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. Should you have any concerns about anything at all please let us know? We genuinely want your children to enjoy their school and learning.

Staff 2015

Mrs. Liesl Wrightson is a wonderful addition to our Buxton staff, joining us for the first time. Mrs. Wrightson will be teaching class 2T whilst Ms. Bond is away on leave.

Ms. Michelle Spiteri has taken up her permanent role as our Learning And Support Teacher (LAST). Ms Spiteri has a Master’s Degree in Special Education and brings a wealth of knowledge to this position.

Anaphylaxis, Allergic Reactions, Epilepsy & other serious Medical Conditions.

All children who have any of the above must have an action/health plan to enable us to manage the condition at school. This plan must be completed by parents/caregivers and signed by a Doctor. Should the occasion arise that your child no longer has this condition and/or it is no longer at risk, we need documentation affirming this from a Doctor for our records. Your child’s safety and wellbeing at school is paramount to us and at times we may appear over diligent however, we are not willing to take any chances with your child’s health. Please fill in the plans which will be sent home with your child next week and please return them completed with your Doctor’s signature.

Class Teachers and classes for Term 1 2015

KB Mrs Syphers
K/1U Mrs Britton
1/2X Mrs Pirie(formally known as Ms. Riddiford)
2 T Mrs Wrightson
3/4O Mrs. Davies Assistant Principal
3/4N Mrs. Lamplough
5/6P Ms.Wyper
5/6 Ms.Twist
Mrs Neich Librarian and Reading Recovery, Relieving Assistant Principal.
Ms Spiteri Learning And Support Teacher
Mrs Kratitli School Counsellor.

Interim Reward system

In term 2 we will be implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning Success. Whilst we are planning and preparing for this we have introduced an interim reward system. This system is as follows:

Classroom Awards/ Rewards
Each Teacher has a class reward system that encourages and supports learning and positive behaviour.

Assembly Awards
Each classroom Teacher will choose students for a Writers Award, Student of the week (Girl), Student of the week (Boy) and Excellence in Learning.

Our first assembly for 2015 will be Friday 13th of February at 2.00pm. Please join us if you can, your children just love to see you in the audience.

Playground Awards - Caught You Being Good (CYBG)
Your child will receive these awards when playing safely, acting responsibly, demonstrating resilience and cooperative play. Each Teacher on duty will hand out CYBG tickets to children demonstrating any of the above and/or for use of exemplary social and interpersonal skills. The tickets will go into a box and 10 names will be drawn out at each assembly.

Contact Details
Should we have an emergency situation and need to contact you urgently we need a current contact number. If your mobile, home or, emergency contact numbers have changed since last year please let us know. You can email your new details to our school email address, update them in person or give your child a note for the office.
Homework
After much deliberation we have decided to make home-
work optional this year. It is your decision to request
homework for your child in consultation with their teach-
er. The research into homework indicates it has little or
no impact on student's progress in the early years of
schooling. The homework research for students in stage
3, years 5 and 6 are encouraging and demonstrate posi-
tive results in assisting students to cope with the amount
of study and homework required in high school.

Interest Groups
Your children in K-2 and 3-6 will be able to join an inter-
est group once a week starting on Friday 20th of Febru-
ary. These groups will be held on Friday's even weeks
and Monday's odd weeks. Your children will be given a
choice to pursue the group that interests them the most.
Interest groups include the creative and performing arts,
sport, debating/public speaking, technology etc. Should
you wish your child to learn to play a musical instrument
please fill out the expression of interest form attached to
this newsletter.

School Contributions/School Fees
School fees will be $40 per family. Payments can be
made at the school office. School fees are used to sup-
port resources for students. Thank you for your support,
all payments are greatly appreciated.

School Planning From Good to Great
This term our school plan has to be completed. We seek
your support and attendance at one of two meeting to
discuss how this plan will affect your child's education
and the school budget over the next three years. The
first planning meeting will be held on Thursday after-
noon on the 5th of February at 2.00pm until 3.00pm in
the Library. The second meeting will be held on Tuesday
the 10th of February at 6.30pm in the Library.

Swimming Carnival
The Swimming Carnival will take place on the 16th of
February. All Carnivals are part of the school curriculum
and students 3-6 are required to attend. Some year 2
students will be selected to attend the Carnival this year
depending on when they turn 8.
K-2 students will be having some fun filled activities at
school so they will not miss out on any fun. The school
canteen will be closed on Monday the 16th of February
due to the Carnival.

We have had a great start to year and look forward to
working with you and your fantastic children. Have a
great week.

Loraine Gentleman
Principal

Student Representative Council and House Captains
At the end of last year elections were held for School
Captains. The successful candidates were presented
with their badges at our end of year assembly. An elec-
tion was also held to elect House Captains for sport.
This week student representatives from years 1-6 were
elected for our Student Representative Council. Class
representatives will receive their badge at the next as-
sembly in Week 3 on Friday 13th February. The SRC
meets several times during each term to discuss issues
raised by students.
We are sure that the following students will do an ex-
cellent job in representing the student voice in our
school.

School Captains
Annabelle F    Jack N

Vice Captains
Brittany T      Kiarri M

Banksia
House Captain – Liam S
Vice – Captain    Cameron F

Bottlebrush
House Captain – Jason M
Vice-Captain     - Harry N

Wattle
House Captain - Luke D
Vice- Captain   - Mariah C

Waratah
House Captain – Jake H
Vice- Captain   - Ashley O’B

Class reps SRC
K/1U        Gabriel V    Khloe S
1/2 X        Ivy F       Kobi McF
2 T          Wade M      Hannah D
3 /4 N       Ryan S      Cooper R
3 /4 O       Lauren K    Jocelyn P
5/6 P        Axel T      Viola R
5/6 S        Corey P     Axel Lxdfzxef
Expression of interest in music

I __________________________ am interested in my child in class ______ learning to play ___________________________ (please state what instrument)

I understand a tuition fee maybe required and classes could be held before or after school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 10 Feb: P & C Meeting
Friday, 13 Feb: Assembly
Monday, 16 Feb: Swimming Carnival
Thursday, 26 Feb: Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday, 27 Feb: Zone Swimming Carnival ~Assembly

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