From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Included in today’s newsletter is a calendar of events that will occur at our school in the next six weeks. We have included as much as we know about. You will be able to add other things as they eventuate. We hope that this is of some help to you.

Today your family should have received an invitation to our “Introduction to Buxton School Night” being held on the 19th March at 6.00pm until 7.30pm. We hope that many of you will choose to join us. Please return the RSVP so that we are able to cater for all of those who wish to attend.

As indicated earlier on in the year all classes from week 5 (last week) are being provided with homework. As a school we would encourage you to provide time in your busy week to assist your child to do some work at home each afternoon/evening. The classroom teachers have all tried very hard to include extra curricula activities that many of your children are involved in.

Congratulations to all our children who participated in the Zone Swimming Carnival last week. I saw some of the races and was once again made very proud of the well behaved and enthusiastic participants. Congratulations to Miss Turner for her efforts in getting all of us organised. A big thank you to the wonderful parents who attended the carnival and supported their own children and others as well.

I would like to apologise if you were one of the parents who came to school last week, expecting to see a school assembly. My sincere apologies. We will however have a school assembly this week, that is Friday 8th March. Mrs. Davies and Miss Riddiford’s class will be performing for us.

I have been asked by a concerned parent to remind all parents that when you so kindly supply yummy things to our classrooms during the year for class parties, it is always necessary to remember that there are children in our school who are not able to tolerate some foods. We would ask that you never send any food to school that may contain nuts.

Please find included in this newsletter information regarding the Schoolkids bonus. It may be helpful to you.

Sharing the education 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
CAMP FINAL PAYMENT
A reminder for parents of students in Stage 3 attending Camp Wombaroo this year. Payment in full needs to be made by Thursday 14th March.

Mrs. Davies

Parent Afternoon Tea
We have recently received 300 new dictionaries, thesauruses and atlases thanks to a generous donation from Veolia Mulwaree Trust. The students are eager to use these resources but we need to have all these books covered in contact first. So we would like to invite everyone—parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and friends—to our afternoon tea and book covering sessions, held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week, from 1:45 to 3pm in the staffroom. Afternoon tea will be supplied. Please let the office ladies know if you can help or just feel free to drop in whenever you can.

Mrs. Wilkinson

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2million families have already benefited from the first wave of payments in January 2013 - have you?
If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July. The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education—whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions. Check your eligibility by visiting Australia.gov.au/schoolkidbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink-either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132468.

Mrs Davies

P &C Fundraiser
In our effort to improve the equipment and facilities for the students of our school, we have a continuing requirement to raise funds throughout the year. These fundraising efforts are very reliant on the support of our community. This term our P&C fundraiser is “SNAX WITH ATTITUDE”. All families will be issued with a product order form which we would kindly ask you to promote to family, friends and neighbours.

Please return your completed order forms and payment to the office no later than Friday 22nd March.

Orders will be delivered to school in early April. Thank you for your support.

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.

A letter with further information and Asthma Action Plan is attached to this newsletter. Please complete as soon as possible if your child is Asthmatic and return to school together with a reliever labelled with your child’s name. If your child requires a spacer please ensure it is labelled too.

Mrs Davies

CLOSE THE GAP DAY 2013
Please join us for activities including smoking ceremony, health checks and vaccination catch ups, information stalls and a BBQ lunch.

Bowral Hospital, Milton Park entrance
10am, Tuesday 19 March 2013
Aboriginal Health staff available.

Bowral Hospital is committed to helping close the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.
From the Library

Congratulations go to Kinder Surprise and Kinder Treasures children for their excellent borrowing over the last two weeks. Their keenness is wonderful to see. Now that the fiction part of the Library Stocktake is finished children can borrow from both non-fiction and fiction areas.

For those families that are new to our school I would like to tell you of our repair policy. We have special magic mending tape for ripped pages. Please send the book back with a bookmark to highlight the problem page. It will be repaired as soon as possible. Sadly books that are water damaged cannot be repaired. A letter will be sent home requesting money to replace the book/books.

Scholastic Australia have a book club that operates throughout the year. They provide colourful brochures to entice children, and Mums and Dads, to buy books. This year there will be six clubs. The first of the brochures went home last week and are due back at school by 15 March 2013. There is no obligation to buy books. You could just use the brochures to keep you up to date with new books as they come out.

Mrs Hanna
Teacher/Librarian

‘DILLY WANDERER PRE SCHOOL

28 MARCH AT BUXTON SCHOOL

Wollondilly Support & Community Care Inc.

.....located at the School Of Arts Building in Picton - Services available for older Wollondilly residents (those over 65, frail aged, younger with a disability and their carers).

MEALS ON WHEELS - Flexible meal options are delivered by volunteers each week day.

NEIGHBOUR AID - Provides caring staff and volunteers to assist with: social support outings and activities, transport, shopping, handyman repairs and home visits.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Provides outings & activities including: concerts, guest speakers, movies, BBQ’s, shopping and theme days, etc. To enquire about receiving any of these services or becoming a volunteer, please contact 4677 2524.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, 8 March—Assembly - 2pm
19 March—Introduction to Buxton School Night - 6pm
Thursday, 21 March—Harmony Day

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1, 2013

This Week
Monday, 4 Mar: A. Odger
Tuesday, 5 Mar: K. Dore, N. Hale
Wednesday, 6 Mar: N. Ryan
Thursday, 7 Mar: K. Peachey
Friday, 8 Mar: A. Jongkryg

Week 7
Monday, 11 Mar: T. Peacock
Tuesday, 12 Mar: L. Remfry
Wednesday, 13 Mar: L. Hickey, S. McNamara
Thursday, 14 Mar: F. Patterson
Friday, 15 Mar: K. Murphy

Week 8
Monday, 18 Mar: A. Odgers
Tuesday, 19 Mar: L. Remfry
Wednesday, 20 Mar: N. Ryan
Thursday, 21 Mar: K. Peachey
Friday, 22 Mar: S. Watson

Picton Tennis Club
OPEN DAY
Sun 17 March 10am-2pm at Downing St. Picton

- Fun Activities for all ages
- FREE Sausage Sizzle
- Hot Shots Demo
- Raffle & Prizes

SPECIAL OFFER*
FREE Memberships to any player who joins on the day

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Inexpensive Tuition
No contracts or hidden charges
No particular fitness level required
Get fit, develop self-confidence and learn effective self defence
Train with a friendly, supporting group who are non profit motivated
Fully experienced in training professional security staff
Members of NSW Karate Federation

BUXTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
Monday & Wednesday
6pm – 7:30pm

For further information call Ivan or Sonya on 4683 2370 or mobile 0413 776 424.

Patricia Yvonne Academy of Dance & Drama

THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
Monday & Thursday afternoons.

~ Classical Ballet ~ Drama ~ Tap ~ Jazz
~ Musical Theatre ~ Modern ~ Hip Hop

Students trained for E.D.T.A Examinations and Stagecraft
Beginners from 3 yrs to Advanced.

$10 per class payable by Term, Registration fee $15 for the year.

Fully qualified and caring Teacher who believes in correct and careful training. President/Organiser/Life Member/Examiner for Education in Dance & Theatre Arts.

Enquiries & Registration: contact Miss Patricia 46477728 or 0418273115 (Mornings best)
Email: pyaddta@bigpond.com
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