Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2012 school year. This year we have a record 143 enrolments for what promises to be an exciting and successful year for all involved.

I especially welcome our Preps—Sophie, Angus, Annalisa, Cheyenne, Georgia, Madeline, Aroha, Matthew, Adelle, Laticia, Denver, Natasha, Tanesha, Luke, Lachlan, Kenisha Radford, Sarah, Deane and Matthew, as well as Ryan (Gr. 5), Fletcher (Gr. 4), Shani (Gr. 1) and Talia (Gr. 1). You have every chance to do well.

To start the year off on a positive, social note everyone is welcome to our Twilight Cinema Night on Saturday, February 25 from 6.30 p.m. The movie will start up at dusk allowing time for picnic tea beforehand for those interested. Good weather is guaranteed and a great family night is assured. See you all there.

Getting Started

Schools are busy places and there is always a lot going on. The newsletter is an important communication tool and will come home every Tuesday. Expect your eldest to ensure you get your copy. A version will also be uploaded to our website at www.bulnbulnps.vic.edu.au.

Within the next fortnight a class newsletter will come home outlining teachers’ plans and expectations of the term will also come home.

Attendance

All students are expected at school every day. While this is rare it is important for learning and relationship building. An Absence Note sheet is attached to communicate the reasons for absence which the school is required to keep. We aim for an attendance of over 95% for each child.

Classroom Helpers

The classroom is a very busy place and teachers welcome the support of parents in a range of activities. Please note that classroom helpers must have a Working With Children Check completed before they can be a helper. Any helpers are to sign in and out at the Office and wear a name tag for that time.

Specialists

Specialist teachers for MARC Van Library, Music, Art and PE commence their programs this week. For fullest participation in each your child needs - a library bag for adequate protection
- an oversized shirt as an art smock (kept at school)
- runners for PE for safety.

Lunch Orders

Wednesdays the Sutton St, Corner Store provides lunches for families who choose the option. A Price List is attached. An envelope clearly marked with Name, Grade, Room, items orders and enclosing correct change is placed in the lunch box in the classroom. Orders are gone after the bell and lunches are returned to class at 1p.m.

Parking

Please park safely and wisely as the school zone gets very busy. Parking in the school grounds is for staff and delivery vehicles only. Parent access is for before and after school care only.

Website

Our school’s website is www.bulnbulnps.vic.edu.au. This will include newsletters, calendar, forms and a range of information you can access at any time. As the year gets underway it will also provide a record of student achievement and school activity.

Education Maintenance Allowance

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MOWING ROSTER

February 11-12

Wellings

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.
The EMA will again be paid to families who are currently eligible for current Centrelink or Veterans Affairs (TPI) Pensions. Application forms are available from the office and must be returned by February 24 together with your eligible card.

Conveyance Allowance
If you travel further than 4.8km to school and Buln Buln is your nearest state school you are eligible to apply for a conveyance allowance. This helps offset the costs of travel. New applications need to be completed and returned by February 24th. No new application is necessary if families were previously entitled and circumstances remain unchanged.

Active After School Activities
The federally funded AASC activities will commence next week. Children from Prep to 2 may join Basketball on Tuesdays and Gr. 3-6 can join Football on Thursdays. All details are on an attached note.

Piano
Private tuition is provided at school by Melanie Ronalds on Thursdays commencing this week February 9. If interested please contact Melanie on 56233149.

Mowing Roster
Your support in this regard is greatly appreciated as our grounds provide the school with a great sense of pride. Thankyou to the Caia, Smethurst, Steenholdt, Wallmeyer and Doberer families who have already helped this year on the mower and around the grounds.

Icy Poles
Our Grade Six students sell icy-poles during Terms One and Four. They are on sale in the Undercover Area for 30c and 60c each.

Staff News
Tomorrow we welcome Miss Simone Bruce to join us Wednesdays to Fridays as a support teacher to our Prep One Program.
Next week we welcome Mrs. Marion Hill into Gr. 2/3 for a fortnight whilst Mrs. Johnston takes some leave to enjoy her brand new grandson Jacob.

School Library
For 2012 school library will be on Thursdays starting on 15th February. Any parents who would be able to volunteer some of their time on a Thursday would be most welcome.

And finally
Glenys our Crossing Supervisor has been unwell but we hope to have her back within a fortnight.
In the meantime we have been fortunate to enjoy Rosie in her place.
Rosie has kindly agreed to help with our Preps learning how to safely use the crossing.

Regards,
Stephen Keating
Principal.

Bookclub
Orders and correct money should be returned to your classroom teacher by Wednesday 15th February.

Parent Club
Next Meeting: Monday 20th February 2012

Twilight Cinema Night - Saturday 25th February, Buln Buln Rec Reserve featuring Mr. Poppers Penguins
Our Twilight Cinema Night is fast approaching. Through the generous donation from our sponsors, we will be holding a MONSTER RAFFLE at 8.00 pm. Prizes include pet accessories, toys, gift vouchers to name just a few. A full list of prizes will accompany next week’s newsletter. We have attached to this week’s newsletter a raffle book. Please return any tickets and money by Wednesday 22nd February. Thank you. A flyer will also be attached to next week’s newsletter with full details of the Cinema night.

Relay for Life - 17th/18th March 2012 - Warragul Velodrome
Attached to this week’s newsletter is a registration for our Relay for Life team. Every one that wants to walk needs to fill out a registration form. The $20 registration fee covers insurance, jumper and it goes towards our teams fund raising total. If you are interested please fill out the form and drop it into the office along with $20. If you need more forms they are available at the office.
The event is on 17th-18 March from 4pm-10am at the Warragul Velodrome. It is a family friendly event with lots of free activities and entertainment for the whole family. The more walkers we get the less we all will have to do. We will have a site at the venue and you are more than welcome to stay the night. There will be food and drinks available on site.
Raffle ticket are also available at the office with all sales of ticket and any donations going to our teams total. If you have any questions or would like a raffle book please see Danielle Smethurst 0438 320139.

AGM: Monday 5th March 2012 - all welcome

FROM THE CHAPLAIN
With our first Monday assembly yesterday the school year feels like it has ‘officially’ begun. Another event that occurs at the start of each week is a small display which I set up in the staff room. This will often be a creative exhibit of current events, with stories and quotes being a regular feature. At present the display features bright colours, a Leunig cartoon “The first day of School” and a quote by Marianne Williamson which focuses on letting our light shine.

Leunig’s writing begins on a humorous note but the thought provoking aspect of his cartoon is conveyed in the final two lines of his verse which states;

For the rest of our lives we still had the spark
From the wonderful first day of school.
The spark to which Leunig refers is created by teachers and other school staff through the welcoming environment and engaging learning opportunities that they provide. In response students are enthused and the spark for learning develops. Families also have an important part to play in encouraging and supporting students throughout their schooling so that they never lose sight of the wonder of learning. Even when learning is difficult or scary they are able to take on the challenge of being lifelong learners. In addition, as Marianne Williamson quote conveys, when students let their own light shine they give others the chance to do likewise. In effect the love of learning becomes
contagious and enables us to enjoy the company of others and the learning communities that we grow up in. Most families will already be familiar with the role that I play at the school and I look forward to getting to know the new families. Each week I will be at the school for two days, this includes every Monday and then one other day during the week. If you would like to speak to me, or arrange for me to chat to your child this can be organised. In next week’s newsletter there will be a form which you can fill out and return to the school, alternatively you may visit or call to speak to me. Some families who are going through challenging times, due to illness or other unexpected life events, find that their child benefits from some extra support. When we are aware of a particular need teaching staff and I can work in conjunction to provide the level of care that assists both the child and family to cope with these difficulties.

I look forward to another great year of learning in 2012 Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

For Sale
13 week old hens $15 each. Phone Leanne 56268396.

BULN BULN NETBALL CLUB
REGISTRATION AND FIRST TRAINING NIGHT.
Tuesday 7th February 2012
at the
Buln Buln Netball courts.
G and F Grade - 5pm – 6pm (Juniors)
(Usually girls in Years 4/5 or 6/7)
E and D Grade - 6pm-7pm (Juniors)
(Usually girls in Year 8/9 and 10/11)
A, B and C Grade - 7pm – 8pm (Open age)
Both junior sessions will be followed by a sausage sizzle.
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME.
Any queries call 56268200

2nd Neerim Brownies & 1st Neerim Guides
Girls—make new friends while camping and doing outdoor activities, games, cooking, craft and challenges.
Girls from the age of 7yrs—10yrs can have fun at Brownie Guides on Thursday night 6—7.30p.m.
Girls from the age of 10yrs—15yrs can join in Guide activities on a Tuesday night 6.30— 8.30p.m.
We are looking for women who are interested in taking on a leadership role. Enquires: Cheryl Kimm—Ph. 56268469.

Milo Cricket
The Buln Buln Cricket Club would like to remind all kids involved in Milo Cricket, the program will resume on Friday 10th February.

Buln Buln Cricket Club
Trivia Night Saturday night 18th February starting at 7.30p.m.
$10 per adult, $5 under 16’s.
Tables of 6-8.
Platter of nibbles provided for all tables.
Silent auction with all proceeds going towards Breast Cancer research.
Any enquiries please call Wilson Pollock on 0417 086536.

For Sale
2 Roosters. Free to good home, nice colourful birds. Ph: 56267111.

Rabbits for Sale
Very cute, 4 1/2 weeks old. $10 each, see Travis or phone 56267075.