



Bungaree Primary School

Newsletter

Term 3, Week 6
21st August, 2026

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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,

Who would believe we are already over halfway through Term 3! The weeks continue to fly by, and our students have certainly made the most of the learning opportunities on offer.

Over the past fortnight, a range of curricular and extracurricular excursions and incursions have enriched students' learning. Whether participating in activities at school or venturing beyond our gates, students have enthusiastically embraced opportunities to learn, explore and challenge themselves. These experiences are grounded in the literacy, numeracy and specialist learning programs that occur every day.

I would like to congratulate and thank our staff for the planning, organisation and dedication required to provide these opportunities. Their commitment ensures students continue to experience engaging and memorable learning. Equally, congratulations to our students for the way they represent our school and approach these experiences with curiosity, enthusiasm and respect.

We are excited to welcome four new chooks to our school community. Thank you to the May family for their generous donation. We look forward to caring for our new hens and the learning opportunities they will provide.

As we look ahead, several staff members will be taking long service leave over the coming weeks. While they enjoy this opportunity for rest and renewal, our teaching and education support team will continue to provide consistent, high-quality learning programs.

A reminder that our Father's and Special Blokes Day Stall will be held next Friday. Gifts will be available for purchase from \$5 to \$10, allowing students to celebrate and thank special people in their lives.

Please remember that Monday 7th September is a Student-Free Day, providing staff with time for professional learning, planning and development.

On behalf of everyone at school, I wish all fathers, grandfathers, carers and special role models a wonderful Father's Day. Enjoy the long weekend.

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

Curriculum Day

Monday, 7th September

School will be closed on this day as approved by School Council, for staff professional learning and development.

Calendar

August

Each Wednesday this term from 22nd

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

Tuesday 25th Whole school State Library Victoria webinar with Josh Pyke; School Council meeting POSTPONED

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 (Curriculum) Day—STUDENT FREE DAY

Wednesday 9th Sovereign Division Athletics (go Archie!)

Thursday 10th JSC Pyjama Day and Hot Lunch; RESCHEDULED Games & Grub Family Night 5:30-7:00pm

Friday 11th MARC Van at school

Sunday 13th Bunnings BBQ Ballarat fundraiser all day

Thursday 17th Student Showcase 9:00-10:00am; Bulldogs Read AFLW Videocall

Friday 18th Footy Colours Day; last day of Term 3—2:30pm dismissal

A Little Sock Reminder



From time to time, when little feet get wet or muddy during outdoor play, we lend students a clean pair of school socks to help them stay comfortable for the rest of the day. We are always happy to do this, but we would greatly appreciate it if any borrowed socks could be washed and returned to the school so they are available for other students when needed.

Thank you for your support!

Bungaree PS Staff

BungaBuddies News



In BungaBuddies this week students have been enjoying working together to create collaborative art, putting their cooking skills to the test to make banana muffins, and staying warm inside during the wet weather we have had recently.

Students have been busy getting creative through a range of hands-on activities, including baking, crafting, and drawing. These activities have encouraged students to work together, share ideas, and celebrate their individual creativity. There have been plenty of laughs along the way as we have tried our hand at mashing bananas for our muffins, drawing what we ate into our collaborative journal and getting to taste our banana muffins.

As the weather has allowed for more active play, students have been enthusiastically participating in a range of sports in the gym. Tee ball, football and netball have been particular favourites, providing opportunities for students to work together, demonstrate good sportsmanship and ensure that everyone is included and given a chance to contribute.

It has been fantastic to see BungaBuddies students getting excited to come each night and hang out with their friends. We look forward to continuing our fun, friendships, and creativity in the coming weeks!

Millie, BungaBuddies

Wellbeing Wisdom

What behaviours should you expect from School aged children

Through the duration of primary school, children experience significant development in academic knowledge, self-control, attention and socioemotional skills. However, some behaviours that children begin to demonstrate may come as a surprise for caregivers. So here are common child behaviours that you can expect in school years:

Anxiety - anxiety, worries and fears are a normal part of a child's development. To support with these big feels, you can gently encourage a child to do the thing they are anxious about and praise them when they do.

Bullying - although it is common to experience, it is really important for a caregiver to step in if their child is experiencing bullying at school. You can support your child by requesting for the school to be involved and to take action as soon as possible. Give your child plenty of love and support at home, as they will often feel poorly about themselves if this is occurring.

Cheating - sometimes a child will cheat on their school work because they do not know how to cope with the disappointment of making a mistake, or because the task may be too difficult for them. If cheating becomes a pattern, it can be important for a caregiver to step in and help correct these behaviours through discussion of rules and fairness.

School Mornings - school mornings can be chaos at times. This is often because children do not understand time in the same way that adults do. Because of this, mornings can become very rushed, very quickly. To help with this it may be good to create a morning routine chart for children to follow.

there are many other behaviours that are common with school aged children but knowing these few may help better understand your child and what to expect!

Sinead, Student Wellbeing

Father's & Special Blokes

Our annual Father's and Special Blokes Day Stall will be held on Friday, 4 September. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for the special people in their lives, with a variety of items available ranging from \$5 to \$10.

Both cash and BPAY payments will be accepted. We look forward to helping our students celebrate the fathers, grandfathers, carers and special role models who make a difference every day.

Ange



Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

We have been lucky enough to secure a Bunnings BBQ fundraising date on Sunday 13th September. This will be a major fundraiser for us. Funds raised will go towards library resources.

This is a great opportunity for us to fundraise a large amount in one day without us having to "dig into our own pockets".

We are asking if families could please nominate at least 1 but if possible 2 (or more ☐) people over the age of 15 that could help out on the day. Catherine will be there all day so we will require three additional people per shift.

The shifts will be from:

- * 8.00 - 10.15 am
- * 10.15 am - 12.30 pm
- * 12.30 - 2.30 pm
- * 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Thank you in advance for your support.

If you could please text the school phone by Friday 28th August with a timeslot that you can help out it would be much appreciated.

Ange



DEAN KITE FESTIVAL

Sunday September 6th 2026
12 Noon - 4pm

Kite Making Workshops \$10
Kite Demonstrations
Sausage Sizzle & Afternoon Tea

Dean Recreation Reserve
1370 Daylesford / Ballarat Road
Dean, Victoria

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Fundraiser on day for local charity

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The Collective Mental Health Expo & Circle of Solidarity

Join your community in supporting mental wellbeing!

Free community event for Mental Health Awareness Month 2026

Thursday, October 1st,
10am - 2pm

Enter Lake Esmond from Clayton St,
Larter St, and Lal Lal St.
Car Parking available at Canadian Lead
Primary School and along Larter St.

What to expect:

Meet new people, family fun activities,
Circle of Solidarity
food vans, coffee, free sausage sizzle
No registration needed!

For accessibility requirements contact
bmhcommunityevent@gmail.com



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.

Junior Classroom News

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

Maths - Theme Park Projects

Our students have been having lots of fun applying their mathematical skills to a Theme Park Project. They are using their problem-solving, number and mathematical thinking skills as they design and plan their very own theme parks. It has been wonderful to see the creativity and enthusiasm students are bringing to their learning.

Multiplication & Number Facts

Our Year 3 students continue to work hard on building their multiplication fact fluency. Students regularly practise their facts and complete multiplication tests with Miss Murphy to monitor their progress and celebrate their growing confidence.

Our Foundation-Year 2 students are busy developing their Friends of 10 addition facts. Regular practice helps students build automatic recall, which supports their confidence and fluency when solving more complex addition problems.

Home Learning Reminder

A reminder that students' spelling words are recorded in their student diaries. Please encourage your child to practise their spelling words each night alongside their home reading and GEM homework (Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness). Even a few minutes of regular practice can make a big difference!

What a Fortnight!

The past fortnight has been filled with wonderful experiences, including Moorabool Kids Day Out, Earth Ed and First Aid in Schools. These opportunities have provided students with lots of hands-on learning and memorable experiences outside the classroom.

Swim and Gym

We will continue heading off to Swim and Gym each Wednesday. Please remember to pack an extra snack, as our students often come back very hungry after a big morning of swimming!

We are so proud of the way our students continue to learn, grow and support one another. Well done, Juniors!

Ms K and Miss Murphy

Happy birthday in August & September

20th August—Annie

12th September—Miss Murphy

21st—Faith



Senior Classroom News

The Senior Room has been working hard across all areas of our learning!

In Literacy, students have been busy completing their information reports and have now begun exploring discussion writing. We have been learning how to weigh up both sides of a debate, considering different perspectives before making an informed decision about whether we agree or disagree.

In Maths, we have been looking into volume, capacity and mass through practical and hands-on activities. Students have recently begun an exciting challenge to design a lunch box that can hold the most while weighing the least! They will need to use their mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills to create the best possible design.

Another Mathematics focus has been division algorithms. Building on students' strong understanding of multiplication, we have been using familiar strategies to support learning in division. Students have been working through division problems with no remainders, whole-number remainders and fractional remainders. While division can often seem a little daunting at first, students have quickly discovered that, with the right verbal scripts and problem-solving strategies, it is much more manageable than they initially thought. It has been fantastic to see students' confidence grow as they tackle increasingly complex problems.

Students have also begun an exciting 3D project based on a country of their choice in Asia. Over the next month, they will be researching, designing and creating projects that showcase key aspects of their chosen country. This rich learning task will draw on students' literacy, geography and visual arts skills, while encouraging creativity, inquiry and attention to detail. We look forward to seeing their projects take shape and sharing the finished products at our end of term Student Showcase.

On Friday morning during Library, we celebrated Bad Poetry Day (18th August)! We spent the session creating and listening to some wonderfully awful and hilarious poems written by the students. We had a blast coming up with ridiculous rhymes, inventing brand-new words and seeing just how silly our poetry could become.

Miss Murphy and Miss Barnes

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

**Bungaree PS
is online**



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!

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When: Thursday 10th September 2026

Where: The School Big Room

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

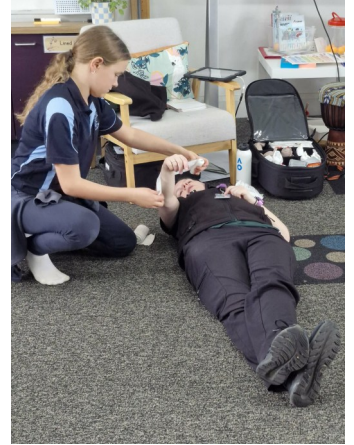
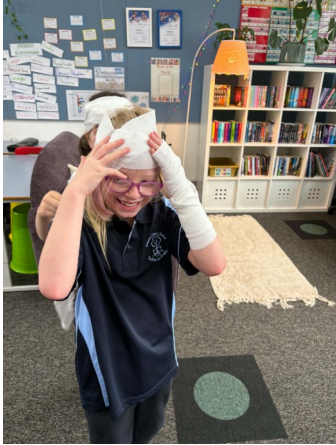
Why: To have a cosy warm meal and play some games with the people and community we love!

RSVP: Tuesday 8th September 2026



Up, down and all around Bunga

First Aid in Schools program; Earth Ed Sustainable Cities excursion.



Together we can grow

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F-6 writing to our Nepalese pen pals; Moorabool Kids Day Out in Bacchus Marsh; Junior Classroom learning.



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