



# Bungaree Primary School

## Newsletter

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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

Our School Strategic Review will be taking place in September, which is an opportunity once every four years for Victorian Government schools to review, reflect on and celebrate what the school has achieved; consider what lies ahead; and strategically plan for our future. Staff and School Council will all been involved in the preparation for the review (we've already started!), and Andrew and Jarrod, as School Council President and Vice President respectively, will be sharing a role on the panel. School Council and I intend to reach out over the next few months to seek feedback and input, prior to and on the scheduled review days. The questions we're particularly interested in, to get your thoughts rolling, are:

What's working well? And ... Where to from here?

School Council would love to hear your views. On the review days, staff and students will be asked for their input, and I really hope that some parents might also be available to share too. I'll be in touch later in the year when details are finalised. Thinking caps on!

With an ever increasing workload across our school, and staff wanting to provide as many opportunities for all students, I am currently recruiting an Education Support Staff member and a Wellbeing Officer for our school. I do hope to make an announcement for both of these positions in the very near future. In addition to this, Miss Murphy will have an additional day with us until the end of the year, now working Monday and Friday in the classrooms and taking on the tutoring role each Tuesday.

Our PFA lunches have been welcomed back with great enthusiasm this week, and I'd like to thank Beck for putting her hand up and coordinating this for everyone. PFA lunches will be Tuesday fortnightly this term. Please remember to return your order form so that you don't miss out!

Finally, I'd like to pass on our school's warmest wishes to all Mums, Nanas, Grandmas, Omas, Aunties and Special Ladies for Mother's Day this Sunday. We hope you enjoy your special day with your family.

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

### May

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Every Tuesday      | School tours for prospective school families, 9:00-11:00am   |
| Monday 13th        | Western Bulldogs footy clinic during PE  |
| Tuesday 14th       | Bulldogs Read (Seniors) Ballarat library visit, TBC.   |
| Friday 17th        | SSV District Sports—AFL football (selected students only); Wathaurung Winter Sports afternoon (Seniors) at Warrenheip PS |
| Week starting 20th | Smile Squad free dental program at school. See Compass for details and actions required.                                 |
| Wednesday 22nd     | Curriculum Day—SCHOOL CLOSED   |
| Friday 24th        | SSV District Sports—Soccer (selected students only); Wathaurung Winter Sports afternoon (Seniors) at Warrenheip PS       |

### June

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| Monday 10th                  | King's Birthday holiday—SCHOOL CLOSED   |
| Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th | Wathaurung Cluster Year 5 Sovereign Hill costume program experience. Details to follow. |
| Tuesday 11th                 | School Council meeting, 5:00pm  |
| Friday 14th                  | SSV District Sports—Netball (selected students only)                                    |
| Saturday 15th                | Bulldogs Read event: Western Bulldogs v Fremantle Dockers at Marvel Stadium, 1:35pm.    |
| Thursday 27th                | Student Showcase, 9:00am  |
| Thursday 28th                | Last day of Term 1, 2:30pm dismissal. Term 2 resumes Monday, 15th July.                 |

## Curriculum Day

### Wednesday 22nd May

*There will be no school on this day as staff will be working on classroom instructional practices and new curriculum. Please note this Curriculum Day in your family calendars.*

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# Mowing in Autumn/Winter

Is your family is 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!



| Weekend commencing ... | Family              |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Saturday 18th May      | Testro family       |
| Saturday 15th June     | Cox family          |
| Saturday 13th July     | Hayes-Beulke family |
| Saturday 10th August   | Matheson family     |



# New Victorian Government School Saving Bonus

You may have seen the recent announcement of the School Saving Bonus, as part of the Victorian Budget 2024/25. We are sharing more information about how families will be able to access and use this support.

This one-off support will include \$400 for each eligible student to help families cover the costs of school uniforms and activities in 2025.

It will be available to parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025.

Cash will not be paid directly to individuals or families. Instead, families will receive the bonus as credits on their school accounts that will help meet the costs of your children’s activities and uniforms.

## Existing supports

The School Saving Bonus support will be in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for camps, sports, excursions and uniforms.

The application-based Affordable School Uniform program, through State Schools’ Relief, will continue to be available to families experiencing financial hardship or other forms of vulnerability and short-term crisis. This program allows schools to make multiple applications for support on parents’ behalf throughout the year if needed.

There will be more information and guidance about the School Saving Bonus in Term 3, 2024, ahead of its implementation in 2025.

Miss Barnes



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.

# 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.

# Upcoming birthdays

- 15th May                  Jake
- 19th May                  Nora



# Bungaree PS is online







# Bookings Now Open!



Enrolling in OSHClub is FREE

Enrolments and Bookings at:  
[www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au)



# Our JSC Represent at the GRIP Student Leadership Conference

Our Junior School Council attended a student leadership conference at Federation University last Friday, 3rd May. At this conference they got to network with other student leaders from around our region and learn key elements of student leadership. You can see some photos from the conference in this newsletter.

Over four collaborative sessions within our school and with schools attending on the day, students worked through the following topics:

1. How everybody can step forward and lead;
2. The sacrifices of a student leader;
3. Stepping forward with new ideas; and
4. The extra steps—doing the things that leaders often forget.



As a result of the learning on the day, JSC are currently working on their three big new ideas over the next few months, and look forward to sharing these with our students, teachers and families and look forward to your support. These will support their learning and continue to develop their qualities and skills as student leaders.

**To step forward and expand something that is already good at school:**

Propagating and selling/sharing bluegums from our loved big tree within the school and with our families (building on our propagating and growing vegies in the spud bins.)

**To step forward and improve something that needs attention at our school:**

Renovate the chook shed (this already has staff and School Council support!)

**To step forward and impact something outside our school:**

Write and send postcards and fundraise for the kids and schools in Nepal where Miss Barnes volunteers with Aussie Action Abroad.

*JSC Legends William, Jessica, Annie and Johanna, and Miss Barnes*

## Senior Room News



Have you seen our work online yet?

Senior students have been feverously working away in class reading and writing book reviews as a part of our participation in the Bulldogs Read Program this year. This is all new learning for our Year 3 students and new enrolments, who are all being mentored by our Year 4 & 5 students this year. Congratulations to William, Chloe M, Faith, Isabelle, Annie and Nora for having their first book reviews published!

To check out the book reviews submitted (and moderated by the Ballarat Library), please visit [www.bulldogsread.com.au/2024-book-reviews](http://www.bulldogsread.com.au/2024-book-reviews).

*Miss Murphy and Mrs Ower*



**Two Mates, written by Melanie Prewett**

*Reviewed by the Junior and Senior Students*

Two Mates is a fabulous book about the friendship between two boys from Broome. Jack and Raf are about 10 years old and they do all sorts of fun things together like swimming, reading, hunting, fishing and riding quad bikes. Our favourite part is that there is a bit of a twist at the end. It teaches us to focus on what others CAN do, rather than what they can't do. This heart-warming book has a really beautiful message about friendship. We would recommend this book to every person, no matter how young or old. Friendship is a really important part of life, and this is a great book for everyone! We rate this book 10 out of 10!



**Lest We Forget, written by Kerry Brown**

*Reviewed Chloe M.*

Lest We Forget is about a little boy whose dad went in the war. The book shows us what the boy does and what the dad does. The boy plays soccer, and the dad fights in the war. Their stories are the same but different. Sometimes they win and sometimes they lose. But in the dad's story someone got hurt. My favourite part is the pictures because they are so detailed you know what is going on in every picture.

I would recommend this book to year 1 school students and up because younger people will not understand what is going on in the book. I rate the book a 9.5 out of 10.



## Junior Room News

Thank you to all families for being so organised with bringing something for Show and Tell this term. Everyone has taken to having a weekly theme really well. Logan brought in a fantastic artwork for the theme of nature this week. Everyone also got to meet Lindsay's new stick insects!

Through Junior book club, students have been exploring the end papers in a variety of picture books. When publishing their own narratives students will think about what they have seen and create their own end papers.

Just a reminder to families that all students now have spelling words in their diaries to practice as a part of our homework program. We also work with these spelling words during literacy and Spelling Mastery.

Ms K



## Beanies Back In Stock

Great news with new school beanies arriving back in stock at school—perfect as the cold weather settles in. Our first order sold out last year—place your order now!

Beanies are \$25.00 and can be ordered at the Office.



## Student Awards



Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:



Literacy Award: Isabelle, for demonstrating outstanding determination and creativity to complete a book review and assist her peers with completion.

Numeracy Award: Faith, for showing enthusiasm and determination towards her work in numeracy when learning addition and subtraction.

Specialist Award: Lily, for demonstrating positivity and enthusiasm in Wellbeing while learning about and practising mindfulness.

Bungaree Award: Logan, for demonstrating fantastic positivity at school, assisting students and staff, and flourishing in class and in the playground.



# ENROLMENT OPEN

Discover the Bungaree way ...  
*we love where we live, learn and play!*

Enrol Now



School tours for  
prospective families every  
Tuesday in May, 9-11am  
or by appointment



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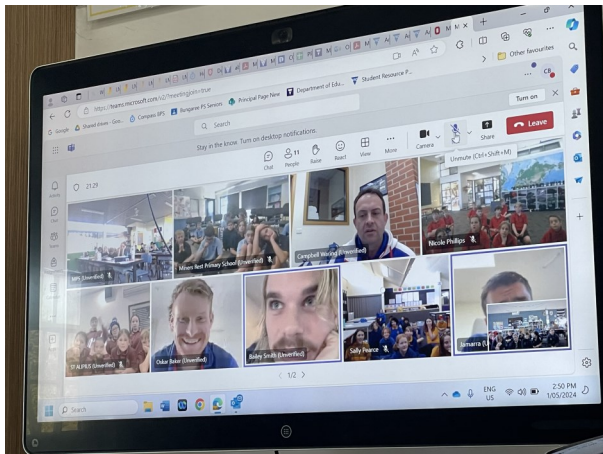
Call us and come along for a personal tour  
Pick up an enrolment form at school or online  
Reserve your place for 2025 now

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# Western Bulldogs Videocall

The Seniors were very privileged to have a videocall with three Western Bulldogs AFL players last week, as a part of the Bulldogs Read Program.



Students asked players Jamarra Ugle-Hagan (#2), Oskar Baker (#13) and Baiey Smith (#6) questions about footy and reading, their school life and journey into the game.

A few big take-aways from the call included the importance of reading as a child ... then continuing this as grown ups; the determination and hard work to get where you want to get to in life; and the relentless gratitude these players have for their family, friends and the opportunities that professional football has given them.



Many thanks to Cam from the Western Bulldogs Ballarat for organising this videocall, the players for sharing their time and Tamara (the new Ballarat Libraries Bulldogs Read Coordinator) in providing this opportunity for our students.

We look forward to joining the Dogs for another home game against Freo in the coming weeks, with thanks to the Bulldogs Read Program.

Miss Barnes



# Financial Assistance: Information for Families

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

## How to apply

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

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

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- *new student enrolments*; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- *changed family circumstances*; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

## More information

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

Department of Education





# Out and about in school

Our Junior School Council at GRIP Student Leadership Conference; Wathaurung Athletics Carnival at Llanberris Reserve; Junior Working Bee in the vegie garden; PFA lunch!

*Remember to check our school Facebook page for additional photos.*



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## What's been happening...

Hello everyone! I hope everyone has had a good time easing back in to Term 2. The last few weeks we have begun to utilise our iPad for the parents to sign in and out their children at our parent sign in area and it has gone great! I would like to thank all the parents for giving it a go and I will try to sort out any remaining technical difficulties with it.

In staffing news, some of you may have noticed a new face around in OSHClub! As of the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, we have welcomed a new permanent Educator to work alongside me most days of the week. I'll let Naomi introduce herself over on the next page.

With Naomi joining us we are in the process of planning more involved activities for the children with one of us available to run an activity and the other available to assist children who don't want to complete a particular activity in finding something to engage them. This last fortnight we have made a lot of edible slime which the children love playing with and eating. The kids have also loved doing dot-to-dots, we had a couple days last week where they were absolutely enthralled with them. This week we have been working on some Mother's Day activities including pop-up cards, though I wouldn't want to say too much to ruin the surprise for the children completing some of the gifts.

As I have mentioned previously, if you are having problems with bookings or have any feedback to share on how we can improve the service or make any adjustments to better cater the service to yours or your child's needs, I am available via text, call and email through the contact details provided at the bottom of the page and will respond during 3-6pm on weekdays. I have displayed new posters in service regarding information about the Childcare Subsidy if anyone is interested, I am more than happy to forward these along to you. OSHClub is a wonderful place for kids to socialise and try new things, even if you don't have an appointment or work and need your children looked after we always have spots available for new children! Bookings do have a 48-hour cut off time to book in yourself however if you ever need to place a last-minute booking due to any unforeseen circumstances, please call or text on the service phone and I will be able to book this in for you.

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](https://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, 0401 067 325 or via email [bungaree@oshclub.com.au](mailto:bungaree@oshclub.com.au)

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## Coming Up Events



### Mother's Day

Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May is Mother's Day in the week leading up to it we will be completing some Mother's Day activities.



### CURRICULUM DAY

The service will not be running on Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> due to a school Curriculum Day.



### Reconciliation Week

From May 27<sup>th</sup> until June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the children will complete some activities relating to Reconciliation Week and will be educated on what it means.

## Club News

### Mother's Day

This week we have been preparing Mother's Day cards and gifts for our Mums. We are very excited for the Mums to receive their cards and presents.

### Edible Slime

As I mentioned on the previous page, the children have been loving making, playing with, and eating the edible slime. Following a recipe including marshmallows, coconut oil and corn flour, we melted the marshmallows and coconut oil together then mixed in corn flour. It got a bit messy but was well loved by the children. We were able to

## Naomi's Introduction

Hello everyone! You may have seen me around already, but I thought I'd jump on here and introduce myself anyway! My name is Naomi, and I am the new Educator here at OSHClub. I will be in Monday-Friday, supporting Bee and making lots of cool memories with the kids, of course!

I have just completed my Bachelor of Education (Primary and secondary) and am looking to get some more experience before I officially start my teaching career. I'm a curious and adventurous person, and I hope I can instill those qualities in the kids as well!

Getting to know the kids, their likes, dislikes-- all those things, has been one of the highlights of my time here so far. Thank you for welcoming me to Bungaree, and I'm looking forward to getting to know you all much better.

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