



Bungaree Primary School

Newsletter

Term 1, Week 2
9th February, 2024

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Respect

Positivity

Determination

Creativity

We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which we all live and learn, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation, where we share a place of belonging. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and thank them for taking care of this country over countless generations.

Koling wada-ngal (Let us walk together)

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 2024. Welcome back to our returning families, and welcome to our new students!

Compass is our school management portal. Important updates and communications will be posted through this portal and all families should be connected. If you would like some assistance to get (re)started, please see Ange in the office of myself and we can help you.

Our updated Family Information Handbook was distributed to families during the week and can be found on our school website. It provides a great overview of our school life here at Bunga—I encourage you to become familiar with it, and am happy to chat if you need any clarification.

In 2024 we will again split into two classes for most of the week: Ms K facilitating the Junior (F-2) learning program, Mrs Ower and Miss Murphy (from the end of February) the Seniors (3-6), and myself Specialist Learning and Tutoring, balanced with school administration. Business Manager, Ange will be in on Wednesday and Thursday. Our School

Wellbeing Officer is currently being advertised.

I'm excited that we will again receive the MARC Van fortnightly 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. Mrs East will attend fortnightly on a Friday in 2024.

Our Outside School Hours Care program provided by OSHClub has already commenced. It is a whole lot of fun for the children, and supports working parents who are seeking longer care for their child/ren (or non-working parents seeking outside school hours activities!) To enrol and to find out about the Child Care Subsidy available to you to support attendance, please visit www.oshclub.com.au/vic/bungaree-primary-school, email bungaree@oshclub.com.au or call 0407 152 089. We would like to welcome our new OSHClub Coordinator, Bee, in 2024.

January was a big month at school with tradies in for a few jobs in readiness for the new school year. A new path has been built to the Gaga Pit, and some building repairs undertaken following storm damage over the shutdown.

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Together we can grow

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I'd like to thank our staff and families who were able to join a roster to maintain our veggie garden, look after the chooks and mow the yard over the December/January period. Over the Summer, the school was greatly cared for by the Hayes-Beulke family, the Merton family, the Matheson family, the Testro family, Ms K and myself. Huge appreciation to everyone for their help!

The Nelson family, our private music tutors, will be offering piano/keyboard and guitar lessons again at Bungaree this year. Quilby (piano) and Tim (piano and guitar) are experienced, patient and qualified instrumental music teachers. To discuss music opportunities for your child and the costs involved, please contact Quilby on 0490 523 705.

For your information, I have attached a copy of the school timetable and our Positive Learning Model which should help you prepare your child/children for learning each day.

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 your *The 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 recommended for Junior students and required for every Senior student, every day.

School Breakfast Club will continue this year at three days each week—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 'Breaky Club' opens at 8:30am, and is a great opportunity for students and staff to catch up over a shared meal. It also provides some wonderful life skills for students, preparing for and cleaning up after a meal. Hopefully these skills can also transfer to home! I'm looking to set up a parent volunteer roster to help out at each Breaky Club session to assist our staff volunteers each morning. If you can help out for a half hour or so (preparing/chatting/cleaning), it would be greatly appreciated.

With COVID-19 still lingering in the district, it is a good reminder that our school has a COVID Safety Plan in place. As a school, we will continue to promote and follow safe measures in the school around ventilation and personal hygiene and ask that everyone entering the school does the same.

School Council will be meeting again twice per term. The first meeting of this year has been deferred until Tuesday week as there is a Bulldogs Read Family Information Night on the same night (I hope to see our Senior families there!) I thank our current Councillors, Andrew, Jarrod, Wendy and Ms K for their ongoing service and valued thoughts and opinions in this forum. More news about School Council vacancies will be in the next newsletter.

Our Parents and Friends Association continues this year, and is always looking to welcome new people to join the PFA to assist with fundraising and events around the school. With Kathleen shifting work hours, we are asking for a parent to take a lead role in the PFA Lunches in 2024 (and thanks to Kathleen for your incredible work last year!) Please consider helping if you can—this is a highly valued tradition at our school. If you'd like to find out more, please speak to Beck, Stacey or myself.

The Scholastic Book Club is back this year too, and catalogues for the first order have been sent home. 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.

Lunch Orders from the Bungaree Store will run every Friday again this year. Don't forget to drop off your lunch order form at the shop and pay by Thursday of each week. Lunch orders will be delivered to our students. Many thanks to Lisa and her team for setting up our lunch order process and for continuing this lovely service in 2024.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for snippets and updates in between newsletters, and school families, remember to always view Compass notifications as they pop up.

As always, keep safe and look after yourself, your family, friends and neighbours. Stay grateful, kind and mindful, as we say and do in school.

Miss Catherine Barnes, Principal

Calendar

February

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| Each Wednesday | Foundation Free Day (enjoy a well earned rest, Lindsay!) |
| Tuesday 13th | Bulldogs Read Family Information Night (Seniors only) at the Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility, 6:00pm. |
| Thursday 15th | Official School Photo Day. |
| Friday 16th | School Twilight Picnic at Kirk's Reservoir, 5:30-7:00pm. |
| Tuesday 20th | School Council Meeting, 6:00pm. |
| Thursday 22nd | Senior excursion: Bulldogs Read Welcome Event in Ballarat. Details/Family Consent on Compass. |
| Thursday 29th Feb—Friday 1st March | Senior Camp: Boomerang Ranch. Details/Family Consent on Compass and hardcopy notes sent home. |

March

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| Friday 1st March | Senior Camp: Boomerang Ranch. Details/Family Consent on Compass and hardcopy notes sent home. Junior excursion: Boomerang Ranch. Details/Family Consent on Compass. |
| Wednesday 6th | Early dismissal at 12:00pm. Parent-Teacher Interviews from 1:00-6:00pm. Bookings on Compass soon. |
| Monday 11th | Labour Day holiday. SCHOOL CLOSED. |
| Tuesday 12th | Curriculum Day. SCHOOL CLOSED. |
| Tuesday 13th— Friday 15th | NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5 students. |
| Friday 15th | (After NAPLAN) JSC fundraising event—get excited! Details soon. |
| Tuesday 19th | The Resilience Project "Digital Wellbeing for Families" webinar, 6:30pm. Details will be posted on Compass. |
| Tuesday 19th— Friday 22nd | Senior Cluster Camp: Queenscliff with Lal Lal Primary School. Details to follow. |
| Tuesday 26th | School Council AGM and Meeting, 6:00pm. |
| Thursday 28th | Student Showcase. Last day of Term 1, 2:30pm dismissal. Term 2 resumes Monday, 15th April. |

Official School Photos



Forms have been sent home soon for our Official School Photos with MSP Photography. Payment can be made online; or cash on the day. School Photo Day is Thursday, 15th February—full school uniform is required.

Ange

Art Smocks

All new students will need to bring an Art Smock to school—these stay in the Art Room each week.

An old shirt, or an art smock purchased from any retailer is perfect.

Mrs Ower



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.

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 12th March

There will be no school on this day as staff will be undertaking professional learning in mathematics and technologies. Please note this Curriculum Day in your family calendars.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 of the Book Club catalogue was handed out to all students this week.

We are always encouraging kids to read, and new books are always exciting to read. New books don't have to break the bank either, there are many books in the catalogue that will cost \$5 or less.

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

Ange

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 16th 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!

**Bungaree PS
is online**



SCHOLASTIC Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Junior Room News



Home reading looks a little bit different in the Junior room this year. What will you see?

Students will bring home two types of books in their Reader Bags.

1. They can choose five books from a box that interests them, such as pets, friendship, farms or cooking. These books will be of varying complexity and can be read with an adult.
2. Students will also get a small number of decodable books that are good fit books for their ability and can be read to an adult with less assistance.

Home reading is encouraged every weekday is recorded into Reader Diaries each night.

Ms K

Senior Room News

Wow - the Seniors have hit the ground running! It has been great to see our Senior students settle into the Big Room seamlessly this week. Students have set themselves up for success by labelling their books and stationery, setting our classroom rules and expectations, and taking on new jobs to ensure our routines run smoothly and so we are looking out for each other.

Students have completed some Maths testing, which will inform teaching and let us jump straight into learning, and they are working hard on some impressive Junior School Council speeches for our upcoming election on Wednesday the 14th. Look out for some typed copies for practising at home early next week!

Students have been reminded to bring their Reader Bags to school, to house their diaries, home reading books and notes when transporting them to and from school. These will be checked daily, to encourage great organisational habits!

Looking forward to an awesome Term 1 with these super Senior students.

Mrs Ower

Seniors—Don't Forget Bulldogs Read in 2024!



In 2024, you will meet Western Bulldogs Football Club players, attend great events, have players visit via Zoom, meet students from other schools who are part of the program, and have the opportunity to win AMAZING prizes!

You and your parents/carers will have your first session with Julie, from Ballarat Libraries and Campbell (WBFC). This session will be held at the Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility 910 Pleasant St Sth, on Tuesday 13th February, 6.00pm - 7.00pm.

We will then look forward to seeing you with your teachers at the Welcome to 2024 Event on Thursday, 22nd February.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Millard (Children's and Youth Librarian) at the Ballarat Library 5338 6850.

Julie and Cam (Bulldogs Read)

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Bookings Now Open!

Enrolling in OSHClub is FREE

Enrolments and Bookings at:
www.oshclub.com.au

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5334 0253 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Ange

Annual Privacy Reminder for Our School Community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#).

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\$40 per half hour
Trial lessons available

For inquiries contact
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PIANO LESSONS

School Uniform: Rufcut Clothing Update

Rufcut Clothing have advised us that they are now CASH ONLY for school uniform supplies.

Remember, our school polo tops are only available here—let's continue to *support local* with all of our school uniform needs.

Miss Barnes



Learning times

The times for learning in class remain the same for 2024.

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| 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 them in/out on the Compass Kiosk.

Prospective Family School Tours

I encourage our district families—new to the area or new to primary education, to come along and see our beautiful school. Personal tours for prospective families are available by appointment, and can be made by calling the school on 5334 0253.

Miss Barnes

Parent Payments 2024

It is time to consider your Parent Payments (school fees) for this year.

We do have a variety of scheduled payment plans on Compass (one-off payment; termly; monthly; fortnightly options as best fits your circumstances.)

Thank you to the families who have set this up and already started/completed their payments.

If you would like to discuss your Parent Payments/ establish a payment plan, please pop in to the Office and see Ange or myself.

Miss Barnes

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.

On Breakfast Club days (Wednesday–Friday) students can be dropped off to the Art Room/Kids Kitchen from 8:30am.

Mowing in Summer

Is your family able to help in the mowing of the school grounds sometime this year? 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!



THANK
YOU!

Family Information Handbook 2024

Our Family Information Handbook for this year has been given to each family in Week 1 of this term. I will be uploading the Handbook to our website for families to access if you misplace your copy.

If you'd like to double-check the 'Bungaree Way' with our shared expectations and information, please check the Family Information Handbook—an A-Z of how our school runs!

Miss Barnes

Happy birthday in February

2nd Chloe S

18th Nola

24th Isabelle



Bungaree PS is online



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.



| Weekend commencing ... | Family |
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| Saturday 3rd December | Cox family |
| Saturday 16th December | Hayes-Beulke family |
| Saturday 30th December | Matheson family |
| Saturday 13th January | Testro family |
| Saturday 27th January | School-arranged |
| Saturday 10th February | Cox family |
| Saturday 24th February | Hayes-Beulke family |

Please Welcome Our New Students!



Together we can grow

Welcome to The Resilience Project

PARENTS & CARERS

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community!

WHY?

Current research tells us...

Why mental health matters



One in four Australian adolescents will experience mental health problems this year.

Nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



One in seven primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The [University of Adelaide](#) and The [University of Melbourne](#). Click the links or scan the QR code to find out more about the impact the program has on emotional wellbeing and behavioral changes.



The Resilience Project is committed to **teaching positive mental health strategies** to prevent mental ill-health and **build young people's capacity to deal with adversity**.

We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching and Learning Program** throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM)** and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?



To learn more about The Resilience Project and get involved from home, you can start exploring the ideas, activities and resources which bring **Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM)** to life on [TRP@HOME](#).

The Imperfects podcast, led by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Hugh, Josh and Ryan chat to a variety of interesting people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections, and we all learn some valuable take-aways we can apply to our own imperfect lives.



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**PHOTO DAY IS
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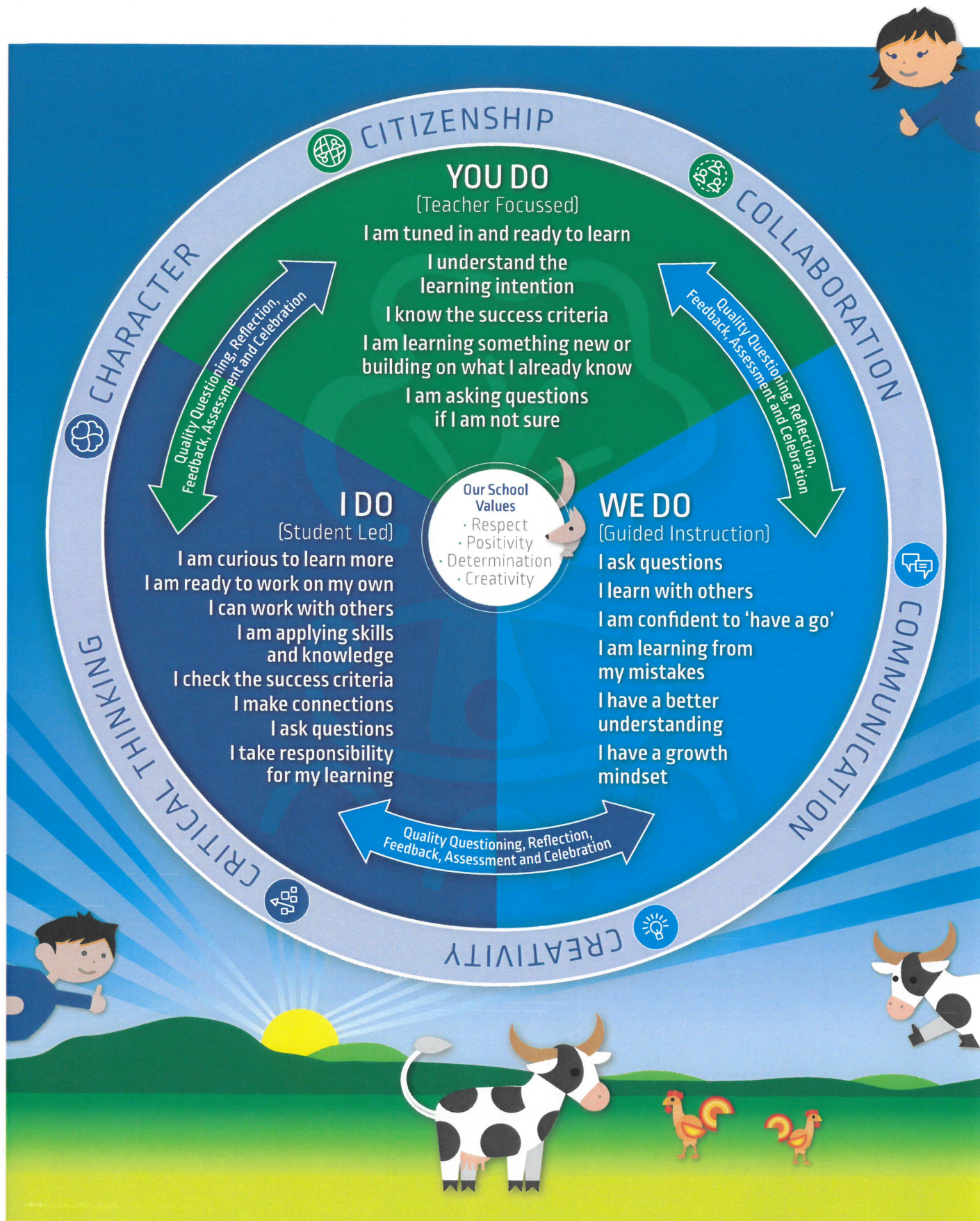
**Thursday
15th February, 2024**

**MSP Photography will be visiting our school on
the above day.**

- ❑ Read all the relevant instructions carefully before making your package choice.
- ❑ Order online www.msp.com.au or by placing cash inside the envelope. Please enclose correct amount as no change will be given.
- ❑ Discounted orders close 7 DAYS after photo day, please order early to avoid a late fee.
- ❑ Sibling photo's can be ordered online, or spare envelopes are available at the school office on request.

**LIFE IS
EASIER
WITH MSP**

**Please call MSP
on 5333 5577**
if you have any questions.



Timetable

Bungaree PS F-6

2024

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11:30

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Assembly

Literacy (Junior & Senior)
Tutoring/Boost

Spelling
Mastery
(F-6 at
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Numeracy
(Junior & Senior)
Tutoring/Boost

Auslan
(F-6)

Physical Education
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Literacy (Junior & Senior)
Tutoring/Boost

Spelling
Mastery
(F-6 at
level)

Numeracy
(Junior & Senior)
Tutoring/Boost

Wellbeing (F-6)

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Literacy (Junior & Senior)

Spelling
Mastery
(F-6 at
level)

Numeracy
(Junior & Senior)

The Arts - Music/Visual Art
(F-6)

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Literacy (Junior & Senior)

Spelling
Mastery
(F-6 at
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Numeracy
(Junior & Senior)

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ODD WEEK MARC Literacy (Junior)
Kitchen/Garden (Senior)
EVEN WEEK Literacy
(Junior & Senior)
Tutoring/Boost

ODD WEEK MARC Literacy (Senior)
Kitchen/Garden (Junior)
EVEN WEEK Numeracy
(Junior & Senior)

ODD WEEK MARC Van
Language Art (F-6)

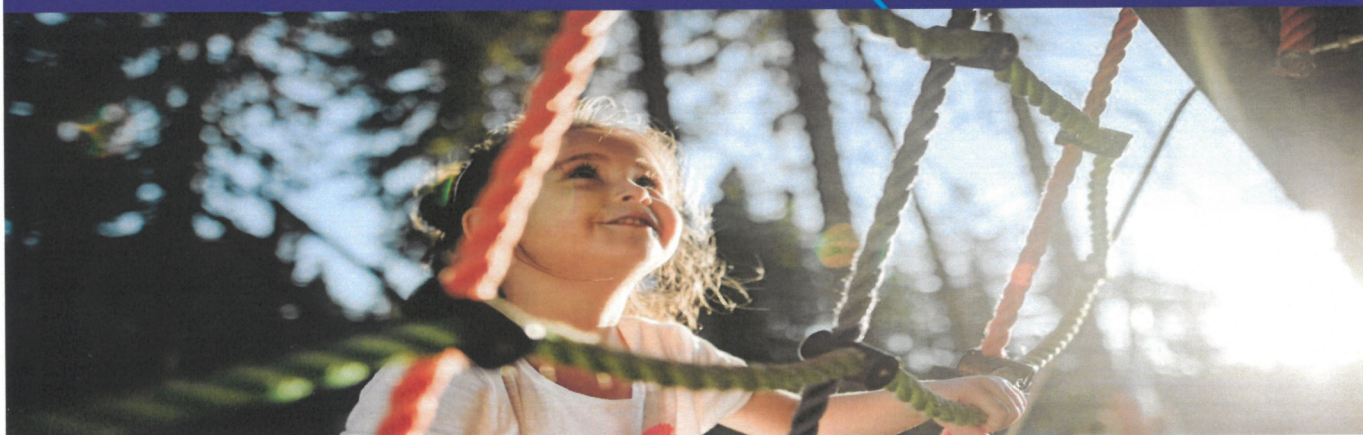
EVEN WEEK Rotating Clubs (F-6)

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What's been happening...

Hello and welcome to the school year everyone! I hope everyone has had a fun-filled summer holidays and a special welcome to any new preps who have started school this year!

First of I would like to introduce myself, my name is Bee, and I am the new Coordinator for the OSH Club at Bungaree. I have been working with the OSH Club for a while as an Educator and have recently stepped up at the start of this term to be the Coordinator for Bungaree. I am extremely excited to meet all the children and get involved in the community.

This term we have a jam-packed program planned with lots of hands-on experiences including cooking, arts, and crafts, outside play, sports, STEM activities and some nature activities. The program for the term will include some topics with current celebrations that happen across the world like St Patrick's Day, Harmony Day, and Easter. As well as this a lot of the activities we will complete will come straight from the children themselves in our weekly children's meetings where they can express what activities they would like to complete in the program, what new foods they would like to try and make or familiar foods they'd like to recreate and what topics they would like to learn about.

As we start off the year I would like to mention you can enrol your child at anytime into the OSH Club program. It's an amazing way for children to socialise and try new foods or activities. You can do this through permanent bookings which are recurring or a casual booking for when you only need it occasionally. The easiest way to book a new child into the service is via the OSH Club website, which is oshclub.com.au, and follow the "book now" links to select Bungaree OSH Club. In case you are unaware, the childcare subsidy can cover up to 90% of fees, which leaves parents out of pocket significantly less (this varies based on your situation).

Centre Open From

3.30pm - 6:00pm

We look forward to welcoming more new faces to our OSHClub team.

[To enrol go to oshclub.com.au](http://oshclub.com.au)

If at any stage, you need to get in touch with the service coordinator Bee, please call or message the service phone, 0407 152 089 or via email bungaree@oshclub.com.au

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Coming Up Events

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Parent Teacher Interviews

Early Finish 12:00pm OSH Club will be running from 12pm

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Labour Day the Centre is **CLOSED**

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Curriculum Day

For the Curriculum Day we're also **CLOSED**

Club News

Cooking Club

Week Two - We are making Hotdog Mummies using our sculpting skills to wrap puff pastry around cocktail Frankfurt's to embrace our creative sides and exploring new food combinations.

Week Two - We are also making Hedgehog Slice from scratch so the kids will be able to learn how to follow and recipe and create something themselves.

Connecting with Nature

Week Two - We will be completing a nature scavenger hunt this week, collecting fallen leaves and other things from trees and then using them to create prints with paint.

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