Dear Parents,

What a great night we enjoyed on Saturday at our Twilight Cinema Evening. I’m not sure which was more popular, Mr Popper’s Penguins or playing with glowsticks with friends. The great work of our Parent Club was rewarded with an excellent attendance on a beautiful summer evening. A very big thank you goes to our sponsors who supported us and to the families and friends who made the effort to come out.

School Fees
As you probably realize, government grants are not sufficient to provide the quality of education that we aspire to at Buln Buln Primary School. School Council is also mindful of the costs parents are expected to meet and annually prepares a budget with affordability in mind.

For 2012 the school levy is $95 per child which will support the curriculum requirements of all grades. The levy does not include excursions that will be held during the year. Prompt payment of this levy is very much appreciated and in the event of financial hardship a confidential approach to Mrs Weller or myself can be made to make alternative arrangements.

Preps in March
This Wednesday our Preps are invited to enjoy a BYO Picnic at Civic Park from 11.00 am - 1.00 pm. Beginning next week our youngest students will be full time school kids. Let’s hope the weather is kind for the outing on Wednesday and kinder still for their first full week.

Rural School Sports
Our School Sports Day will be held on Wednesday March 21st. The afternoon comprises of events which require cross age teams.

Mrs Fowler has done an excellent job creating eighteen teams mixing students from across the school. Each team has a Grade Six student leader who takes up the coaching, encouraging and minding responsibilities for the team. This opportunity provides our senior students with a great chance to develop and display their leadership skills. Fridays intro session suggests the teams will be very well managed indeed by competent and enthusiastic captains.

Clean Up Australia Day
Friday March 2nd is the annual Clean Up Australia Day date for school. Our students will be ensuring that there isn’t a skerrick out of place in our beautiful grounds. The senior students will head off to the bus loop and Rec Reserve on their litter hunt as a means of community service.

Walk to School Day
Each month on the first Friday we have a Walk to School Day. The opportunity is taken to remind us all of the advantages of regular exercise. By walking to school children enjoy being physical and it is always a cheerful social way to start the day. Those who normally drop children off at school are encouraged to drop off at the Rec Reserve or at the top end of Old Sale Road instead. If it’s good for you, then why not? This month’s Royal Auto has an excellent article on the benefits and enjoyment to be derived from walking and interesting initiatives around Melbourne. See www.racvroyalauto.com.au/editions/Mar12/.

Premiers Active Families Challenge
The Office of the Premier annually challenges families to spend 30 minutes of physical activity per day. This year the...
Premiers Active Families Challenge is to be held between March 19 - April 30. Registration is via www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge or 1300 463 684. The website includes planners, health tips, recipes, incentives for participants and their schools and more. Why not?

**University of NSW Competitions**

Each year students from Gr 4-6 have the opportunity to participate in the challenge of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. These are conducted by the University of NSW in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. The highest score in the state wins a medal and certificates are issued for High Distinction, Distinction, Credit and Participation.

If you would like to see a past paper please speak with me. Permission slips are attached. Please return yours with the entry fees by Friday March 9, 2012.

And finally

Thanks to those who have nominated for School Council so far. We still have vacancies for anyone interested in becoming involved. Simply call in to see me for more information.

Regards,
Stephen Keating
Principal.

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**Parent Club**

**AGM: Monday 5th March 2012 - all welcome**

**Twilight Cinema Night**

An absolute massive thank you to everyone involved in making last Saturday night a huge success. To the families and friends who attended, to all of our sponsors and to the mums and dads at this school who so willingly and generously donate their time to our events. Thank you just does not seem enough to say. We really do appreciate it.

**AGM - Monday 5th March 2012**

Next Monday is our AGM. All positions become available and nomination forms are available at the Office for people interested in joining the executive. You do not have to join the executive to be part of Parent Club. The positions available are as follows:

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Again, you do not have to join the executive to be part of Parent Club so please consider it. Membership is only $1 and we have a meeting once a month on a Monday morning after assembly. We structure our meetings around upcoming fundraising activities and anything else that we can be helping the school with. The meetings are always a friendly and enjoyable event.

**Relay for Life - 17th/18th March 2012 - Warragul Velodrome**

Registrations are still open 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.

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**National Year of Reading 2012**

www.love2read.org.au

**Bookclub**

Orders and correct money are due back by Thursday 15th March. Thank you.

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**Chance to be a rock star (no experience necessary).**

Would you like to be in a band even though you can't play an instrument? Would you like to perform at gigs locally? Would you like to play big loud drums in a team? Would you like to do this at minimal or zero cost? If the answer to any of these is 'yes' then we need you. We've had a grant from Youth Foundations, Victoria to set up a Youth Samba School. We've got the drums, all we need is the players. All young people in Grade 6 to Year 9 can come and play. No experience or talent required. We provide everything you need. Rehearsals start Thursday, 1st March and we already have our first gig. Call Sue 5628 1045 for details and to register.

**Learn to Cook Healthy - Vegetarian Cooking Workshops**

Learn the how but also the why. March 5, 12 and 19th from 7.00 pm. Please arrive 10 mins early at Drouin Secondary College, South Street, Drouin in the cafeteria at the back of the school. Bookings essential. Call Leslie on 5622 0695 or 0414 836 148. Cost is $35 to be paid at registration. 3 workshops, food tasting and recipe book are all included.