

# Buchan Primary School Newsletter

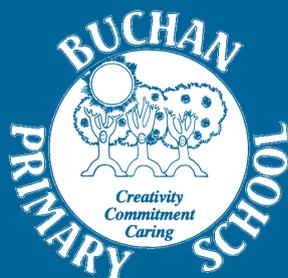
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*Dear Parents,*

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO END THE YEAR**

We have had another busy but productive year at Buchan Primary School. Our students have been progressing with their learning and we have been involved in lots of extra activities to provide our students with new and interesting experiences.

We are lucky to have wonderful children and staff at Buchan, and we look forward to continuing that tradition next year.

### **GOOD LUCK GRADUATES**

We wish our Grade Six Graduates lots of luck in their new school adventures. Farewell Harry, Mackie, Kate, Lucy, Sophie and Amity. We hope your journey beyond our school gates is filled with fantastic and successful learning adventures. Buchan has been lucky to have you all on board since Prep. You will be greatly missed.

### **FINAL FAREWELL TO MRS SYKES**

Today marks a significant milestone in our school's history and indeed in Mrs. Sykes' life. After 50 years of service in the Education Dept. and close to two decades at Buchan Primary School, Mrs. Sykes is ready to head off to enjoy her much deserved long service leave and retirement.

To celebrate this incredible milestone, we plan to hold an afternoon tea around the third week of the school term (exact date to be confirmed). The community will be notified, so that all those who wish to attend have sufficient prior warning. No doubt it will be a big turn-out.

### **STAFFING 2019**

Next year will see a change in staffing. We will be having a Graduate teacher in the Senior Class. This will allow us to continue our tradition of running two classrooms for our essential Literacy and Numeracy blocks. A teacher has been provisionally appointed and can be announced once the standard appeals period has passed. Families will be contacted over the holidays and arrangements will be made for those who wish to meet our new teacher prior to the commencement of the school year. I have no doubt our new teacher will bring a lot of positive experience with them, which will benefit our students and our great little school.

## **IMPORTANT**

## **DATES**

**Students return  
to school on  
Wednesday  
30th January  
2019**

**BUCHAN PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**IS A CODE RED  
SCHOOL**

**This means our school  
will be completely**

**closed and unstaffed  
on Code Red Days.**

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## **SCHOOL WORKS**

Over the holidays, a number of jobs will be undertaken to ensure the school is in tip top shape for next year. If anyone is around during the hols to help out for an hour or so with weeding or painting, etc, it would be fantastic. Small schools such as ours need as much parent and community help as possible to keep them up and running.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a great holiday break.

See you in the New Year.

Kind regards,

Clare Edwards

## **Christmas Service**

There will be a Christmas Service with carols in the Anglican Church on Sunday 23 December starting at 3 pm. It would be great to have some lovely young voices joining in. All welcome with nibbles and drinks provided. Anyone attending is welcome to bring something to share.

## **Junior Ranger Talks & Adventures**

Take part in fun, ranger guided activities during school holidays, suitable for children aged 6-12 years. Sessions go for approximately one hour and bookings are essential. Details of different activities at Buchan, Cape Conran & Gippsland Lakes etc are available at the school office.

## **East Gippsland Library School Holiday Activities & Film Screenings**

There are also a number of activities at the Libraries in East Gippsland. If you are interested the details are available at the school office.

## **Outstanding Accounts**

Thank you to those families who have finalised payment for their outstanding accounts.

## **Final note from Mrs Sykes**

*I would like to thank the staff, students and parents for the support and friendship shown to me over the past 16 years. It really doesn't seem that long ago since the Gelantipy School closed and I was relocated to Buchan.*

*I have enjoyed my time at Buchan very much. I have many happy memories of the students who have come through the doors.*

*I will always be interested in the progress of the students that I have taught. It is great to see them grow up and become important members of the community in which they choose to live.*

*I am looking forward to travelling, gardening, sewing and having time to spend with the three very precious grandchildren that I have.*

*I wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy break from school. Good luck to our grade 6 exit students, I am sure you will all do well.  
Best wishes Judi*



***Merry Christmas***