

BUCHAN

Primary School

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CREATIVITY COLLABORATION COURAGE

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 1st March	Judi Sykes Celebration
Monday 4th March	Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 6th March	MARC VAN book returns
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Holiday
Monday 25th March	School Council AGM

**BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
IS A BARR SCHOOL.
(BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER)**

**This means our school will be
closed and unstaffed on
Code Red Days
as well as other days deemed
unsafe.**

Families will be given as much warning as possible. Safety is our first priority.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

JUDI SYKE'S RETIREMENT TOMORROW – Friday 1st March 5pm

The students will be singing and will need to be in their best school uniform please.

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE

Help is needed to set up the hall for Judi's Celebration on Thursday afternoon. It would be great to have all hands on deck.

REMINDER.....PUPIL FREE DAY NEXT MONDAY

FOUNDATION STUDENTS FULL TIME

Please note that the Foundations students are now expected to come five days a week. Although the next two weeks have Monday off! :)

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY—Friday 8th March

We will be heading off to our usual truck stop out at Buchan South to clean up the area as we have done in the last few years. We will be travelling with Shane Price on the bus and children will need a sturdy pair of gloves if you have them please.

Regards

Clare Edwards

School Council SCHOOL COUNCIL – Parent Representatives

Nominations are now open for **7 parent representatives** for the 2019-2021 term.

Nominations close at 4pm on 7th of March.

Do you have what it takes to be a school councillor??

- You need to be keen, but you don't need to be an expert
- You need to like people and be able to work in a team
- You do need to be prepared to commit the time needed to ensure the work of council gets done
- School councils work best when they have people from a variety of backgrounds and have different experiences

Why would you want to be on school council????

- It's a great way to get involved and have a real say in what your school is doing for its students
- It's a very good way to help present and future students of the school
- Your children may feel a greater sense of belonging with the school

What's the commitment?

- School council must meet at least 8 times in each year, and at least once per school term
- Meetings are restricted to approximately 2.0 hours duration at most on Monday afternoons.

What does school council do?

- Establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- Participate in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- Develop, review and update school policies
- Raise funds for school-related purposes
- Approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure
- Maintain the school's grounds and facilities
- Enter into contracts (e.g. cleaning, construction work)
- Report annually to the school community and to DET
- Generally stimulate interest in the school in the wider community

What about the elections?

- The principal arranges and conducts the elections
- These are held in March each year
- If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself
- Your nomination form needs to be returned within the time stated on the Notice of Election and Call for Nominations
- Ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions to fill

Where can I find out more?

- The principal
- Past and present school councillors
- School Council terms of reference and **nomination forms are available at the office.**