

Bungaree Primary School Newsletter

Term 4, Week 4
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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,

Today we celebrate World Teachers' Day, and as a teaching Principal I would like to take the opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank our incredible teaching team: Ms K, Mrs Ower, Miss Murphy and Mrs East. Every day they demonstrate the qualities that make Bungaree Primary School such a positive and successful learning community. They are dedicated, professional, caring and exceptional educators who consistently place the needs of students at the centre of all they do. Whether supporting learning in the classroom, planning engaging curriculum experiences, building strong relationships with families, or encouraging students to challenge themselves, they make a difference each and every day. I know our entire school community joins me in thanking them for their commitment and celebrating the important work they do for our children.

One of the many advantages of a rural primary school is the ability to provide students with a rich variety of learning experiences while maintaining the close-knit relationships that help every child feel known, valued and supported. Throughout this year, students have enjoyed an incredible range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. Camps, incursions and excursions have helped bring learning to life and extend curriculum experiences across English, Mathematics, Physical Education, STEM and Health. These opportunities allow students to apply their learning in authentic settings, build confidence, develop independence and create lasting memories alongside their classmates.

The photo gallery included in this newsletter provides a wonderful snapshot of these experiences. It is fantastic to see the smiles, enthusiasm and engagement of our students as they participate in the many activities on offer. Whether learning something new, overcoming a challenge or simply enjoying time with friends, our students continue to make the most of every opportunity presented to them.

We have also recently commenced our Kinder-to-School transition program, Foundation Fun, and it has been a pleasure to welcome Paityn and her family to our school community. Starting school is an exciting milestone, and we are committed to making the transition a positive and enjoyable experience. It has already been lovely to see the many "big brothers and sisters" Paityn has discovered around the school, with students eager to introduce themselves, lend a helping hand and make her feel welcome. I am sure she will thoroughly enjoy the Foundation Fun program throughout the term as she becomes increasingly familiar with our classrooms, staff and students.

I would also like to recognise four of our Year 5/6 students, Chloe, Annie, Mitchy and Faith, who recently represented Bungaree Primary School at the Beloka Leadership Camp. Joining students from Lal Lal Primary School and Cape Clear Primary School, they embraced the experience with enthusiasm and maturity. They demonstrated teamwork, leadership, resilience and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones, all while representing our school with pride. They were terrific ambassadors for Bungaree Primary School, and we are very proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the camp.

As we head into the super-long weekend, I hope all families enjoy the opportunity to spend time together, relax and recharge. A reminder that school will be closed on both Monday and Tuesday.

Following the break, we begin moving into the formal assessment and reporting period for all students. Teachers are looking forward to celebrating the growth, achievement and effort demonstrated by students throughout the year. We are also pleased to share the remainder of the Term 4 calendar in this newsletter. There are a number of important events and activities still to come, so please take a moment to note the highlighted dates in your family calendars.



It promises to be a busy and rewarding run to the end to a wonderful school year, and I thank all families for their ongoing support of our students, staff and school.

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

October	
Friday 30th	Foundation Fun 9:00am
November	
Monday 2nd	Curriculum Day—student free day
Tuesday 3rd	Melbourne Cup public holiday—school closed
Wednesday 4th	Sporting Schools PE afternoon excursion—Badminton Round Robin
Friday 6th	MARC Van at school
Wednesday 11th	Sporting Schools PE afternoon excursion—Badminton Round Robin
Friday 13th	Foundation Fun 9:00am
Tuesday 17th	School Council meeting 4:30pm
Wednesday 18th	Sporting Schools PE afternoon excursion—Badminton Round Robin
Friday 20th	MARC Van at school
Tuesday 24th	Earth Ed incursion—STEM challenge
Wednesday 25th	Sporting Schools PE afternoon excursion—Badminton Round Robin
Monday 30th	Year 3-6 Melbourne Cluster Camp—details to come
December	
Tuesday 1st-Wednesday 2nd	Year 3-6 Melbourne Cluster Camp—details to come
Tuesday 1st	Year F-2 Day Camp—details to come
Tuesday 8th	Statewide Transition Day; School Council dinner meeting 4:30pm
Friday 11th	Curriculum Day—school closed
Monday 14th	Year 6 Mad Monday
Wednesday 16th	End of Year Celebration & Graduation from 5:00pm
Thursday 17th	Whole School Big Day Out
Friday 18th	Last day of 2026—1:30pm finish.

Curriculum Day

Monday, 2nd November

School will be closed on this day as approved by School Council, for assessment and report writing.



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.

World Teachers' Day



Today we celebrate World Teachers' Day and recognise the dedication, care and expertise of our teaching team, who make a difference in students' lives every day.



Ms K

Thank you for your enthusiasm, creativity and unwavering commitment to ensuring every student is supported, challenged and encouraged to achieve their best.

Miss Murphy



Thank you for the energy, professionalism and positivity you bring to our school community and the meaningful learning opportunities you create.



Mrs Ower

Thank you for your kindness, experience and dedication to helping students grow in confidence, independence and a love of learning.

Mrs East



Thank you for your care, expertise and commitment to supporting students to thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

Year 5/6 Leadership Beloka Cluster Camp





























Junior Classroom News

It has been another busy and exciting time in our F–3 classroom, with plenty of opportunities to learn, explore and get involved!

We have loved welcoming Miss Klaver, a second-year pre-service teacher, who has been spending three weeks with us. She has been having a wonderful time learning in our little classroom and jumping in to support our specialist subjects. We have enjoyed having her as part of our team and sharing our learning with her.

We were also very fortunate to welcome Nana D, who shared some fascinating fossilised whale bone from Gunditjmara Country near Portland, Victoria. The students were captivated by this special piece of history and asked some fantastic questions. Experiences like these provide wonderful opportunities to learn about our local area, Aboriginal perspectives and the stories connected to Country.

Our green thumbs have been busy in the garden! The students rolled up their sleeves to weed, prepare the garden beds and plant a selection of vegetable and herb seedlings kindly sourced by Ms K and Miss Murphy from Bunnings. There was plenty of enthusiasm as everyone got involved, and we are looking forward to watching our garden grow over the coming weeks.

We also enjoyed an exciting Earth Ed incursion, Maths with Dash. The students explored mathematical concepts through hands-on problem-solving activities and impressed us so much with their thinking that the challenges were uplevelled to extend their learning further. It was wonderful to see their persistence, teamwork and willingness to tackle more complex problems.

It has been fantastic to see our students embracing these varied learning opportunities, asking thoughtful questions and giving new challenges a go. We look forward to sharing more of our F–3 learning adventures with you next time!

Miss Murphy and Ms K

Bungaree PS is online

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Senior Classroom News

We have had some fantastic experiences across the school recently! Our Bulldogs Read Program came to an end with an amazing day out at the Bulldogs Read Finale. Students had the opportunity to practise their footy skills on the inflatable roadshow and listen to Ballarat author Jack Henseleit, creator of The Witching Hour series, Gotcha and many more. Jack was incredibly funny and engaging, and students took part in a writing workshop where they worked together to create their very own twisted fairy tale. An incredible 651 book reviews were submitted throughout the program, setting a brand-new record! We were also very fortunate to have a major prize winner, Annie, who has represented our school in the program for several years. Library staff commented on how lovely it was to see her writing growth over the years. A fantastic achievement!

We also welcomed Eliza from the Bulldogs, who visited our school to run a footy clinic with the students. There were plenty of smiles as everyone got involved, practised their footy skills, and enjoyed some fun activities together.

Earth Ed paid us a visit, introducing students to the exciting world of digital technologies. We worked with robot cars, using coding tiles to create pathways and applying our problem-solving skills to see who could design the longest path. There was lots of thinking, experimenting, and teamwork along the way!

In the Senior Room, we have been exploring Cartesian planes in maths. We took our learning outdoors and created a giant Battleship field, competing in teams to use our knowledge of all four quadrants to locate and sink the opposing team's ships. It was a fun and engaging way to put our new learning into practice!

In writing, our senior students have been investigating different coding formats, including binary code and Unicode. Using the notes and research we have collected, we have been working hard to develop detailed explanation pieces. We have also been looking closely at the structure of our writing, ensuring our ideas are organised clearly, and our explanations help the reader understand these fascinating coding systems.

Miss Murphy

BungaBuddies News

It has been lovely welcoming everyone back to BungaBuddies after the holidays! We have enjoyed settling back into our routines, reconnecting with familiar faces, and spending time catching up with our friends. The children have been busy sharing stories about their holiday adventures, building friendships, and finding their feet again in our happy learning environment.

With the beautiful sunshine shining down on us, we have been making the most of the warmer weather by getting outdoors and enjoying lots of playtime. The children have loved exploring our outdoor spaces, running around, using their imaginations, and learning through play.

We have also been getting creative and curious in the kitchen as we explore how eggs can be used to make our afternoon tea! The children have been discovering how everyday ingredients can be transformed into delicious food, sharing ideas, asking questions, and learning about the different ways eggs can be used in cooking. It has been a fun, hands-on experience that encourages curiosity, independence, and a love of learning.

We are looking forward to another wonderful term together at BungaBuddies, filled with friendship, sunshine, exploration, and exciting new discoveries!

Millie

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

Happy birthday in Term 4

6th October—Ange
8th November—Ms K
11th November—Logan
12th November—Mrs Ower
14th November—Adrian
21st November—Archie
4th December—Chloe and Miss Barnes
23rd December—Lily



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Wellbeing Wisdom



How to help regulate your child

Understanding emotions and managing them is a skill that continues to develop throughout childhood and into teenage years. A great and way to support children in better understanding strong emotions is through using these 5 simple steps:

Notice and identify the emotions

This means focusing on your child's behaviour, as body language can say a lot more about how someone is feeling than words alone. This can also take practise!

Connect the feeling to an experience

This involves supporting your child to identify what they are feeling and why they may be feeling it! this not only helps your child to understand the link between their experiences and their emotional responses, but also helps assure your child that their emotions are okay, even if their behaviour is not okay.

Allow them time to process with you by their side

After supporting your child to name and connect their emotions and experiences, it is important to give your child a moment to process their learning. By simply counting down from 5 slowly in your head, this will give your child more time to process what has been discussed and make any necessary changes.

Stay close and keep them safe

If your child is really upset, 5 seconds may not be long enough to support them. When this occurs, your child may need some extra supports, such as staying near to them to show you are understanding and capable of handling their emotions. Then you can return to step one and repeat the steps. Important to be patient, as children need co-regulation when they are unable to self-regulate their emotions.

Reflect and Plan

The last part is done when big emotions have settled and is dependent on the situation. Offering more positive alternatives to the behaviours or managing emotions can be provided at this stage.

Sinead, Student Wellbeing

Upside down, inside out … Bunga out and about

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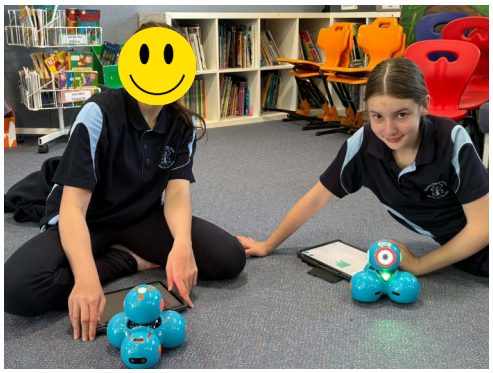













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