Dear Parents

Peer Mediation
As you are aware we have been implementing Peer Mediation since mid-August this year. The program is highly successful and our grade 5 and 6 students are doing a tremendous job every recess and lunch. They use their initiative and handle a variety of situations with growing confidence and maturity. On Thursday, December 10th our grade 4 students will be training to be peer mediators. This will enable us to continue to successfully implement the program in 2016.

Term 4 Reporting
During term 4 teachers will be uploading work to Sentral. This will include work samples of reading, writing, mathematics and integrated studies. End of year reports are also written this term. These reports, along with the detail attached to our child’s work samples, outline your child’s progress throughout 2015. The reports will be completed on Sentral and you will be able to access them once they are uploaded. An email will be sent out informing you of this.

Student Free Day
Monday, November 30 is a student free day. Staff will be spending the day writing end of year reports.

Visitors from Thailand
Last Friday we had four teachers from Thailand come and visit us and have a look at our school. Our House Captains and Vice-Captains did a great job showing our guests around the school, highlighting classroom programs and the learning that occurs. It was nice to receive feedback that they felt welcomed and enjoyed their visit.

Hoop Time
Some students in grades 3/4 and 5/6 are representing our school this week at the Regional Hoop Time Finals. The 5/6 boys and girls teams are playing in Traralgon on Wednesday and the 3/4 team will be playing in Dandenong on Thursday. We wish them all the best and hope they enjoy themselves.

Self-evaluation Survey
The link for the survey for the School Self-evaluation was emailed out at the end of last week. We encourage you to share your thoughts by completing the survey. Just in case you missed the email, the link for the survey is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BBPSselfevaluation Thank you to those who have already completed the survey.

Nicole Ball
Acting Principal

100 & 200 Nights of Reading:
Congratulations to the following for a great effort:

100 Nights of Reading: Shady and Artie

200 Nights of Reading: Kaylee and Jack

Merit awards: James, Deane, Paige, Bailey, Ryan, Taya, Sam and Riley.
Working Bee
We will be holding a working bee on

**Sunday, November 15th from 9am—12pm.**

A list of jobs that need to be completed is at the Office—please come in, look at the list and write your name on the job you would like to complete. We also welcome people to come and do a general tidy up. Please BYO shovels, rakes, blowers, brooms, pressure cleaners etc.

**PARENT CLUB**

Hi everyone. We have a lot going on in this last term, so please make sure you get your calendars out to jot down some dates.

Grade 6 tops. An order form came home with the Grade 5 student last week. Please make sure these order forms are returned by Friday 30th October.

Xmas raffle tickets will be coming home with the children. They are $1.00 each and your prompt return of these tickets would be appreciated. We are also asking for donations of all things “Christmas” to put towards our monster raffle which is drawn on the night of the school concert.

We have booked a room at the Courthouse for our annual Parent Club/Parent dinner, on the 4th December at 6.00pm. You don’t have to be part of the Parent Club to come along, as all parents are invited. If you are unable to make it for dinner, please come along later for a drink anyway. As the room can only fit a limited number, could you please RSVP to Jan Doberer by the 6th November. If we exceed the maximum (which would be great) we can move upstairs. This is a fun night and a great way to meet new parents in a more social environment.

**Outside School Hours Care**

The year has passed quickly with the children enjoying a number of activities. Our Sunsmart Policy has started and the children need to bring a hat to After School Care every session during Terms 1 & 4. Spare hats that have a broad brim and are named, can be left in our room. Bookings and cancellations need to be relayed to the office or myself as early as possible. We have contact cards that will fit into a purse or wallet which can be used to ring or text when changes to bookings need to be made. Please feel free to request one from either the office or directly from Lyn. We would appreciate payment of accounts as soon as possible as the year draws to an end. This helps maintain our budget to be able to supply the children with food and resources and keep our program running at a high standard. Payment before the end of the year also helps with budgeting for next year. We have two older style televisions in our OSHC room that are no longer needed, if any families have a use for them please speak to Helen or myself before the end of this week.

Finger knitting has been a very popular activity in OSHC over the last two months. The skills of the children have been greatly enhanced by this activity. We have then plaited, knitted and re-finger knitted our finger knitting into twine.

**FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

In the junior cooking session this week students prepared **Steamed Chicken Balls and Coconut & Date slice.** Thanks to my parent helpers Stacey Whyte and Lilian Dixon the children enjoyed the snacks and their cooking experience.

There will be a break in the cooking program for a fortnight. The the next session is on **Monday 23rd November** and the group of students who will be preparing a snack to eat for lunch includes; **Travis, Cody, Xavier, Declan, Maya, Ethan, Blaze and Claire.**

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 **kingwillbi@hotmail.com.**

Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS
Japanese children hang Koi (fish) windsocks to celebrate Children’s Day. In Art our students have been creating their own Koinobori to celebrate International Children’s Week.

This week students are encouraged to donate a toy they no longer use, to raise funds for the school wellbeing program or to be donated to children who are less fortunate than themselves.

Please leave all donations on the stage in the Great Space and ensure they are safe, clean and in good repair.

PLEASE DONATE A TOY!
Morning Skype
This morning some of Grade 3/4 students had an early 8am start to the day. As part of the Global Read Aloud (GRA - where we read the same text at the same time as other classes around the world) we Skyped a school in California and had to coordinate times to fit in with their 2.25pm finish time. Even though the connection wasn’t as clear as we would have liked we managed to hear about their school (which is right near Disneyland!) and exchange questions and answers about the book Fish in a Tree (about a girl who has dyslexia). This is the second country we have Skyped this term, last week we connected with a class in China. We have been using Kidblog to also share our learning with classes in other countries and we were interested to learn that Chinese people are not allowed to blog and have restrictions on what they can access on the internet. This is our third year participating in GRA and the kids always get a lot out of it.

NEWS FROM JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL.
As Remembrance Day is approaching the Junior School Council members will be selling Poppies every lunch time. They are 20c each. So please support our RSL and buy a Poppie.

A reminder that auditions for Buln Idol begin next week. They will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at recess in the Lyrebird Room.

Gerardine Johnston on behalf of the Junior School Council.

BULN BULN SPORTING CLUB SPECIAL FUNDRAISER
Due to our rooms getting broken into last month with the thieves taking the proceeds of a function night plus our float and damage to locks and our safe. We are out of pocket to the extent of approximately $7,000.

With the football, netball, cricket and tennis club relying on our sponsorship and the local community enjoying great meals and drinks at cheap prices we need to run a special function to recover some of this money so the user groups can continue to get this support from the Sporting Club.

We will be running a Melbourne cup day on Tuesday 3rd of November. Cost will be $120.00 a double for a family which will include beer, wine, soft drinks, prawns, chicken and salads with the chance to win $1,000.00 Prizes for best dressed, heaps of mystery tickets to be won, So if you could come along and bring some friends to support the Buln Buln Sporting Club, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please phone Darren Bishop on 0418 550 297 for tickets.