Dear Parents / Caregivers

A very warm welcome to all our new families joining us at Buxton Public School for the first time, we hope you and your child(ren) enjoy your time with us. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I have been a Principal for several years working in both the Sydney and Western Sydney Regions. I have a strong background in Special Education particularly in the area of Learning and Behaviour Difficulties. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all and your wonderful children.

Learning Management & Business Reform (LMBR)
As I am sure most of you are aware that there have been major changes to our schools financial system known as LMBR. These changes have affected the way we collect money and bank it. As a result of some of these changes we will adhere to cut off dates for excursions, incursions and any monies that need to be collected. Generally cut off dates will be on a Friday and we will not process or accept any late forms or monies after the due date. Should you find that for some reason you are unable to meet the due date, please come and see me beforehand so we can work something out?

Staff Changes
We have had several staff changes and they are as follows;
Mrs Naomi Wright is our School Administrative Manager (SAM) this term. Most of you would have met her by now. Naomi comes to us with a wealth of experience and we are extremely fortunate to have her here with us at Buxton P.S.
Ms Sarah Wyper has joined our staff this year as a Teacher and has been assigned several roles within the school. We currently have a vacancy for a Learning Support Teacher which will be filled next term. Mrs Chris Carbury has agreed to help us out in this role for the rest of the term.

P & C – We need you!
We are now down to three members in the P & C which is legally not enough for it to continue to function. We need at least four people to maintain a P & C at the school. We cannot emphasize how important it is for your children and our school to maintain our P & C who do an incredible job of providing your children and the school with additional funds. The P & C are currently raising funds for playground equipment for your children and this will fold without your support. The P & C meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm in the school staffroom and finishes roughly around 8.00 pm (before if possible). Please come along to the next meeting and find out what the P & C do. Next meeting is Wednesday 19/2/14. Hope to see you there.

Canteen
We are really struggling to keep our canteen open as several helpers now have full-time work. If we do not get more volunteers the canteen will have to close on certain days and possibly completely. The money that is raised from the canteen is put back into our school for your children. If you can and would like to volunteer to help out for a few hours a week/fortnight/month/term please give the office staff your name and number and we will contact you.

Scripture
I had a meeting with Mrs Bricknall about Protestant Scripture last week. Mrs Bricknell extended a warm invitation to any child who would like to attend scripture but does not belong to any religious denomination or group to join the Protestant group. Please let Mrs Davies know if your child currently doesn’t attend scripture and wants to, in grades 3 to 6 or Ms Bond Kindergarten to grade 2.

Have a great week
Lorraine Gentleman
Principal
From the Library

It was impressive to see so many children taking books home during the holidays. This year I hope that our Library books are enjoyed by many children and their families. To get ready for borrowing, Library bags need to be cleaned and relabelled please. There are some bags in the Library left behind from last year. Please let me know if you are missing one.

This year has several exciting happenings in the world of Children’s Literature. Jackie French has been selected as the 2014-2015 Australian Children’s Literature. She will be visiting schools and children’s literature venues talking about her theme (“Share a Story”). If she comes to our area it would be definitely worthwhile to go along. She is a gifted and humorous speaker.

Library classes will be held on: 

**Wednesdays** for 3/4 (Mrs Davies), Yr 2 (Ms Bond), K/1 (Mrs Roberts), Kindy (Mrs Syphers)  
**Thursdays** for 5/6 (Miss Twist), 5/6 (Miss Riddiford), 3/4 (Miss Spiteri), Yr 1 (Mrs Neich)  
If these days change we will notify you.

On Wednesday 21st May we hope to take part in the National Simultaneous Storytime reading of Ursula Dubosarsky’s book *Too Many Elephants in this House.* This years Book Week is from 16th - 22nd August with the theme “Connect to reading”.

If you need a Library bag there are strong cotton bags with Buxton School crest on them. They are available from the Office and the Library for $3.00. Shopping bags from Woolies or Coles are also ideal as they have strong handles. Books can be very heavy.

Looking forward to a wonderful year in the Library with many excited and busy readers.

Mrs Hanna - Teacher/Librarian

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 Wednesday 19th 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 Wednesday 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 and the

**General operation of the school**
- 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 the Principal 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, umbrellas for all the wooden tables outside, a garden blower and edge trimmer.

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.

P & C

NAME: ______________________________________
PHONE: _____________________________________
Interest: _____________________________________

(e.g: Mother’s Day Stall, Fathers Day stall, canteen, sports carnival, fund raising activities)
Yummy Tummy 4 Kids
Canteen

Term 1 2014 hopefully everyone enjoyed the break! Looking forward to welcoming the Kindy’s and their families and new students, welcome back to all students, we look forward in making you yummy lunches. Volunteers are a treasured addition to any school Canteen, we are no exception.

The school canteen tries to operate five days a week under the umbrella of the P&C. Helpers are always welcome, we still have a few days vacant for this term. if you are interested please ring me or simply put your name down at the office.

If there are no volunteers for these days we will CLOSE the canteen.

This means NO lunches will be supplied.

The volunteer’s work with the students and myself, to ensure that the food we have to offer, is of a high standard and compliant with the Healthy Eating in Primary School Canteens.

The menu reflects a healthy foods policy in line with department guidelines.

Due to that fact that some of our students have allergies, we do not provide any nut products.

Canteen menus are enclosed, to order please write down your child’s name and class on the bag with money inside, if you need change this will be attached to the outside of the bag. You can purchase from the office or canteen canvas lunch bags, which keep lunches cool or warm, the paper lunch bags tend to tear with hot food and lunch ends up on the ground.

See you around
Lorraine Remfry
Co ordinator
0408 242 672

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 11 February - Scripture starts
Thursday, 13 February - Swimming Carnival
Thursday, 27 February - Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday, 28 February - Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday, 21 March - National Action Against Bullying
Friday, 11 April - Easter Parade
End of Term 1

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1, 2014

Week 2
Monday, 3 Feb: T. McCutcheon
Tuesday, 4 Feb: N. Hale
Wednesday, 5 : K. Mills
Thursday, 6 Feb: A. Dawson
Friday, 7 Feb: L. Remfry

Week 3
Monday, 10 Feb: C. Worley
Tuesday, 11 Feb: C. Harper
Wednesday, 12 Feb: S Roche-Jackson
Thursday, 13 Feb: A. Dawson
Friday, 14 Feb: L. Remfry

Week 4
Monday, 17 Feb: T. McCutcheon
Tuesday, 18 Feb: T. Peacock
Wednesday, 19 Feb: K. Mills
Thursday, 20 Feb: A. Dawson
Friday, 21 Feb: L. Remfry
**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.

**Monday Afternoons**

3:15pm  Novice Dance Class  
3:45pm  Mini Dance Class  
4:15pm  Mini Tap  
4:45pm  Grade 3 Tap  
5:15pm  Lyrical Ballet  
6pm Intermediate Speech & Drama  
6:30pm Senior Classes

**Thursday Afternoons**

3:15pm  Junior Ballet/Jazz  
4pm  Junior Tap  
4:30pm  Hip Hop  
5:15pm  Intermediate Jazz  
5:45pm  Grade 4 Ballet  
6:30pm Senior Classes

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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**Wollondilly Redbacks Junior AFL Club – 2014 Player Registrations**

We are currently seeking players for the 2014 season to play on Sundays! Teams will be fielded in the following age groups. Under 9’s, 10’s, 11’s, 12’s and 14’s. We also run an AFL Auskick Clinic for kids aged 4 and up. Team Training is on Tuesdays from 5:00pm at Bargo Sports Ground.

For additional information please phone David on 0408 492 or email redbacksaf@gmail.com

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**BREAKFAST IN THE BUSH**

*When:* Sunday 23 February  
*Where:* Wirrimbirra Sanctuary  
*Time:* 9am—11am  
*Cost:* $10 per person

You can also wander through the grounds of the Sanctuary, seeing the native animals being fed, checking out the native nursery and enjoying the tranquility of the whole area. There is a Strom Garden to explore the Fauna Protection Area ($2 entry fee per person) gets you close up to the native animals. They are tame, but do not disappear every time someone comes near.

No booking is necessary for Breakfast in the Bush. If you have further queries, please phone 46841112 or email toenquiries@qquirrimbirra.com.au

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**2014 NETBALL REGISTRATION**

Rego Days: 8th February – 10am – 12 noon at Buxton Shops  
Players from 7 years of age  
No experience needed  
All games played at Tahmoor Sports Ground

**REGISTRATION FEES**

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*Registration fees are non-refundable.*

**REGISTRATION FEES - Inc Game & Umpiring fees**

**NO MORE TO PAY**

For more information or phone registration, contact Gillian on 0419842031 or Danielle on 0414347754.

*Boys 12 years & under can register.  
Email: buxtonnetballclub@yahoo.com.au

Cannot get to registration, then please email or ring us to make alternative arrangements.