Dear Parents / Caregivers

Yesterday we held an Aboriginal Culture Day and what a truly amazing day it was. Taronga Zoo’s, ‘Zoomobile’ visited and students were treated to music, singing with the exceptionally talented Col Hardy and Dreaming stories. The zoo also brought animals (python, possum, lizard) connected to the Dreaming stories. The children and teachers were enthralled. There was also a museum for children to visit which displayed bush tucker, musical instruments and items related to Aboriginal art. In the afternoon students participated in Aboriginal games which were led by Year 6. At lunchtime every student was provided with a sausage sizzle and the opportunity to taste kangaroo. A massive thank you to Mrs Lamplough, for organising this event and to Mr Apps and teachers who assisted with the barbeque.

I need to remind parents again about the importance of signing in if you need to visit a classroom for a pre-arranged visit. Parents and carers should not visit the classroom unless they have signed in at the front office as in the event of an emergency such as a lockdown or fire we need to know exactly who is on the school site. We recently held drills for a lockdown and fire as this is required by Workplace Health and Safety. A few parents are still visiting classes first thing in the morning to speak with the teacher. Teachers are unable to speak with parents at this time as they have rolls to complete in a relatively short timeframe and it is very distracting to speak with someone whilst students are waiting for lessons to start. Teachers will happily speak with parents before or after school or at a mutually convenient time.

During the year teachers undergo a lot of professional development. Teaching is a lifelong journey and it is important for teachers to keep abreast of current developments in the curriculum. Teachers carefully program work for their classes and when a casual is required to take the class they are able to follow the teacher’s program. All our casual teaching staff are qualified teachers. They are also required by the Department of Education to have CPR and Anaphylaxis training the same as regular class teachers.

This week (Friday) your child will bring home a school report. If you wish to discuss anything with the teacher please arrange a time that is suitable.

On Thursday Year 6 has their ‘Farewell’ at Bargo Sports Club. This is a very special event for Year 6 students and I am sure they will have a wonderful time. Miss Twist and Miss Wyper have put an enormous amount of effort into the event. Last night together with other teachers they stayed back until 9.00 p.m. finishing decorations. I am sure it will be very much appreciated by our Year 6 students and their parents.

Sue Davies
Relieving Principal

P & C News

• With the end of the School year drawing to a close we wish to remind parents and caregivers that the P & C Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday mornings from 8.30am to 9.15am and Friday afternoons between 2.30pm and 3pm. The Uniform shop provides both upfront and layby options. An uniform order form is to be sent home shortly. Completed forms and money can be left at the office. Once the order is complete the order can either be sent home with your child or alternatively it can be left in the office for collection.

• As mentioned in our last article in the Grapevine the P&C will be running at stall at Carols in the Park at Telopea Park (Buxton Park) on Friday 4th December 2015. We will be selling lots of fun items for the kids. A price list will be sent home closer to the date.

Our next P & C Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 8th December 2015 starting at 6.30pm at the school. We really encourage any parents, caregivers or local community members to attend.
**SICKNESS**

Please remember to send a note to cover student absences. As per the Department’s Attendance Policy, the school needs to receive an explanation for an absence within seven calendar days or it is registered by the computer system as an “unexplained absence”.

If your child is unwell I am sure you will appreciate the need to keep him/her at home. Sometimes it is difficult to ascertain what to do but it is causes less distress for the child and difficulty for parent/carers in collecting the child. If your GP advises that an illness is contagious the child should be kept home for the incubation period of the illness.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Term 4**

**Thursday, 26 November:** Year 6 Farewell at Bargo Sports Club

**Friday, 27 November:** Assembly 2pm—Early Stage 1 Reports Go Home

**Thursday, 3 December:** Yr 6 Orientation Picton High School

**Friday, 4 December:** Pyjama Party

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

**Tuesday, 8 December:** P & C Meeting 6:30pm

**Thursday, 10 December:** Christmas Concert Evening Performance 6pm

**Monday, 14 December:** Celebration of Learning Assembly 9:30am

**Tuesday, 15 December:** Class parties

**Wednesday, 16 December:** Last day for students

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Friday, 13 November 2015

**KB:** Excellence in Learning: Benjamin

Student of the Week: Tory, Kade

Writer’s Award: Abbey

PBL “Responsible” Award: Harley, Sonny

PBL “Learner” Award: Benjamin, Kade, Tory, Joshua

**K1U:** Excellence in Learning: Peyton

Student of the Week: Amellia G, Gabriel

Writer’s Award: Gabriel

**1/2X:** Excellence in Learning: Lily

Student of the Week: Isabella, Lachlan P

Writer’s Award: Jenelia

PBL “Learner” Award: Xavier, Angase, Jack, Jenelia, Logan

PBL “Responsible” Award: Kallan (2), Kobi, Jenelia, Reeid, Ivy

**2T:** Excellence in Learning: Joel

Student of the Week: Jessica, Wade

Writer’s Award: Amber

**3/4N:** Excellence in Learning: Reid

Student of the Week: Katherine, Connor

Writer’s Award: Skye

PBL Wrist Bands “Leaner”: Eli, Aleisha

PBL “Learner” Award: Cooper, Ben R, Amy, Reid, Heath

PBL “Responsible” Award: Saif, Chinnelle, Ryan H

**3/4O:** Excellence in Learning: Max

Student of the Week: Harriet, William

Writer’s Award: Mitchell

PBL “Learner” Award: Blake, Rheyen

PBL “Responsible” Award: Max

**5/6P:** Excellence in Learning: Jake

Student of the Week: Mariah, James

Writer’s Award: Keith

PBL “Learner” Award: Sean, Dominic, Brittan

PBL “Responsible” Award: Caleb, Dominic, Gareth

**5/6 S:** Excellence in Learning: Emma

Student of the Week: Chloe, Travis

Writer’s Award: Chad

PBL “Responsible” Award: Corey, Riley, Travis, Luke, Cameron, Liam

PBL “Learner” Award: April, Travis, Jade, Riley, Chloe Max, Annabelle

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

Tory—KB

Jason - 5/6S
**Mittagong Blue Light Disco**

**Venue:** Mittagong RSL  
**Date:** Saturday 28th November  
**Times:** 4pm to 6.30 pm  
**Cost:** $5.00 per child 4 – 14 yrs  
Parents and children under 4 free.

Due to this being our last one for this year we will have a special guest coming Santa is coming for an early visit – so if you would like to come dressed in your favourite Christmas Hat or costume so Santa can see that will be wonderful, if not just come and have a great time.

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**Hair Of Angels**

IS NOW OPEN  
PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

4681 0818  
16 Dutton Road  
BUXTON NSW 2751

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**From the Wollondilly Shire Council**

Coming into summer, our green bins are often too heavy because of the amount of mowing and gardening we do. Bins that are too heavy can't be collected by the waste trucks. The maximum weight of the bin should be no more than 80kg.

**Tips to reduce the weight in your garden organics bin:**

1. Compost grass clippings and prunings in a compost bay, bin or tumbler. Council runs composting talks throughout the year if you wish to find out how to use these.
2. Let grass clippings dry or reduce the moisture in the bin by lying it on its side before collection.
3. You are able to apply for second garden organics bin if you need one in residential areas and rural areas where there is an existing service. An additional 240L garden organics bins costs $90 per annum on your waste charge.
4. Don't squash grass clippings into the bin. Pushing too much in will increase the weight and moisture content.

For more information about the waste service please phone the waste hotline on 1800 805 305. for courses on composting please contact Councils Waste Education Officer on 46771100.
**BUXTON PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM**

Date Paid: ____________________
Amount Paid: ____________
Rec Number: ___________________
Order Filled/Completed: ________________

**Student Name:** ____________________  **Class:** ____________  **Parents/Guardian Name:** ____________________

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Please circle how you are paying - CASH / CHEQUE / TRANSFER

Uniform Shop Hours are Wednesday Mornings: 8.30am to 9.15am & Friday Afternoons 2.30pm to 3.00pm.

If you require access outside these times please contact a P&C member who will be happy to arrange a suitable time.

Order forms are available from the Uniform Shop, through the front office & on the school website.

Completed forms can be handed in at the Uniform Shop or alternatively left at the office with the correct money,

Cheque or direct deposit receipt details. Uniforms can then be sent home with your child.

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Payment Details

If paying by cheque it must be made out to Buxton Public School P & C Association (NOT THE SCHOOL)

Please write your name & phone number on the back of the cheque.

**Bank Details: Buxton P&C Association Uniform Account**

**Amount Owing:** $__________

**BSB:** 641 800  **Acc #:** 200609613  **Reference:** Your Name
Available Sandwiches:
- Chicken $4.50
- Ham & Cheese $3.50
- Tuna & Cheese $3.00
- Turkey & Cheese $3.00

Vegetable or Ham $2.50

Choice of Side:
- French Fries $2.50
- Salad $3.00
- Coleslaw $3.00

Fresh Fruit
- Yogurt Cup $0.65
- Grapes $0.65
- Watermelon Cup $0.75

Thirst Busters
- Apple/Orange Juice $0.75
- Pineapple Juice $0.75

Assorted Beverages
- Lunch Drink A $2.00
- Lunch Drink B $2.50
- Water $0.35
- Juice (Orange or Apple) $0.35

Drinks
- Red Rock $0.50
- Root Beer $1.00
- Jolt $1.50
- Orange $0.75
- Homestyle Muffins $1.00
- Chocolate Muffins $1.00

Homemade Cookies $0.75
- Cookies $0.75
- Chocolate Chip Cookies $1.00

Miscellaneous
- Nutlets $1.50
- Popcorn $1.50
- Cheese Curds $1.50
- Cookies $0.75

Please Note: On Any Day you can order for
- (Hot dog,himpy's and Popper) $5.00
- (Roll, Popcorn & a Gunch) $6.00

Fruit Day $2.50

Children's Noodles or a Hotog of Wolf: $4.50

Monday - Free Day $3.50 or Pie Pack (Pie)
- (Nutlets & Popcorn) $5.00
- (Roll Pack, Popcorn, & Coleslaw) $5.00

Tuesday - Sausage Roll $3.00 or Sausage Roll Pack (6 Nutlets & Sausage) $5.00

Wednesday - Nutlets Day $4 or Nutlets (Pack) $5.00

Thursday - Sausage Sizzle Day (Sausage on A Roll) $3.00 or Sausage Sizzle Pack (Sausage on A Roll) $5.00

Friday - Hot Dog Day $2.50 or Hot Dog Pack $5.00

Saturday - Lunches 4 Pack $15.00

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