



# Bungaree Primary School Newsletter



Term 2, Week 4  
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## From the Principal

Hello everyone

As with many organisations and industries across the country, we too have been affected by absences of staff and students through illness. Unfortunately, this means that some programs or activities may also be affected in our small school. I do apologise to our Senior students for missing the Winter Sports event today at Warrenheip PS with staff shortages at Bungaree.

On the flipside, I would like to acknowledge and thank families for doing the right thing and when a child is unwell, keeping them home to keep us all happy and healthy at school. I encourage all families to have a conversation with their GP with regard to the flu and COVID vaccinations we head into Winter, where it is projected that sickness and resultant absences will be higher than usual, making learning continuity challenging for students and staff alike.

All students in Year 3 and 5 have completed their 2022 NAPLAN assessments and I would like to pass on my congratulations to them for a superb effort! Students approached the assessments with a sense of positivity and determination and should be very proud of trying their personal best in all four assessments. The grapevine says that there will be some follow up 'Secret NAPLAN Business' to attend to on Monday ... for those who know, a well deserved treat beckons our Year 3 & 5 students!

Individual Education Plans for our students are currently being revised by teachers. This is above and beyond expectations for students in other schools, but we know are highly valued here at Bungaree. With a very full load at present, teachers will send home IEPs to families by the end of next week. Of course, we welcome the opportunity to discuss your child's learning—please pop a note in your child's diary to make an appointment.

I am pleased to announce that Elise Mayberry has been successful in the position of Education Support at our school for the remainder of 2022. Elise will be working across both classrooms each Wednesday and Thursday all day; and Friday until 1:00pm. Please make Elise welcome in our school community.

The approved DET Professional Practice Day for our school will take place on Tuesday 14th June. This is a student free day.

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**

## Professional Practice Day

### Tuesday 14th June

*There will be no school on this day as staff will be undertaking a "Professional Practice Day" as granted by DET.*



**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.**

## Calendar

### May

Week 5 (23rd-27th)	Education Week; IEP Week
Tuesday 24th	PFA Lunch
Wednesday 25th	Open morning—National Simultaneous Storytime and Victorian Opera Online Incursion followed by morning tea
Friday 27th	Victorian Opera "The Selfish Giant" excursion at Showbiz DTC

### June

Wednesday 1st	SSV Winter Sports (Wathaurung District selected students only)
Thursday 2nd	NGV Melbourne excursion
Tuesday 7th	PFA Lunch
Friday 10th	Sovereign Hill excursion TBC
Monday 13th	Queen's Birthday Holiday—SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 14th	Staff Professional Practice Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 15th	School Council Meeting 5:00pm (rescheduled)
Monday 20th	Melbourne Museum excursion
Tuesday 21st	PFA Lunch
Thursday 23rd	Student Showcase 9:00am
Friday 24th	Last day of Term 2, 2:30pm dismissal. Term 3 commences on Monday 11th July



2023

Enrolment applications for all year levels  
NOW OPEN  
For new & current families

Enrol now



Everyone welcome

- \* One big school family, friendly and caring kids and staff
- \* Strong family values, welcoming community spirit
- \* Small school, small class numbers—a quality education
- \* Strong academic, social and emotional learning for all
- \* OSHClub after school care available on-site
- \* We love where we live, learn and play!

Call us on 5334 0253 and come along for a personal tour.

Pick up an enrolment form at school or online at [www.bungareeps.vic.edu.au](http://www.bungareeps.vic.edu.au)

Reserve your place for 2023 now!

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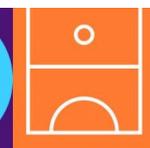
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After School Care Fun Has Started

At Bungaree Primary School!

Call 1300 395 735 for bookings!



## Winners are Grinners

WESTERN BULLDOGS



Exciting news for us here this week at Bungaree Primary School. We have been working alongside the Western Bulldogs AFL Ballarat crew throughout this year. Our students entered a colouring competition and have won!

We will have not one, but two free footy skills clinics at school facilitated by the AFL coaches from the club, which works in beautifully with our PE unit on footy this term.

We will welcome Caesar, the British Bulldog mascot of the club, on a visit to our school - on a date yet to be decided.

We have won some general admission tickets to the Doggies v Suns game THIS SATURDAY at Mars Stadium in Ballarat.

Congratulations to our students on their care and effort, and we look forward to some fantastic footy together this term.

Miss Barnes

## Practising Gratitude

What is gratitude? Paying attention to the things we have right now, and not worrying about what we don't have. We practise this by noticing the positives around us.

Practising gratitude helps us to be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives, rather than focussing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practice being grateful, we start to scan the world to look for positives - this only takes 21 days! Practising gratitude every day increases our levels of energy, helps us to feel happier and more focussed, determined and optimistic. It even helps us have a better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression and we are less likely to get sick.

The Resilience Project at home for Parents and Carers—an activity for practising gratitude:

Before going to bed, tell your partner or your kids about your favourite part of your day and why. Then ask them to do the same. This is a great bedtime routine to get into and could even help you have better dreams!

*The Resilience Project*



# NEW School Uniform Update

School Council, with student feedback, have approved a NEW school polo shirt and school beanie.

This moves with us into the future, creating vibrancy and boosting appearance, whilst being easier to keep clean at school, launder (and dry!) in our Bungaree winters.

The new polo will be available shortly from our school uniform provider, Rufcut in Ballarat. The main colour is navy blue with highlights of light blue, maintaining a connection to our current colours. The fabric is breathable, easy care and quick drying, and available in children and adult sizing. The school logo will be embroidered in light blue cotton to finish the new polo.

School Council have approved a rolling introduction timeline in 2022, with full implementation by the start of the 2023 school year where it will then become our official school polo.

The PFA will generously pay for one new polo to each student enrolled in 2022. Additional polos will be available from Rufcut at the recommended retail price. Current RRP: \$25.50 per polo—child size, includes embroidery.

Bungaree Primary School customised school beanies, (very appropriate for our school!) will also be available soon at \$25.00 each. These will again be predominantly navy with light blue, green and white highlights.

Please keep an eye out for your order forms from the school soon.

*David Lee, School Council President*



# Education Week Open Morning

Victoria is celebrating Education Week 2022 from Sunday 22 May to Saturday 28 May 2022.

This year's Education Week theme, '150 Years of Public Education', commemorates the past, celebrates the present and imagines the future of education in Victoria.

We're celebrating Education Week 2022 from 22-28 May. During the week, we are hosting an Open Morning on Wednesday for current and prospective students and families, with a great morning of shared activities in the classrooms.

We do hope that you can come!

Find out more at [Education Week](#).

**2022**  
Education Week  
Open Morning  
Wednesday,  
25th May  
9:00am - 11:30am

**You're invited**

**Everyone welcome**

Would you like to see us working at school (and join in!) on Wednesday, 25th May? You can come and see our school learning together from 9:00-11:00am. Morning tea will follow for everyone.

We will be enjoying some reading and literacy games together, then joining the National Simultaneous Storytime event with thousands of other students across Australia, followed by a virtual excursion with the Victorian Opera.

It sounds like a great morning, we do hope that you can come!

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# Olden Days Show and Tell

In Investigations we have been looking at toys from the past. In Week 3, students brought in items from home that were old. We all discussed our items and how they came to be in our families. What a rich history we all have!

Ms K



*A BIG thank you to our parents and grandparents for helping us find and explain what some of these items were!*



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## Bike Ed is coming!

I'm very pleased to share with you that we will be undertaking a Bike Ed unit for ALL year levels in Term 4.

Why do we need to know this now?

Because all students will need to have access to a roadworthy bicycle and helmet each week in Term 4.

Bike Ed is such an amazing program, and as a very experienced and accredited Bike Ed Instructor, I think it is hands down the most exciting, engaging and authentic way for children to learn about bicycles and road safety.

If you have a second hand or spare bicycle that might be able to be shared and used by a student without a bicycle, please let me know. We want to get everyone on the pedals!

Miss Barnes

## JSC represent

Our Junior School Council represented Bungaree Primary School with great pride at the GRIP Student Leadership Conference last week at Federation University. About 500 students and teachers from across Western Victoria came together to connect, share, learn and have some great fun as school leaders.

Key topics for the day included:

- Stepping up to leadership
- Stepping up integrity
- A new standard of ideas
- Raising the standard of teamwork.

Riley, James, Kainan and Jessica all had a fantastic day, met new students from many schools and had a great play with friends from Lal Lal, Mount Egerton and Warrenheip Primary Schools during the break times. They've come back inspired and ready to plan and undertake projects in 2022, so look out for our Junior School Council.

Congratulations to all on a great day!

Miss Barnes



## Mowing in Winter



Weekend commencing ...	Family
(Saturday 21st May	Cox family)
Saturday 18th June	Van Den Heuval famliy
Saturday 16th July	Matheson family
Saturday 13th August	Lee family



## Callout for Bits and Bobs



In Term 3, I hope to undertake a Steam Punk project in Art.

If you could have a look around at home in the shed, sewing kit and junk draws for any small items such as buttons, keys, washers, bolts, nuts, watch parts, cogs etc. and send them into school to assist with our art project I would be very grateful.

We can also use plastic bottle tops from different size bottles and other similar small items.

You can have a clean out and help the students at the same time!

Thank you so much.

Ms K

# National Reconciliation Week 2022

National Reconciliation Week—held every year from 27 May to 3 June—is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

## What's the significance of 27 May and 3 June?

27 May marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum when Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

3 June marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title—the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights over their lands did survive British colonisation.

The day before National Reconciliation Week, 26 May, is National Sorry Day, which was first held in Sydney in 1998 and is now commemorated nationally to remember and honour the Stolen Generations.

## What is reconciliation in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?

At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Australia's colonial history is characterised by devastating land dispossession, violence, and racism. Over the last half-century, however, many significant steps towards reconciliation have been taken.

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that reminds us that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful change, future gains are likely to take just as much, if not more, effort.

## Why is National Reconciliation Week important?

National Reconciliation Week provides a focus for working towards our goal of a just equitable and reconciled Australia. National Reconciliation Week is an ideal time for organisations, schools, universities, community groups and workplaces to advance understanding of reconciliation within their own places and their own lives.

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It began as a Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993, supported by Australia's major religious groups. Three years later it evolved into National Reconciliation Week under the guidance of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (now Reconciliation Australia).

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

*Reconciliation Australia*



***Bungaree Primary School would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which we live, learn and play, 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)***



# Out and about in school

Busy bees as always! Some additional photos from the last fortnight—our whole school joined in for the annual Wathaurung District Athletics Carnival with our small school friends and neighbours at Llanberris Reserve in Ballarat; the Seniors have enjoyed Wathaurung District Winter Sports at Warrenheip PS; the Junior School Council attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at Federation University; and the Juniors joined a shared learning experience with Lal Lal PS on dinosaurs with the Melbourne Museum. (On top of our learning in the classroom—we do it better at Bunga!)



# Out and about in school continued.



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