# Calendar 2013

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## Mowing Roster

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**Social skill themes: getting along, persistence, confidence, organisation & resilience**

In our safe and caring School Community we collectively develop each child's social, emotional and academic skills for them to reach their full potential and become productive members of society.
**Dear Parents,**

On Friday we competed against West Gippsland Rural schools (Darnum, Lardner, Ellinbank, Ripplebrook, Nilma and Bona Vista) in a friendly, fun sports day at the Geoff Watt Running Track. The weather did us lots of favours after a cool damp start and left us in bright sunshine for the afternoon team events. There were lots of happy faces as ribbons were won during the morning, then lots of cheers for our representatives in the champions race. Well done to Fletcher for an excellent third position and to Montanna for an outstanding run to take first place!! The overall trophy was shared by Darnum and Nilma Primary Schools. Thanks to all of you who supported the students on the day and helped out with some of the events. Special thanks to Parent Club for setting up gazebos and flags to give us plenty of shelter through the day.

In assembly yesterday we gave awards to the class students of the week. Congratulations to the following students: Cooper, Amelia, Claire, Jazzy, Charley, Rhys, Eilidh and Sarah.

There have been many updates to legislation and policy recently within the education department and I will keep you updated on these over the next few newsletters. One particular area of focus is student attendance, with the key phrase ‘Every Day Counts’. We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for this begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school. There is no ‘safe’ number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.
- Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with school as early as possible.

As of 1st March 2014, new laws mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason. As a school we are committed to ensuring that attendance in all grade levels is as high as possible. If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let us know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

As this term ends it is a good time to praise students for how smart they have looked in school and whilst representing Buln Buln at events in the community. If uniform items are lost or outgrown, we hold a small amount of second hand items in school. Hip Pocket Work Wear have a full range of our current items.

It is also timely to remind our students about issues around uniform. Jewelry is strongly discouraged, and it is expected that this would be limited to stud earrings, in the case of pierced ears, and watches. As well as health and safety considerations, the school and education department do not hold insurance for items that are lost or broken. Makeup should not be worn. If there is a cultural or medical need, this can be discussed with myself and the classroom teacher. Long hair should be tied back for safety, and also it helps us be ever vigilant and active in discouraging head lice.

Uniform is also an important part of our Sun Smart policy and procedures. To be Sun Smart students will be required to wear their hats outside from September to April inclusive, and also on days where the UV index is 3 or above. We will be increasingly encouraging the use of sunscreen and of students having some in their bags for them to apply when necessary. We will obviously make more of this with the students as we progress through the year and summer comes around once again. The link to download the Sun Smart app is below:


School Council meet tonight and will discuss the set up of our sub committees for the forthcoming year, skin cancer awareness in school and our obligations to be compliant with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA).

A great big thank you to all who have supported us so readily through the Fun Run, bulb drive, end of term luncheon and many other events that raise funds for the school. Your efforts and generosity are very much appreciated.

A reminder that we finish school at 2.30 on Friday and return to school on Wednesday 23rd April. The timetable for Friday has been altered so that we can have end of term luncheon and our Easter raffle:

- Parent club serving lunches 12.30 - 1.15
- Playtime 1.15 - 1.45
- Site clear up 1.45
- Easter raffle assembly 2.00 - 2.25
- Dismissal 2.30

There will be no newsletter in the first week back as there are only two school days, with the Anzac Day Holiday being on Friday 25th April.

Have a great week and a safe and relaxing break..

Drew Allison
Principal

**Fun Run**

The Fun Run was held yesterday afternoon. It was organized by the Junior School Council. It was great to see all the children putting in such a great effort on an extremely hot day. Please return all sponsorship forms and money as soon as possible so that the JSC can tally the results.

**PARENT CLUB**

For those of you that are not aware, Sharon Caia has officially stepped down from her role as PC President. On behalf of all the parents and students, we would like to say a very big “thank you” for doing such a fantastic job. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

We will be wrapping all the Easter raffle prizes this Thursday morning in the Lyrebird room at 9 am. If you would like to help please let Jan Doberer know, as many hand will make light work.

We are also still looking for helpers for the end of term lunch. If you are available from 11.30am onwards, please let Lyn in the office know or Jan Doberer.
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open. The Challenge encourages families to be actively involved in supporting their children to read a set number of books and record their efforts online. The challenge officially ends on 12 September 2014. Students in Prep to Year 2 who accept the Challenge need to read or ‘experience’ 30 books during this period. Students in Years 3 to 10 who accept the Challenge must read 15 books during this period.

A consent form was sent home with your child on Monday, could these please be returned by Thursday 3rd April to ensure that your child can be registered by the end of Term 1.


**FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

This term is drawing to a close and my thought are now turning to the Taste of Good Food cooking program which will commence in Term 2. The first group of students to cook on Monday 28th April includes: Amber Burke, Jaran Guy, Zac Sherrard, Ellie Fowler, Shanae Brown, Flynn Lockett, Shauna Wellings and Max Albert. Parents of these students may only wish to send a snack for morning tea on that day so please take note. I am in need of one or two adult helpers for this session (11:30am – 2:30pm) so if parents or grandparents of any of these students would like to assist please send a message via the office this week or email me [kingwillbj@hotmail.com](mailto:kingwillbj@hotmail.com). Parents who have helped in the past enjoy the opportunity to work in the kitchen with their child and to sample the food at the shared lunch.

The first menu focuses on Greek cuisine and in the subsequent sessions we will be preparing Italian, Indian, British, Vietnamese, Japanese, American, Chinese, French, German and Spanish menus. As our numbers have increased one additional session is needed bringing the total of the senior cooking sessions to 12. I have decided that some of our mini masterchefs from Grade 3-6 might be up to the challenge of planning the menu for the final session. If students take on the challenge they need to select a three course menu from one country not featured in the list above. They need to find suitable recipes that we could prepare and eat in the time available. The ingredients need to be readily available and suitably priced. The task is a challenge and I expect that students will benefit from parental assistance as they research foods form other cultures. It may be a family project which they undertake over the school holidays. As a starting point students may wish to research on sites such as [http://www.taste.com.au/cuisine/home/?filter=world](http://www.taste.com.au/cuisine/home/?filter=world). On the 1st June all entries will be considered and the Grade 3-6 student with the best menu plan will be awarded the prize of cooking the menu with the other students in the final session in August. This will mean that they have the special privilege of cooking twice! If parents need any clarification about the challenge please email me and I can assist.

Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

The children have chosen a variety of activities to keep themselves amused in Outside School Hours Care this term. Dana and Hayley decided to dare each other into wearing some crazy outfit they made in Before School Care, all day at school. They both managed to do this, not giving in to the laughs and stares from everyone else. A big thank you to Mrs. Connolly who wrote a note for them, declaring they had achieved their goal. Well done girls in not giving in to peer pressure.

Eilidh, Ella, Lara, Taylah and Amelie made animals from pom poms, eyes and pipe cleaners. The girls all learnt how to use a hot glue gun and assisted Amelie with her ideas and how to achieve them. A lot of social interaction and laughter occurred, as well as a sense of achievement. Amelie also achieved a sense of belonging to a group and settling into Before School Care. Zoe and her horses, what a collection she has!!! We often wonder where Zoe sleeps as she has so many horses that share the bedroom with her that there cannot possibly be any room left for her. Lara and Ella helped Zoe set up some jumps and the girls enjoyed role playing with them. We look forward to the next group of horses Zoe brings to our program.

The end of Term 1 is closing in very quickly. We have enjoyed a number of new faces this term, with everyone settling in well and gaining a sense of belonging and participating in a group setting. Our program is run on staff organised activities, as well as child initiated activities, which helps to give the children the chance to showcase their own ideas. We thank the families who have entrusted their children in Helen and my care and have enjoyed the individuality of all of them.
Thank you also for booking and cancelling places in our program as soon as possible.
Lyn is available from 8.45 to 9.00am and both Helen and Lyn are available from 3.15 to 3.30pm if families would like to speak to us.
Enjoy your holidays and have a great break.

Lyn and Helen