Dear Parents

**Magpies**
Unfortunately we have some magpies nesting near the school. A number of students have been swooped as they walk and ride to school. These students are followed by the magpies, especially one that likes to ‘hang out’ in the trees near the car park and swoop unsuspecting individuals as they arrive at school. Please be careful as you enter the school grounds.

**Division Athletic Sports**
Last Thursday 19 students represented our school at the West Gippsland Division Athletic Sports. They all competed extremely well and we are proud of the effort they all put in. Congratulations to Fynn, Drew, Joshua, Riley and Zac, Ethan, Vinnie, Lachlan, Patrick, Prell, Keely, Anna, Nikyha, Montanna and Indiianna, Jessica, Toni, Sophia and Daniel. Thank you to the parents who transported students and supported and cheered them on the day. A special mention to Meg who, due to injury, was unable to compete but bravely came and cheered on her school mates. Congratulations to Montanna, Vinnie, Nikyha and Keely who have progressed to the next round – the Gippsland Regional Athletics Sports!

**Bike Ed Challenge**
Last Friday 8 students competed in the Bike Ed Challenge held at St Paul’s Warragul. The students had been training hard with Mrs Coghlan and their efforts on the day were fantastic. Each student had to complete a set course which showcased their riding skills. They all performed at their best and we are proud of their efforts. Well done Keely, Bailey, Prae and Prell, Thomas, Kobe, Ella and Phoebe, you all did a great job!

**Dad/Special Person Night**
A BIG thankyou to all the Dads and Grandparents and special people who were able to come to the Prep/One and Two Dad’s Night last Friday night. It was a good opportunity for people to visit the school and see what the children do at school as well as getting to know some of the other children and parents from school. Everyone completed some Science activities in the classrooms and then constructed car ramps out of the recycling materials. Well done to the Kilmartins, whose car travelled the furthest. Thanks to Barbara and her husband Peter who prepared the sausages for us.

**Staffing**
I understand that it is difficult for everyone in regard to the uncertainty about our current circumstances. To ensure that the entire School Community is abreast of our current situation I will keep you up to date via the newsletter when I know any news. With this in mind I can announce that I will be here until at October 6th. Hopefully in the newsletter released that day, I can provide a further update. Please come and talk to me if you need to talk about what is happening.

**Swimming**
We discussed swimming at School Council last week and wanted everyone to be aware that there will not be a swimming program offered this year.
Author Visit
Today was an exciting day. It was great to have Nilma Primary School staff and students come and visit us. Everyone enjoyed listening to our guest authors – Hazel Edwards, Meredith Costain and Adam Wallace. They were very entertaining and students were engrossed in their sessions. Our favourite book character parade was colourful, with lots of different characters being seen. Students from Buln Buin enjoyed mingling with students from Nilma and it was lovely to see everyone playing together at recess and lunch time. Thanks to Phil for organising the authors and Buln Buin and Nilma staff for organising engaging activities.

Nicole Ball
Acting Principal

200 Nights of Reading:
Rhylee, Sarah, Ceanna.

100 Nights of Reading:
Blake, Elissa, Kaylee, Matthew, Stella and Travis.

Merit Certificates:

POLICY & PLANNING
Our Sub-committee met last week with great discussion. We will be asking School Council to Ratify 3 Policies, being Energy Efficiency, Hire of Facilities and Gifts. Gillian is leading the Wellbeing Sub-committee which comprises of staff and 1 parent. They are currently looking into 5 Policies which will then come to Policy Sub-committee – Bullying, Bullying Management, Student Engagement, Student Management and Behaviour Management. We discussed which Policies were important to focus on first. For reasons of current climate, current issues and newsletter items we decided that Internet Safe Use, Return to Work, PD, First Aid, Occ Health & Safety, Sun smart, Head lice, Communication and Complaints. Staff are initially looking at the First Aid and Internet Safe Use Policy over the last week of term and term 3 holidays. The sub-committee will look over Head lice and Sun smart Policy. If you have not already noticed there is a Policy Folder in the Office window that you are more than welcome to look through at any time.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
At School Council last week we were low on numbers so did not have a quorum to pass any motions but were still able to hold a good meeting. After looking into the possibilities the school will be able to have another phone line added for the school to receive 2 incoming calls or make 2 outgoing calls at a time which will be a great benefit to us all. We were also presented with a Vision Statement and Values for our School to follow. This body of work has been created with input from all community members, staff and students.
Vision Statement:
“The Buln Buln School Community aims to develop creative, resilient, lifelong learners who are well equipped to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.”

Values:
As part of the Buln Buln School Community ICARE about being:

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Our Children, Our Community, Our Future

Timetable for Last Day of Term 3:

9:00—12:30 Usual classroom program
12:30—1:45 Lunch time
1:45—2:05 Yard clean up
2:05—2:30 Assembly

Reiko’s farewell.

Last Wednesday was our last Japanese day with Reiko as she has returned to Japan. The Prep and Prep/One classes have been lucky enough to have Reiko volunteer her time and skills to teach us Japanese. The children had a dress up day and a variety of Japanese activities for the morning. Reiko presented all the children with a certificate and an origami medal for completing her lessons. Next term we hope to have another Japanese volunteer to visit us on Wednesdays and continue with our Japanese lessons.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In the junior cooking session this week students prepared Pea & Haloumi Fritters and Muesli Slice. Thanks to my parent helpers Susan Carter, Natalie Kay and Karla Rutherford children enjoyed the snacks and their cooking experience.

There will be a break in the cooking program but it will resume with a further four sessions of junior cooking. On the first day of next term, Monday 5th October the group of students who will be preparing a snack to eat for lunch includes; Raffi, Darcy, Zach, Carmen, Abbey, Elissa and Toby.

I am in need of two helpers for this session which runs from 11:30 until 1:30. If parents or grandparents of these students would like to assist please send a message via the office or an email to kingwillbj@hotmail.com.

Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

SANDPIT

Thanks to Michael Smith for getting some new sand for our sand pit. The children love it.

End of Term Luncheon

Parents Club are looking for some extra helpers at 12.00 noon on Friday to help bag up the hot lunches. Please leave your name at the office if you are able to help.
Warrenga Youth Theatre presents

PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN

The Piratical Musical That’s Sure to Shake yer Booty!

West Gippsland Arts Centre
Tuesday 29 September – 11:00am & 2.00pm
Wednesday 30 September – 2.00pm & 7.00pm
Thursday 1 October – 11:00am & 2.00pm

Bookings: Ph: 38242456; wgtc.com.au