



Bungaree Primary School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 2
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Respect

Positivity

Determination

Creativity

From the Principal

Hello everyone

A bright new year has commenced, with a whole bunch of enthusiastic students ready to be their best at Bungaree Primary School in 2020. Welcome back to all of our families!

In 2020, there is again one, differentiated class operating at school— with Ms Marnie Kentish (Monday-Tuesday) and myself (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday), supported by returning MARC Van teacher Ms Kari O’Gorman (each Friday). Education support staff this year are Anne (Monday-Tuesday) and Michelle (Wednesday-Friday mornings). In the office, we welcome back Angela, who will be in each Wednesday and Thursday 10:00am-3:00pm in the Business Manager role. I’d like to acknowledge and thank Mr Ross who finished in his role at the end of last year, and whose efforts were recognised at the Christmas concert and greatly appreciated.

I’m excited to announce that we will again receive the MARC Van weekly this year, which will broaden and build our student access to another teacher and access the wider range of library and art resources available in the truck. Kari will join us each Friday.

Tim Nelson, our private music tutor, will be offering piano, keyboard and guitar lessons again at Bungaree this year. Tim is an experienced, patient and qualified instrumental music teacher, and has been teaching for more than 20 years! To discuss music opportunities for your child and the costs involved, please contact Tim on 0450 904 464.

For your information, I have attached a copy of the school timetable which should help you prepare your child/children for learning each day. I’d like to invite and very much welcome parents to our School Assembly each week, which runs from 9:00am to about 9:30am every Monday.

This week, our Home Reading Program commenced. This is a wonderful opportunity to read with your child each day to practise, consolidate, learn and enjoy this very important skill together. Keep an eye out for a brand new Resilience Project Student Diary in your Home Reader Bag—a great way to maintain communication between home and the classroom, and to share achievements and celebrations with regard to reading! In addition to this and in support of The Resilience Project, a daily practice of gratitude, empathy and mindfulness will also be requested for every student, every day.

Can all families please provide two boxes of tissues per child for use in the classrooms? These can be delivered directly to myself and we will have them at hands reach for everyone. Happy and hygienic is how we roll!

The Scholastic Book Club is back this year too, and catalogues for the first order have been sent home this week. Unfortunately there won’t be a Book Fair this year, so please make the most out of our Book Club twice each term—just remember, we receive awards with Scholastic which are converted to new books in our classrooms for our children.

I had a very positive meeting with Stacey with regard to the PFA this year. We are calling for some help and seeking a few more parents to help out for PFA lunch day and other PFA activities throughout the year. Just remember, you may be able to help here and there and not every time, but all help will be appreciated. Please see Stacey for more information. Our first PFA lunch will be on Wednesday 12th February—a note will come home shortly. The PFA will also be working actively on the fundraising and activities calendar, which will need to be approved by School Council at their first meeting.

This term, Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held in the last week of term to update on progress, celebrate achievement and discuss your child’s learning. Please don’t forget that you can arrange a time to meet with Ms Kentish or myself to catch up if required during the term, however please note the formal interviews on the 23rd and 24th March after school.

I’d like to invite all families to our School Twilight Picnic at Kirk’s Reservoir on Friday 21st February, from 5:30-7:00pm. Mark your family calendars now!

I’d like to extend a big thank you to the families who were able to help with the grounds maintenance of the school over the holiday period — the Cox, Lee and Matheson families, and their help from weeding to hedge trimming and mowing. In addition, I’d also like to thank the Lee’s for caring for our three school chooks over the holidays. The girls have come back and are straight back into egg laying! I’ll let you know when some eggs are available to purchase.

Finally, newsletters will again be fortnightly this year, on (or about) every other Wednesday—check your eldest child’s Home Reader Bag. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for snippets and updates in between newsletters. Have a wonderful week and stay grateful, kind and mindful.

Miss Catherine Barnes, Principal

Calendar

February

Wednesday 5th	Foundation Free Day
Saturday 8th	PFA Bunning's BBQ fundraiser
Tuesday 11th	School Council Meeting 5:00pm
Wednesday 12th	Foundation Free Day; PFA lunch
Wednesday 19th	Foundation Free Day
Friday 21st	School Tour for Prospective Families 9:30am; School Twilight Picnic at Kirks Reservoir 5:30-7:00pm
Wednesday 26th	Foundation Free Day; PFA Lunch

March

Friday 6th	Wathaurung Cross Country Event at Russell Square (Years 3-6)
Monday 9th	Labour Day public holiday—SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 10th	Curriculum Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 11th	PFA Lunch
Sunday 15th	School Working Bee 10:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday 17th	School Council AGM and Meeting 5:00pm
Thursday 19th	GRIP Student Leadership Conference (JSC)
Monday 23rd	Parent-Teacher Interviews after school
Tuesday 24th	Parent-Teacher Interviews after school
Wednesday 25th	PFA Lunch
Thursday 26th	Student Showcase 9:00am; Life Education Van visit
Friday 27th	Last day of Term 1—2:30pm dismissal

Bungaree PS is online

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www.bungareeps.vic.edu.au

and on Facebook

@bungareeps



Sun Smart in Term 1

We have reminded students that during Term 1 all schools follow the principles of being Sun Smart. Everyone, students and staff alike, are required to wear a broad rim hat during outside play or learning activities. Children who do not have a hat will be required to play in designated shady areas. If you need to purchase a new hat, please contact the office for details.



Mowing in Summer

Is your family able to help in the mowing of the school grounds sometime in 2020?

Every little bit helps, and everyone values the contributions of family volunteers in this task to keep our grounds beautiful.

Please see Miss Barnes if you can help!



Weekend commencing ...	Family
Saturday 30th November	Lee family
Saturday 14th December	Cox family
Saturday 28th December	Matheson family
Saturday 11th January	Lee family
Saturday 25th January	School arranged
Saturday 8th February	Cox family
Saturday 22nd February	Matheson family

Thank you!

Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Victorian Government Schools' Privacy Policy, available from

www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website

www.bungareeps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/privacy_information_for_parents_and_carers.docx

For more information about privacy, see

www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx

This information also available in nine community languages.



Our Service Road to school has a 10km/h speed limit. For everyone's safety—students, families and staff, please abide by this speed limit when arriving and departing from school at all times. Thank you.

Victorian Bushfire Appeal

The Victorian Bushfire Appeal continues to seek donations to help Victorians impacted by bushfires.

The Victorian Bushfire Appeal has been established in partnership with the Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation and the Salvation Army to provide practical support as impacted people begin to rebuild their lives.

Money raised will be used to help meet the most urgent needs of local families and also help address the most immediate priorities of communities, including the rescue and rehabilitation of local wildlife.

Now that the immediate need has passed, donations of goods are no longer preferred.

Financial donations provide more flexibility and are more effective than the donation of material items or pre-loved goods.

Relief centres have been overwhelmed by the donation of goods and resources have been diverted away from critical tasks to the logistics of storing donated goods.

How to donate

Donations to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal can be made online at Community Enterprise Foundation

www.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/make-a-donation/bushfire-disaster-appeal/

or at any Bendigo Bank branch.

All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Donors will be provided with a tax receipt by the Community Enterprise Foundation.

Visit the Victorian Bushfire Appeal website for more information.

www.vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal

Start of Year Writing Success



School Twilight Picnic

Bring a picnic basket along and celebrate the start of learning for this year. Come along and enjoy some time together outside of school—school families and staff are all invited.



When: 5:30-7:00pm, Friday 21st February

Where: Kirks Reservoir Park,
Daylesford Road, Brown Hill

What to bring: Chairs, picnic blankets, drinks and a picnic tea for your family—there is a free electric BBQ available in the park if this takes your fancy. Toilets are also in the park.

If you have some games that we could play together — like bocce, croquet, petanque, lawn bowls, totem tennis and the like, we would love you to bring them along to share!

Drop Off & Pick Up Times

Families are reminded that our school policy states that formal school supervision begins each day at 8:45am and concludes at 3:45pm. Before and after these times, teachers plan and prepare learning programs and meet together to discuss school matters.

Please respect this as important time for teachers in their professional practice; and ensure that you drop off your child/children between 8:45-9:00am each morning and collect them before 3:45pm.

Learning times

The times for learning in class remain the same for 2019.

9:00am	School starts; formal class learning
11:00am	Recess
11:30am	Formal class learning
1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Formal class learning
3:30pm	Dismissal

If you require to collect a child early or drop off a little later due to (for example) a medical appointment, please visit the Office and sign him/her in the Sign In/Out booklet.

Novel Coronavirus update

As you will have seen on our school Facebook page, and in a note sent home last week, the Department of Education and Training is continually monitoring the coronavirus situation in Victorian Government schools.

Heather, our DET School Nurse, popped in this week and has kindly offered a fact sheet for families to consider the basics (provided in this newsletter.) Remember, although you may not have been directly affected through travel in China, it does not mean that your own personal vigilance should change—you may become affected by proximity and connection with someone who has been affected.

The latest DET update, provided on 1st February, is as follows:

The Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer have this afternoon recommended a stronger precautionary approach to managing coronavirus for travellers returned from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) from today (1 February 2020).

This recommendation is that parents/guardians/carers should ensure that any student returning from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) who was in mainland China on or after **1 February 2020** is isolated at home and should not attend school until 14 days after they were last in mainland China.

This recommendation does not apply retrospectively. It applies only to students who were in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020.

The existing advice remains that parents/guardians/carers of students should ensure that any student is isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days:

- following exposure to any confirmed novel coronavirus case; or
- after leaving Hubei Province.

This same advice applies to any impacted staff.

The Commonwealth has also advised that: "additional border measures will be implemented to deny entry to Australia to people who have left or transited through mainland China from 1 February 2020, with the exception of Australian citizens, permanent residents and their immediate family and air crews who have been using appropriate personal protective equipment".

Enrolments in 2020 and beyond

Reminder: Enrolments are now being encouraged and welcomed for students starting in any year level in 2020 and beyond. If you know of a local family with children who need to experience our fantastic neighbourhood school, please let me know.

Miss Barnes



Bunning's BBQ this Saturday



Our Bunning's BBQ fundraiser for the school is on this Saturday at Bunning's Ballarat, Creswick Road. Please spread the word with your networks to pop on down, buy a snag (or a few!) and support our school.

Thank you to all that have volunteered for our Bunning's BBQ Fundraiser for 2020, your help is genuinely appreciated. Money raised for this fundraiser will be going towards subsidising the School Camp cost and Swim and Gym Program for all students in our school.

Here are a few rules as stipulated by Bunning's to be followed on the day:

- Enclosed shoes must be worn by all working
- Hair must be neat & tidy (long hair tied back or wear a hair net)
- No singlet tops to be worn

We will have aprons available to be used on the day or feel free to bring your own. We are also after one more large esky if anyone would be happy for us to use on the day, if you could please let PFA or Miss Barnes know.

8:30-10:30	David, Lorelie, Marnie, Anne
10:30-12:30	Wendy, Laura, Maree
12:30-2:30	Wendy, Michelle, Kari, Elizabeth
2:30-4:30	Adarnia, Elizabeth

Stacey and Miss Barnes all day.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Stacey, PFA

First time ...



Can YOU remember the first time that you learned how to rule a margin in school? I'm sure that your teacher impressed their pride, and how important and mature you must have been to make that fine red line perfect. So much concentration required and what an accomplishment in the classroom ...

Congratulations to Zac and James (pictured) on mastering the art of ruling margins this week. Welcome to the Seniors!!

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards at our assembly this week.

Literacy Award

Kainan, for showing determination with his first writing piece for the year - a recount about his 'Summer Holiday.'

GEM Award

William, for showing outstanding empathy and mindfulness in his new role as 'big brother' at school.

Bungaree Award

Claire, for starting the school year with a very positive attitude, shared happily with all students and staff.



Scholastic Book Club



Orders for the current catalogue are due on:
Tuesday 17th February

School is back, and so is Book Club!

The first issue of book club for the year was handed out on Monday. Orders from this issue are due back by Monday the 17th of February and can be handed back to the office or submitted online through LOOP.

Every order earns the school rewards for us buy fun new reading resources, so please support if you are able.

Anne

Respectful Relationships

Our school has been a 'partner school' in the DET Respectful Relationships Program for the past two years, and we are pleased to say that we have been awarded 'lead school' status in 2020 with School Council support. Bungaree Primary School, through its experience as a partner school, has encouraged other small schools in the local area to apply to be a part of the Respectful Relationships program - to build a wider understanding, knowledge and application of this program, specifically in a small rural school setting.

We will be leading a small school cluster to encourage the following aspects of the program:

1. A whole school approach to school-based, primary prevention of gender-based violence.
2. Development of the school culture and environment.
3. Professional learning to support school leaders, teachers and other school-based staff.
4. Providing support and resources for staff and students.
5. Building relationships with the community, including response services, community groups and families.
6. Participating in a cluster of schools to support implementation of the initiative.

Although with a small enrolment, Bungaree Primary School can see the need to develop a network of people and bank of knowledge in the Respectful Relationships field, with a specific focus on small school delivery (considering rurality; and multi-age classrooms and curriculum implementation), delivered through a prosocial lens and positive interactions with students, staff and the wider school community.

Respectful Relationships represents a proactive and positive opportunity to promote and model respectful and constructive attitudes and behaviours within our local community.

Respectful Relationships will enhance existing programs in health and inquiry units and will provide an avenue for explicit teaching and assessment of the personal and social capabilities, as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum.

I'll be sharing more information and valuable resources for families over the coming year—in addition to the regular Positive Parenting advice from Michael Grose and news from The Resilience Project.

Miss Barnes

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 10th March

There will be no school on this day as staff will be attending professional learning with the Moorabool Collegiate Group.

Pie Maker Zucchini and Sweet Corn Muffins

Our vegie garden is providing some beautiful produce at the moment and we decided that one of the big zucchinis would be delicious. Who said kids won't eat their greens? Everyone loooooooved the muffins!



Together we can grow

CORONAVIRUS ADVICE FOR PARENTS, FAMILIES AND SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

You may be aware of the outbreak of a novel coronavirus in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China.

The Australian Government has advised that there is no cause for alarm with respect to the coronavirus and that the risk to the Australian public remains relatively low.

The Department of Education and Training has consulted with Victoria's Chief Health Officer and Department of Health and Human Services to provide the following advice to parents, families and school communities.

EXCLUSION OF WELL CHILDREN OR STAFF WHO HAVE TRAVELLED TO AFFECTED AREAS

In accordance with national public health guidelines and current information about the coronavirus from the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer, it is not a requirement to exclude well children or staff from school if they have travelled to Wuhan, China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, unless the following applies:

- the person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus; or
- the person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days.

If you think your child or a family member may meet one of the above criteria, please contact the dedicated hotline on 1800 675 398. Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.

SEEKING MEDICAL ADVICE FOR YOUR CHILD

Please seek medical advice for any child who is:

- experiencing fever and respiratory symptoms (including but not limited to cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, body aches or fatigue); AND
- has recently travelled to Wuhan, China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases in the 14 days before of the onset of illness.

As with the above advice, please call the dedicated hotline on 1800 675 398 to discuss further actions.

MORE INFORMATION

For up-to-date information, please see the Department of Health and Human Services website: [Information for the public - novel coronavirus](#)

Timetable

Bungaree PS F-6

2020

9:00

11:00

11:30

1:00

2:00

3:30

M O N

Whole School Assembly (30 min)
All staff

Literacy (90 min)
MK

Spelling Mastery (30 min)
MK

Numeracy (60 min)
MK

Visual Arts (90 min)
CB

T U E

Literacy (120 min)
MK

Spelling Mastery (30 min)
MK

Numeracy (60 min)
MK

Investigations (90 min)
MK

W E D

Literacy (120 min)
CB

Spelling Mastery (30 min)
CB

Numeracy (60 min)
CB

Circle Time (30 min)
CB

PE (60 min)
CB

T H U

Literacy (120 min)
CB

Auslan (30 min)
CB

Numeracy (60 min)
CB

The Resilience Project / Respectful Relationships / (90 min)
CB

F R I

Literacy (120 min)
KO

Numeracy (45 min)
KO

STEAM (45 min)
KO/CB

MARC Van Literacy / Language Art (90 min)
KO