From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers

By the time that you read this newsletter, some of you will have attended our “Introduction to Our School Night” which was held last night. Thank you to those of you who came along. We trust that we were able to support your understanding of some of the quality practices that occur at Buxton Public school. A special thank you also to our wonderful, hardworking staff who gave up their own time to prepare presentations and to deliver them. We trust that you enjoyed chatting with all the staff over supper.

Our school will be hosting a very exciting Maths Night for all the family in Term 2. We will let you know about that at the start of next term so that you can keep the date free.

This Thursday, as you know, is our school Harmony day. Mrs Lamplough has been putting information about this day in the last two newsletters. The children are encouraged to wear orange. Special learning activities have been organised for all classes. If you have time on Thursday afternoon, have a look at our playground. Hopefully you will see the shape of Australia with some interesting accessories.

Next Thursday is also another very busy and popular day at school. We are hosting our annual Easter Hat Parade. Children are asked to make a hat at home and bring it on the day. We will parade each class to show off the great designs. We warmly invite any of you to come and share in the fun. Ms Bond has the details for you in this newsletter.

On behalf of the staff and students I would very much like to thank two groups who have made contributions to our school. The first is Veolia Mulwaree Trust who have provided the school with some urgently required dictionaries and atlases for different stages of reading ability and understanding. We are very glad to receive these treasured items. In the last week we have had a large group of very industrious parents who have been covering these books and getting them ready for their life in classrooms. Again, thank you very much. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

The other external group who have assisted our school is the Picton District Country Women’s Association. They have enabled us to select fruit trees and other “green goodies” to the value of five hundred dollars. We are thrilled to have received the “Healthy Eating For Kids” grant.

To conclude, I would like to wish all our families a wonderful Easter holiday. It is unusual to have Easter separate from the school holidays, so please remember to come back to school after Easter.

Sharing the learning journey with you.

Suzanne Crouch
R/Principal

WHAT IS HARMONY DAY?

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21st March and is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. Harmony Day aims to engage the entire Australian community, particularly school children, in a celebration of the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia. It’s about community participation, inclusiveness and respect. It is a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, while also recognising the traditional owners of this land. Harmony Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the benefits and potential that cultural diversity brings.

At Buxton School we will wear orange and make a display of our stories.

SCHOOL CROSS CARNIVAL

Our school Cross Country Carnival is on Friday 22nd March weather permitting. Our back up date is Thursday 11th April.

Students turning 8 this year and over will compete in their age appropriate races. The course is within school grounds.

If your child is Asthmatic it is essential that they bring their reliever to school for the event. Your child will also need a hat and water bottle.

We hope as many of you as possible are able to join us for the event.

Miss Turner Co-ordinator
P &C Fundraiser Reminder

All “Snax With Attitude” forms & payments are due back by this Friday, 22 March. If you require another form there are some in the office.

Buxton P & C

IS YOUR CHILD ASTHMATIC?

The Staff recently received training from The Asthma Foundation in recognising and responding to Asthma attacks.

Students with Asthma, no matter how mild, should have an up to date reliever in school. Despite controlling the condition by following an Asthma Action Plan, and taking medications regularly, asthmatics may still experience an Asthma flare-up and suffer an attack. Everyone’s Asthma is different, and everyone has different triggers. For most people, triggers are only a problem when their asthma is not well-controlled.

It is important that we know which students are susceptible to an Asthma attack. We have noticed that some children identified with Asthma do not have a reliever at school. Also, some families have not returned the form sent home at the beginning of the year in regard to medical conditions. We want to ensure that in the event of an Asthma Attack correct procedures are followed for your child. There is of course a standard Asthma First Aid procedure for staff to follow but we also need an Asthma Action Plan for your child. Your doctor should be able to assist with this.

Mrs Davies

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, 21 March—Harmony Day
Friday, 22 March—Cross Country
Tuesday, 26 March—P & C AGM at 6:30pm
Friday, 29 March—Good Friday

CANTEEN NEWS

Our canteen roster for next term is looking a bit bare. There are plenty of places to fill. If you can spare any time please place your name on the roster in office or call Lorraine Remfry on 0408242672

Hot Cross Buns and Café!

On the 12th of April (last day of term) the SRC will be holding a Loud Colour Day. Your child may come to school in loud colours, (any bright colours) Your child will need to bring a gold coin donation which will go towards ‘Adopt an Aussie.’

Lachlan and Madelin

Hot Cross Buns Order

I would like to order ___________ buns.

I enclose payment of _$____________

Signed:________________________________
From the Library

This week we acknowledge Mrs Susan Munday and Mrs Kate Dore. These wonderful mums have worked as Library volunteers over many years. They have become invaluable members of the Library team. They have returned thousands of Library books and shelved them. They have given help to students and staff, covered and repaired books and helped with withdrawing of old resources. On behalf of the present and past school community we would like to say a huge thank you to Susan and Kate for all of their hard work. It has been appreciated.

Our classes have been studying a wide variety of topics. Years 5 and 6 have completed research on artists, Margaret Preston being a popular choice. The classes will now go on to study Egyptian Gold as part of the class’s gold unit. Kinder Surprises are enjoying books from our special collection and Kinder Treasures have been doing activities on Henny Penny.

1/2 Hullabaloo have written you a story about a popular dog:

“1/2 Hullabaloo have been reading the stories of Clifford the Big Red Dog. He is ginormous. His dog kennel is heaps bigger than Emily’s house. He is bigger as well. Emily bats him in a swimming pool. He is a very good guard dog”.

Years 3 and 4 are investigating Australian Parks and to finish off 1/2 Turquoise would like to tell you about a visitor to Australia.

“One day a lumpy package came to Australia on a plane. Gibblewort was inside. He’s a yucky goblin who doesn’t like his friends. His tree house was too soggy, Ireland was too rainy. He wanted sunshine. Gibblewort is green and slimy. He is ugly with 3 warts on his long nose.”

Water Damage ~ Lately we have had wet books coming to school in school bags. While we can save those with minor damage the ones that are saturated just cannot be saved. Mould grows very quickly and pages stick together. If your child brings home a note about wet books there will be a replacement cost, minus wear and tear. It would be appreciated if you could contribute towards the cost of new books. Thank you

Library monitors ~ We have had five very enthusiastic students training to be Library monitors for 2013. They are all very responsible, come on time and are eager to learn. Monitors badges will be given out soon.

Holiday borrowing ~

Just a reminder that in week 11 borrowing is increased for the holidays.

Kinder, Years 1 and 2 may have up to 6 books

Years 3 to 6 may have up to 10 books

They will all be due back to school in weeks 1 and 2 of term 2.

Mrs Hanna
Teacher/Librarian

Parent Group

We would like to invite parents and members of the community to come and join our parent group held every Wednesday from 1:45pm—3pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome. This will be a social gathering as well as an opportunity to assist our school by preparing teaching resources and making educational games. Afternoon tea will be provided. Please come and join us whenever you can.

Buxton Staff

Canteen Roster - Term 1, 2013

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Assembly Awards Week 6, March 8th

K Surprise: Joel & Caiden
K Treasures: Ivy & Jack
1/2 Turquoise: Heath, Harley, Max, Amity, Alyssa, Lauren, Skye & Harriet
3/4 Polkadots: Jake
3/4 Silver: Aaron, Samantha, Dominic & Luke
5/6 Ruby: Aaron, Roy, Logan & Isabel
5/6 Violet: Tyler, Walysha, Georgie & Brock
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* HipHop / Urban – Tuesday, Picton
* Lyrical / Contemporary – Wednesday, Picton
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Email: pyaddta@bigpond.com

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call James:
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P & C NEWS

Buxton Public School P & C Association would like to personally invite you to our Annual general meeting to be held in the staff room on Tuesday 26th March at 6.30pm. At the AGM all positions will be declared vacant and a new committee will be voted in.

The P&C Association is made up of parents and citizens that represent interests of the whole school community. We are a small friendly group which meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm. Items for discussion are placed on the meeting agenda which is displayed on the Office notice board the Tuesday prior to each meeting.

The objectives of the P&C are to:
- Promote the interests of the school.
- Assist with the school’s development and improvement.

Functions of the P&C Association are:
- Fostering general community interest in educational issues
- Providing advice and recommendations to the Principal on issues which affect students.
- Providing financial or other resources for the benefit of students.

This includes school canteen, discos, Mothers and Fathers Day gift stalls, Easter Hat Parade, Fun Run, Grand Friends Day

Our P &C works closely with Mrs. Crouch and all staff to enhance opportunities for our children and to provide them with the best resources we can.

Our P&C has provided many things over the years like interactive whiteboards, lawnmower, camera, library scanner, having our concrete areas painted with games, new ipads for the students new reader books, air conditioning for the canteen.

The current committee would value your attendance and welcome any new parents who wish to join. If you find you can’t attend meetings but still wish to be involved and would like to help out with fundraising events, please fill out the slip below so we can contact you to help out with certain events.

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P & C
NAME: _____________________________________________
PHONE: _____________________________________________
Interest: _____________________________________________
(e.g: Mother’s Day Stall, Fathers Day stall, canteen, sports carnival, fund raising activities)