary School House Sports Carnival will be held at school. During the morning, students will compete in a range of individual athletic events and earn points towards their house according to their performance. Junior years will be competing in; sprints, long jump, gumboot throw, target throw, and sack race. The senior events include; long jump, shot put, discus, sprints and a distance run. Sprints will be held during lunch where all students can watch each other do their best as they run down the middle of the oval.

The afternoon will consist of novelty events (Egg and spoon relay, Obstacle course, Bob-ball and Tunnel Ball) where teams are made up of students from P-6 within their own house. Before the conclusion and presentations there will be the finals of our Championship Race as well as a student vs teacher relay.

This is a whole school community event and it would be great to see as many supporters (and possibly helpers) as we can get. We will not be selling food or drinks on the day as we would like all parents/helpers either involved or watching our students as they enjoy the day.

Students are reminded to wear their house colours (there are to be no sleeveless shirts). Hats, appropriate footwear, sunscreen and drink bottles are also expected to be present on the day.

If you have any queries, speak to Mr Fitz or Mrs Robinson or your classroom teacher 😊

Assembly
Standing in front of our school community and running Assembly can be a daunting proposition, especially if you are a newly appointed House Captain/Vice Captain. It is fantastic to see this year’s Captains using confidence as they run Assembly for the first time. Thank you for your support and encouragement 😊

Safety in the Parking Areas
It has been brought to my attention that we have a safety issue in the car park near the post box. It is Vital that everyone walking from their car to the crossing uses the footpath. Anyone walking behind parked cars is in danger of being hit. Please ensure that you all use this area correctly.

Football Clinic
This Thursday students will be participating in an AFL clinic at school. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear – it should be fun!

Have a great week
Nicole Ball, Acting Principal
ICARE Awards

Our weekly assembly awards are given to students who demonstrate outstanding behaviours based around our ICARE school values of Independence, confidence adaptability, respect and excellence.

ICARE award winners
Charli, Georgia, Claire, Skye, Axel, Deacon, Charli and Tyler.

Reasons for awards:
- Outstanding organisational skills
- Confidence in public speaking
- Confident and engaged learner
- Displaying excellent ICARE values
- Leading class in independence
- Excellence in work and attitude
- Consistently achieving excellence

Junior School Council 2017

Last week grades 3-6 held their elections. Each of the candidates had to write a speech and present them to their grade before the children voted. Congratulations to all the children who took part in the process. The following students have been voted in by their peers:
Grade 6: Daniel, Logan, Axel and Asher.
Grade 4: Aiden, Claire, Abbey, Ben with Bryce as Vice Councilor.
Grade 3: Brielle and Zach.

Each grade has a representative who will attend fortnightly meetings at lunchtime. At assembly yesterday the Junior School Council was introduced, Deane and Brielle shared their speeches and the winners of the ICARE award design were announced.

Congratulations to the following students who designed our awards:
Sarah, Prell and Keely.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Last week I mentioned that I am available to chat to parents and students individually if this is helpful. However before I can meet this parental request the Education Department requires the parent to sign a consent form. These forms and associated information are attached to this newsletter. Some parents have already returned a consent form but if you have not please take the time to read this information. If parents wish they can sign and return the consent and this can be kept on file at the school. When this happens additional pastoral support can be arranged promptly for a student in need of this. Just as a simple example, a child may be distressed one morning due to the death of a pet. The parent can alert the school to the situation and suggest that a chat with me during the day may be helpful. With a signed consent on file classroom teachers will be able to call on me to add to the care that they provide. Should you have questions about any matter relating to chaplaincy please contact Mrs. Ball.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to mention, particularly to families who are new to.
the school, one of the other activities that I assist with which is a meal support roster. In the past there have been a number of families who have offered to provide a meal for another family. This may be due to an illness, birth of a new child, or some other event. It is just one way that the school as a whole can support one another and express care for each other. In addition 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 people find it easy to accept a helping hand, sometimes it can be harder. 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 simply 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. I would like to compile a current 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 it is helpful if families who have cooked meals for others in the past could also reply to indicate their availability.

Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

Meal Support Roster

Name: __________________________________________

Contact Phone number/s: ____________________________

– Mobile: ________________________________________

☐ I would like to add my name to the meal support volunteer list for 2017

Disposable food containers are available on request at the office. It is helpful if these are labeled to indicate the contents and date the meal was prepared. These can be delivered to the school and placed in the fridge in the Lyrebird room.

Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

PARENT CLUB

2.00pm Meet and Greet afternoon tea.

AGM TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY, 2.30pm

Welcome back to school everyone and welcome to all our new prep parents. We hope you enjoy your time at our school, and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me on 0428 390 443.

The Parent Club AGM will be held this Tuesday 21st February at 2.30 pm. A number of positions will be up for nomination, so please feel free to come and join us. We also need to put together a list of fundraising events to submit to School Council for approval. If you have any new ideas please let us know, as we are always trying to think of fun new ways to raise money for our school. If you are unable to make the meeting, please call me to discuss your ideas so I can table them at the meeting next week.

Thanks, Janine Sharman

PC President.
CSEF Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
Applications for the CSEF program will open from the commencement of term one, 2017, helping to ensure that all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities.
Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply. A special consideration category also exists.
A payment of $125 for eligible primary school students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards, camps, sport and excursion costs for the benefit of the student.
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, education and fun activities. Application forms are attached with the newsletter or available from the office. All completed forms to be returned to school by Friday 17th February. Forms are to be completed every year.

Conveyance Allowance
If you travel further than 4.8km to school and Buln Buln is your nearest state school you may be eligible to apply for a conveyance allowance. This helps offset the costs of travel. New applications need to be completed and returned by February 17th. No new application is necessary if families were previously entitled and circumstances remain unchanged. Application forms are available from the office.
Buln Buln Football Club Presents

ALL MAKES CAR SHOW
including a celebration of Holden & Ford
Australia’s leading car manufacturers

10AM - 2PM
$5 per car & driver
Under 16 FREE
Drinks at Bar Prices
Food & Coffee Available

Sunday March 26th 2017
Buln Buln Recreation Reserve
Station St Buln Buln

Find us on Facebook
Contact Craig 0408 268 284
John 0412 820 349

Would you love to put your kids into dance classes but it’s financially out of reach?
Community classes are here!