



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,

What a busy and enjoyable few weeks we have had at school! It has been wonderful to see our students embracing all that is happening across the school with such enthusiasm and positivity.

Our Swim and Gym program has been a fantastic addition to the week. It has been great to see students enjoying the opportunity to move, learn new skills, and have some fun together. On these cold and wet winter days, it has been a wonderful way to break up the week with plenty of energy and exercise. I'm sure many students have headed home ready for a good night's sleep after their active sessions!

As we continue through winter, please remember to keep warm and cosy for the rest of the week. Beanies, jumpers, and trackies are all great ways to help ward off those winter bugs and keep everyone feeling their best.

A huge thank you to our staff and students for the many laughs, smiles, and delightful moments shared on Principals' Day. It was a great deal of fun, but more importantly, I truly appreciated the kindness and thoughtfulness shown by everyone. It was a lovely reminder of the wonderful community we have at our school.

We have some exciting learning opportunities ahead, including our First Aid in Schools Program next week, with separate Junior and Senior sessions planned. We also have a number of excursions coming up, including Earth Ed on Monday and Moorabool Kids Day Out the following Monday. Please remember to check Compass for all notes and important information.

Finally, we are looking forward to our Games and Grub night on 20 August. We hope you can join us for an evening of food, fun, games, and community connection. Bringing families together for a shared meal and some laughs should be a real hoot!

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

August

Each Wednesday this term from 22nd

Swim and Gym Program at BALC (Swim 12:30-1:15pm; Gym 2:00-3:00pm)

Monday 10th	Whole school Earth Ed excursion "Sustainable Cities"
Thursday 13th	First Aid in Schools incursions (Junior/Senior sessions)
Friday 14th	MARC Van at school
Monday 17th	Whole school Moorabool Kids Day Out excursion
Thursday 20th	"Games and Grub" Family Night—check out the details in this newsletter, RSVP now!
Tuesday 25th	Whole school State Library Victoria webinar with Josh Pyke; School Council meeting
Friday 28th	MARC Van at school; Book Week Parade
Monday 31st	Sunsmart begins—wearing hats; STEM Incursion: Planetarium and Climate Science; Senior Student-Lead Conferences after school

September

Tuesday 1st	Junior Student-Lead Conferences after school
Friday 4th	Father's and Special Blokes Day Stall
Monday 7th	Professional Practice Day—STUDENT FREE DAY
Wednesday 9th	Sovereign Division Athletics (go Archie!)
Friday 11th	MARC Van at school
Thursday 17th	Student Showcase 9:00-10:00am
Friday 18th	Footy Colours Day; last day of Term 3—2:30pm dismissal



BungaBuddies
Bungaree Primary School OSHC

Together we can grow

Junior Classroom News

It has been another busy and exciting fortnight in the Junior Room!

Our Year 3 Book Club students have been thoroughly enjoying *The Twits* by Roald Dahl. As we read together, we have been exploring rich and interesting vocabulary, discussing the meaning of unfamiliar words and how authors use language to create memorable characters and humorous stories.

Our Junior students have been reading *Dougal the Garbage Dump Bear*. After getting to know Dougal and his adventures, the students wrote thoughtful letters to him. They are now eagerly awaiting a reply and can't wait to see what Dougal has to say!

In Inquiry, we have begun our new topic, Australia's Neighbours, which links beautifully with the Commonwealth Games. Students will be exploring the countries closest to Australia, learning about their cultures, geography and connections with our country.

Students have also completed their learning goals for this term. These will be displayed in the classroom by the end of the week. We encourage you to ask your child about the learning goal they are currently working towards and how they are making progress. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to share their learning journey with you!

Ms K and Miss Murphy

Senior Classroom News

Our Senior students have continued their learning journey through Asia in Geography, making connections between places, people and cultures while building new knowledge and understanding of the world around them. It has been wonderful to see students asking thoughtful questions, sharing ideas and making links between their learning and the wider world.

In Maths, we have been developing our multiplication skills and exploring a range of strategies to improve our fluency and confidence. A highlight has been our engaging warm-up game, Multo, which combines factors and multiples, prime and composite numbers, frequency, speed and accuracy with multiplication facts—and, of course, a little bit of luck! Students have enjoyed the challenge of applying their knowledge quickly while supporting each other to improve.

In Writing, students have been developing the important skill of finding their voice in a text. We have been exploring how a distinctive tone can make writing more effective, ensuring our purpose is clear and our voice feels believable for the topic and audience. Over the coming weeks, we will continue working on ways to help our readers connect with our writing and experimenting with new ways to express ideas and add interest.

It has been fantastic to see our Senior students embracing these challenges and growing as confident, thoughtful learners who are willing to take risks, reflect on their progress and celebrate their achievements.

Miss Murphy and Miss Barnes

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

**Bungaree PS
is online**



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week, and sorry, no photo this edition :-)

Literacy Award: Annie, for showing positivity and being open to learning a new way of editing her writing.

Numeracy Award: Lily, for demonstrating determination when learning new strategies for large digit division, using MAB blocks to help visually represent the sum.

Specialist Award: Amarley, for showing outstanding determination and bravery during swimming lessons, pushing herself to try new things.

Bungaree Award: Nola, for demonstrating such a commitment to our school through the implementation of our recycling program. Our first collection has raised money for our school!

Congratulations!



Winner, Winner, Bulldogs Read Dinner



Congratulations to Faith for being selected as the July monthly winner in the Bulldogs Read Program for her wonderful book review of "Too Cute" by Philip Bunting.

As part of her prize, Faith was presented with a football signed by the great Marcus Bontempelli, along with a selection of novels to continue inspiring her reading journey.

A special thank you to Campbell from the Western Bulldogs for making the trip to our school to personally present Faith with her prize. We appreciate you taking the time to celebrate her achievement and encourage our students' love of reading (and sport.)

To read Faith's review, along with other student book reviews, visit the Bulldogs Read website: www.bulldogsread.com.au

Miss Barnes and Miss Murphy

A Window to Nepal: Learning Through Friendship



As part of our Geography learning, students have been exploring People and Places at home in Australia and around the world.

This week, we were excited to reconnect with Balram live from Nepal, who visited our school last year. Students enjoyed asking questions about life in Nepal, including its geography, culture, customs and daily life.

A big thank you to Balram for sharing with us. We loved reconnecting and learning more about life in another part of the world!



We were also thrilled to receive letters from our Nepali pen pals from Surya Jyoti Primary School, which brought much joy and excitement to our students. Like our own school, Surya Jyoti is a small rural school, located in the Lamjung district of Nepal, with fewer than 20 students. Many of the students come from farming families, where small-scale cropping and livestock are an important part of everyday life.

It was wonderful for our students to learn about the similarities and differences between our two communities and to build connections with children living in another part of the world. Students will be writing back over the next fortnight and look forward to continuing this special relationship with our friends in Nepal.

Miss Barnes

Cosy Game Night

Get the crew together because this year we are doing a whole family Games and Grub!

It is time for the 2026 community night. Bring along any special person in your life that you want to be a part of your team...or your challenger!

Groups can be small and big, all are welcome!

The night will kick off with food at **5:30pm** before the games begin at **6:00-6:15pm**. The night will finish at **7pm**.

This will be a fantastic opportunity to have some fun and challenge each other to some great games.

Please bring along a Casserole, Curry or Soup to share!

If you have a game at home you love, please bring it in!



When: Thursday 20th of August 2026

Where: The School Big Room

What to bring: A slow-cooker meal to share with friends and family

Why: To have a cosy warm meal and play some games with the people and community we love!

RSVP: Tuesday 18th of August 2026



Up, down and all around—end of term

A “Minute to Win It” and Principals’ Day fun!



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