## CALENDAR 2014

### December

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<td>Getting to know your class (Prep 6-6.20, 1-2 6.20-6.40, 3-4 6.40-7.00, 5-6 7.00-7.20)</td>
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### Dear Parents

#### Student Awards

Congratulations to Kaylee for reaching 300 Nights of Reading and to Artie, Hamish, Travis and Brielle for 200 Nights of Reading.

This week’s awards go Daniel, Tyler, Courtney, Jessica, Tsz Ching, Amber and Jaran.

The Grade 2/3 Assembly item reflected on the year and the many skills they had learnt.

### HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2015

It was an exciting assembly this week with our inaugural House Captains at Buln Buln being announced. Our new houses have been named after four raptors native to the Baw Baw region; Nankeen Kestrel, Black Shouldered Kite, Spotted Harrier and Brown Falcon.

The successful applicants are:

- Kestrel: Bailey (Captain), Montanna (Vice Captain)
- Harrier: Tanae (captain, Hamish (Vice Captain)
- Kite: Drew (Captain), Eilidh (Vice Captain)
- Falcon: Lara (Captain), Tessa (Vice Captain)

### Grade 6 Graduation

Tonight we celebrate the years that our grade 6 students have spent at Buln Buln at graduation. This is always a mixture of excitement and sadness for the students, parents and teachers. It has been a privilege getting to know them and we all wish them the very best as they continue on their journey through education and into the world of adulthood. I am confident that they will continue to make us proud.

### Grade 6 Guard of Honour

On Friday at 2.10 there will be a brief summer farewell to all of our students in the Great Space, followed at 2.25 by the traditional guard of honour as the Grade 6 students leave Buln Buln for the last time. It will be great to see you there to join in with this tradition.
Farewell
We say a fond farewell to the following families after their years at Buln Buln:
Albert-Browning
Attwell
Blackstock
Burrage
Melbourne
Myers
Rasmussen
Smart
Smith
Wellings.

We thank them for the hard work and support that they have put into supporting the school and wish them success in everything they do.

Education Maintenance Allowance
As part of government reforms the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) that was paid to eligible families has been discontinued. Their decision was to direct funds to schools in need rather than to individual families. Buln Buln is not eligible for any funding, as per many schools in West Gippsland.
It is unclear at the moment how the change in government will impact. They have committed to supporting disadvantaged families for the costs associated with the education of their children, such as uniforms. The flow of information regarding this, judging by how it has happened in the recent past, will be through the media before we are informed by the department. I will keep you informed of any developments in this area.

Library Stocktake
As the end of year approaches could you please have a quick check in your child’s bag and around home for any library books that might need returning. This will help Janette / Mr Bucknall in their cataloguing, sorting and stocktaking of the library in readiness for our return in 2015.

Concert Rehearsals
These are now in full swing as the students prepare for the end of year concert this Thursday 18th December with a 7pm sharp start. Please be mindful that tickets will not be on sale at the West Gippsland Arts Centre on the night.

Buln Buln Primary School Concert Dec 18th @ WGAC
Students need to be at the WGAC between 6.30 – 6.45p.m. for a 7p.m. start. Children are to check in with their own class teacher at the door to backstage. At the conclusion of the concert all students will be dismissed from backstage only when a parent is present as they must be marked OFF the roll for safety/security purposes. Class teachers will advise students whether to bring or wear costumes.

I would finally like to wish you all a very safe, restful and happy Christmas holiday
Drew Allison
Principal
Outside School Hours Care
The year is quickly drawing to a close and before we know it the year 2015 will be upon us. We have had a great year in O.S.H.C. with our numbers increasing very quickly. I would like to thank all our families who have supported our program and made it so successful. We have a very diverse group of children, with their own individual personalities, who all contribute to the fun of our Program. Mrs. Weller will be sending out accounts shortly and we would really appreciate them being finalised as soon as possible. Prompt payment of accounts helps to maintain a high standard of care for your children and also keeps our fees to a minimum. Families who wish to keep their bookings ongoing for next year, could you please inform the Office, Lyn M. or Helen before the end of the year.
We would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.
Lyn Mitchard and Helen Newitt

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A grade 6 hoodie size 12 and one hat named Turner. Please return to the office. Thank you.
Please check the names on your child’s clothing to make sure that they have their own uniform. Thank you.