



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,

Golly, it's hard to believe we're already heading into the final two weeks of term. Classrooms are buzzing as students and teachers complete assessment and reporting for Semester One. It has been wonderful to see growth in every learner across the school, and I'm looking forward to releasing student reports in Week 10. There's a real sense of pride around the school as students reflect on how far they've come since February.

As the weather continues to cool, a gentle reminder that students need to come to school with warm clothing, especially jumpers. Winter has certainly arrived, and we're keen to help everyone avoid the dreaded winter lurgy. A warm start to the day makes a big difference to comfort, focus and wellbeing.

Our science learning is wrapping up for the term, and some terrific work will be on display at our Student Showcase on Thursday, 25 June, beginning at 9:00am. We warmly invite all families to join us and celebrate the creativity and curiosity of our young scientists. These events always remind me how powerful hands-on learning can be in a small rural school, where every student's contribution is seen and valued.

We were also delighted to welcome back former student Claire, a 2020 graduate, who joined us for work experience. She has been an absolute delight in the Junior classrooms and showed impressive skill in our cooking program alongside Miss Murphy. It's wonderful to see past students return with such confidence and kindness. Thank you, Claire, for giving back to your school community.

A huge congratulations to our Year 5 students on their exemplary conduct during the recent Wathaurung Cluster excursion to Sovereign Hill. The two-day costume program was a standout experience, with students stepping into the shoes of children from the 1850s. They wrote with nib and ink, recited the 16 times tables, and practised the art of "speaking only when spoken to". Needless to say, they thrived in the role-play. I'm *almost* tempted to introduce the 16 times tables at school from now... almost.

We were equally proud of Faith and Rayne, who represented the Wathaurung team at the Sovereign Netball Competition. Their determination, positivity and sportsmanship shone through across wins, losses and draws. A fantastic effort.

A reminder that our next fundraising activity, the Bake and Grund Pie Drive, begins at the end of this week. Keep an eye out for order forms and consider asking friends, neighbours and relatives to stock their freezers for winter. Proceeds will support the construction of a new vegie garden area for everyone to enjoy. It's exciting to imagine students planting, harvesting and cooking with fresh produce in the months ahead.

Finally, an early reminder for next term: Swim and Gym will run every Wednesday in Term 3 from Week 2. The term break is a great time to check that togs and towels are ready.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our small but mighty school community. I'm looking forward to a strong finish to the semester.

Please keep an eye on Facebook and Compass for school updates. 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

June

Every Friday	School tours for prospective families, 9:00-11:00am
Friday 19th	MARC Van in/Cooking Day
Thursday 25th	Student Showcase; Semester 1 Reports published
Friday 26th	Last day of Term 2, 2:30pm dismissal. Term 3 resumes on Monday, 13th July.

Wellbeing Wisdom

How to support children after a scary event

Sometimes things happen that are out of our control, that can cause children to feel scared or unsafe. It is important to know how you can support your children during these times. Below are some ways to best support your child:

Make them feel safe. Often this can be done with physical touch. A pat on the back, or a hug, gives them a feeling of security, which is highly important after a frightening event. This can change depending on the child's age and what physical touch they are more comfortable with at their age.

Act calm. When something scary happens, children look towards adults for reassurance. It is important to filter what you are saying in front of your children, specifically with your own worries. When your children are around, be mindful of your tone as children are very tuned into any change in an adult's voice.

Maintain routine. Children thrive off routine and structure, and if this can be provided as much as possible, this will support your children to trust that everything will be 'okay'. This includes upholding household rules, as this is predictable.

Help the children enjoy their time. Distractions can be positive for them and give them a sense of joy and normality.

Share information about what happened but keep it brief and honest. It is good for the children to know what happened and be able to ask questions.

Acknowledge how the child is feeling. This can help them feel heard and validated and shows them that their feelings are safe with you.

With these strategies, you can provide nurture and support no matter what comes your way!

Sinead, Student Wellbeing



Gumboots and Slippers

As we head into the wetter, muddier months of the year, we want to make sure our students can continue enjoying the outdoors—without soggy socks or muddy footprints trailing behind them. Our oval, cubby spaces and nature play areas are some of the most loved parts of our school, and winter shouldn't get in the way of that joy.

To help keep playtime fun (and dry!), we encourage all families to send gumboots to school for students to wear during outside play. Gumboots mean children can explore the oval, skirt around puddles, build in the cubbies and enjoy all the benefits of outdoor play—while keeping their feet warm and dry. They're perfect for the season and allow students to fully embrace the outdoors without hesitation.



Inside the classroom, we're also inviting students to bring along warm, snuggly slippers to slip into during the day. Not only do they keep little tootsies warm, but they also help us keep mud and moisture away from our carpets and learning spaces. It's a simple way to make classrooms feel cosy, calm and comfortable during winter.



Miss Barnes

School Mowing

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.

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Wathaurung Netty Stars

Well done to Faith and Rayne, representing Bungaree Primary School and the Wathaurung District in netball on Tuesday. Faith played in the Girls team; and Rayne the Mixed team. Both shone bright on the day!



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

Semester Reports

Our Semester report writing is well underway and reports will be sent home in the last week of term. Congratulations to all students on their learning and achievements, and to teaching staff for capturing and sharing these for school families.

A reminder that our reports are digital and sent home through the Compass app. We do hope that you'll sit down with your child/children to show and share their reports, and celebrate their achievements as a family.

Miss Barnes, Ms K, Mrs Ower, Miss Murphy and Mrs East, Teaching Staff

School Fundraiser: Bake & Grind Donut, Pie and Slice Drive

Would you like to place an order and support our school? Perfect pies. Scrumptious slices. Mmmmm, donuts.



The weather has certainly turned so it is a good time to stock the freezer full of pies. Child/ren will be sent home with a Bake & Grind Donut, Pie and Slice drive in Week 9 ... so start making room in your freezers again this year.

All money that we raise from this fundraiser will go towards helping to subsidise our new vegie patch and school garden.

Thank you for your support!

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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.

Bungaree PS is online



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.



Bungabuddies
Bungaree Primary School OSHC

Enrol now!

ENROLMENT OPEN FOR ALL YEAR LEVELS 2027

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

- Call us and come along for a personal tour
- Pick up an enrolment form at school or online
- Reserve your place for 2027 now

School tours for prospective families every Friday in June, 9-11am or by appointment



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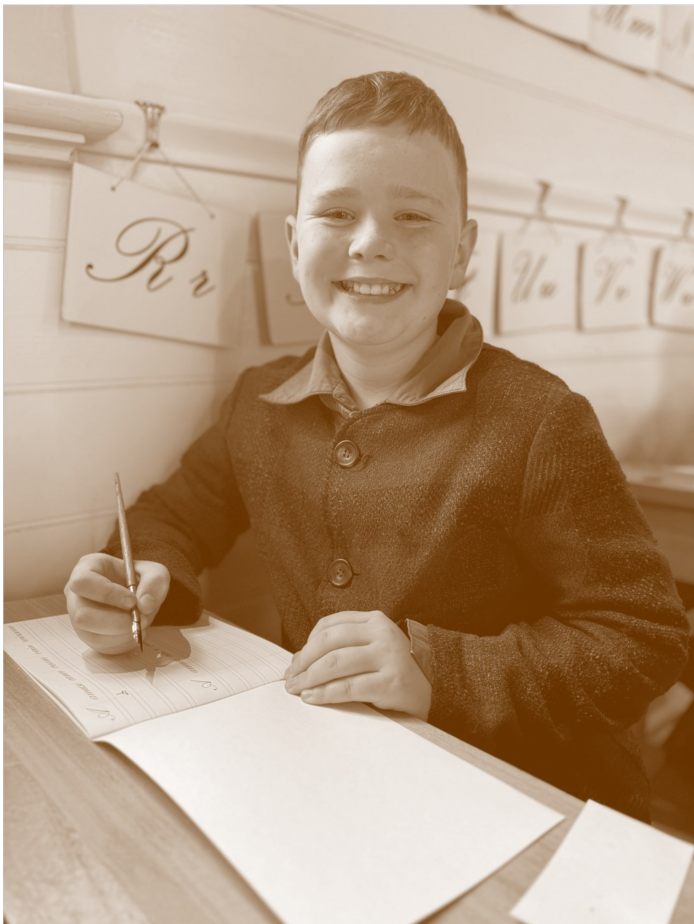
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Yes, Ma'am, No Ma'am!



Together we can grow