Dear Parents

WORKING BEE
Thank you to the amazing families and staff who came and volunteered at our Working Bee. We greatly appreciate the effort that everyone put in over the weekend. The hard work shows and our school is looking fantastic. A huge thank you to Paul White, who lent us his bobcat – it was extremely useful in moving all of the tanbark.

School Council Elections
Our 2016 School Council Elections close tomorrow. If you are interested in joining School Council you will need to complete a nomination form. These are available at the Office. Please come in for a chat if you have any questions.

School Photos
We need to start practicing our best smiles because we are having our school photos taken on Monday, 21st March. Envelopes are being sent home today. Please return them on the day – we do not collect them, they are given straight to the photographer. You will need correct money in the envelope as change will not be available.

If you need a family photo form, please come to the Office to collect one.

Changing Weather
Our weather keeps changing and it can be hard to predict how hot or cold it will be throughout the day. Can we please have a jumper (with name on) kept in schoolbags just in case it gets cold during the day? Or a t-shirt in case it gets hot?

Parent Club Bulb Fundraiser
Don’t forget to order your bulbs by Friday, March 4th.

Have a great week
Nicole Ball, Acting Principal

CALENDAR 2016

February

Wednesday 24th
No Preps

March

Tuesday 1st
Parent Club meeting at 2.30pm

Wednesday 9th
Review Day

Friday 11th
Athletic Sports

Monday 14th
Labour Day – no school

Friday 18th
Glen Cromie get together

Monday 21st
Photo Day – please note change of date

Thursday 24th
Last day of Term 2.30pm finish

APRIL

Monday 11th
Visible Learning Day – Pupil Free Day

MOWING ROSTER

March
6th - 7th – Brown
**Weekly Award Winners:**
Ruby, Jasmine, James, Stella, Edith, Annalisa, Isaac and Brielle.

**School Council President Note**
Nominations close on Wednesday to join School Council. If you are interested but feel nervous or unsure, please don't let that stop you from putting in a form. Whether you have been on other councils or not, we need everyone's input and would love to see some new faces.

Does anyone in our School Community have knowledge or passions for Grant Applications or Policies? If so, please let me know of your interest. You do not need to join School Council but would be a great asset to the School and possibly a Sub-committee.

Lastly, we have had fair interest in the Parent Lead Lunchtime activities which is awesome. There will be a list displayed at the office if you are interested in giving up a lunch time for the kids, just put your name down. Also, would anyone have elastics, long skipping rope or other items that we could use for some good old fashioned fun games?

**Parent Club**
The next Parent Club meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st March at 2.30p.m.

**FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents about Working with Children checks. This is something that is necessary for parents who wish to take on volunteer roles for many of the school activities including classroom reading and other similar programs. A Working with Children Check has no cost for volunteers and is valid for 5 years.


If you have any questions Lyn Weller will be able to assist you. The Working with Children Check is also necessary for parents who want to be involved in school cooking sessions which begin in a few weeks.

For families who are new to Buln, during the 11 week senior Taste of Good Food program students in Grades 3 – 6 have one opportunity to prepare and eat a three course lunch. Then later in year junior students in Grades Prep – 2 cook a variety of snacks. In both cases small groups of 7-8 students work in the school kitchen. Senior students cook a lunch menu that features international foods. The session not only develops the students cooking skills it also promotes cultural appreciation, develops an understanding of healthy eating options and gives students a chance to sample foods which they had perhaps never tasted before. In addition, by combining literacy and
numeracy skills the cooking sessions present a practical opportunity for integrated learning. The children enjoy the program immensely and can hardly wait until it is their turn to cook. Parents who have a current Working with Children Check are welcome to cook with their child. On occasions grandparents or other family members have taken up this opportunity particularly when both parents are working.

Please take the time to ensure you have a current Working with Children check.
Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

2016 Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series

Congratulations Kaylee, Elissa, Mackenzie and Jasmine on your fantastic efforts representing our school at the 2016 Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series. We are proud of you 😊
1. Children should always make sure there is at least one flag placed in the crossing post to make it legal. Most commonly a crossing is a legal crossing when two flags are in place, however sometimes the post is missing then one flag is required.
2. Children and adults who are crossing at a children’s crossing must comply with the supervisor’s directions.
3. You must always stand behind the yellow line.
4. Never follow the children’s crossing supervisor out onto the crossing – WAIT! THEY MUST GO OUT FIRST, WHEN THEY HAVE BLOWN THEIR WHISTLE (2 SHORT BLASTS) IT IS SAFE TO CROSS.
5. DO NOT ride bikes across the crossing, bounce a ball, fight, muck around or run – WALK QUICKLY AND SAFELY.
6. ALWAYS stay within the lines of crossing and walk in front of the supervisor (never behind them).
7. The children’s crossing supervisor will always wait until it is safe before they walk out and blow their whistle.
8. Cars are not allowed to park on or around the crossing. The crossing area is usually signed NO STOPPING. The clearance around the crossing is for the safety of pedestrians. (YOUR SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD).
9. Always be alert and listen to what your children’s crossing supervisor says.
10. REMEMBER ALWAYS CROSS AT THE CHILDREN’S CROSSING WHEN IT IS IN OPERATION.

“IT’s Cool to use a school crossing”