In 5/6 P, we have been studying Antarctica in HSIE. We were lucky enough to have an Incursion with Chris Olsen who has been to Antarctica. He let us try on some of the clothes he wore. Some of the materials he used and we even got to touch some ice that he brought back with him on his last expedition. We enjoyed the Incursion and learnt lots of new things!!!
Dear Parents / Caregivers

The past few weeks have been extremely busy! In Week One, Stage 2 students had their camp at Cataract Scout Park in Appin. I'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs Lamplough and Mrs Munday for everything they did for and with our students at camp, including getting very wet and muddy! Our students were absolutely wonderful and had a marvellous time. It was lovely to see each of them step out of their comfort zone and try challenging activities. Well done Stage 2 students.

I’d also like to thank Miss Twist, Miss Spiteri and Mrs Pirie for their organisation of our school Cross Country last week, a lot of work on their part went into planning this event. Unfortunately, due to the bad weather the week before, the event had to be postponed a couple of times to enable the ground to dry out. The Zone Cross Country is organised for Friday 15th May.

Thank you to our hardworking P & C for organising the Mother’s Day stall last week. I hope every mum had an enjoyable Mothers’ Day, I certainly did.

This week our year 3 & 5 students are participating in NAPLAN. The tests offer a snapshot of how a student is performing in Literacy and Numeracy. Teachers are also continually assessing student progress through classroom observation and written assessment tasks. Later this term you will receive a report on your child’s progress. NAPLAN results will be available around mid-August.

Many students have already earned safe, responsible, resilience and learner paws as part of our new ‘Positive Behaviour for Learning’ program. Our school mascot ‘Barkley’ made his first appearance on our launch day. He is now joined by ‘Buxley’ who will be presented to a class at each assembly for displaying safe and responsible behaviour in the assembly.

An information meeting for parents about Positive Behaviour for Learning is organised for May 20th 6.30-7.00 p.m. in the school library.

On another note, a reminder to parents of students in Year 4 that Friday 15th May is the closing date for applications for opportunity class placements for 2016. A letter was sent home in regard to this last week. Applications should be completed online at the following address: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Sue Davies
Relieving Principal

Pedestrian Safety
Wollondilly Shire Council has commenced a road safety initiative called ‘Go 40 for me’. The council is working together with NSW Police to raise awareness of pedestrian safety around school areas and to focus on the education of drivers travelling through school zones to comply with the 40 km/h speed limits. The project will be completed with the presence of NSW Police and commenced last week.

I’d also like to remind parents and carers that they should not park in the school car park when bringing students to and from school. The car park is for staff use only, it is a heavy pedestrian area used by lots parents with young children as well as students waiting to be escorted across the roads. I am sure you will appreciate the need to be mindful of this to ensure everyone’s safety.

Parent Coffee Morning
You are warmly invited to come along for a cup of coffee or tea and cake on Tuesday 19th May at 9.10 a.m. Our School Counsellor will give a short presentation on ‘Resilience’.

Sick Bay
If a student is feeling unwell he/she is sent by their teacher to sick bay. Often students spend a short time there and then return to class. When a child is very unwell or in the event of an accident parents are notified by our office staff. It is then expected for a parent or carer to collect their child as soon as possible. Although some parents work it is not possible for the child to remain in sick bay for the day. The school appreciates your cooperation in this matter.

Buxton Public School
SCIENCE FAIR
Term 2 Week 6
Start getting your ideas together!

Mrs Pirie & Mrs Lamplough
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Term 2**

**Week 4, 11-15 May:** NAPLAN

**Tuesday, 12 May:** P & C Meeting at 6:30pm in School Library

**Friday, 15 May:** Zone Cross country

NAPLAN catch up test

**Tuesday, 19 May:** Parent Coffee Morning 9:10am

**Wed, 20 May:** PBL (positive Behaviour Learning) meeting in Library at 6:30pm

**Friday, 22 May:** Soccer/Netball Gala Day

Walk Safely to School Day

**Monday, 25 May:** SCIENCE FAIR

**Wed, 27 May:** National Simultaneous Reading K-6

“Together Art Exhibition” (Tahmoor)

**Thursday, 28 May:** Biggest Morning Tea

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**Buxton School’s Cross Country**

On Thursday the 7th of May, 2015 we held our annual school Cross Country. An outstanding number of students K-6 participated in this event, demonstrating excellent talent and a love for physical activity. On behalf of all of the teachers at Buxton we would like to say a huge Congratulations to all participants!

This year we are sending a large number of qualifying students on to Razorback’s Zone Cross Country this coming Friday. We would like to wish each of these students the best of luck! In Week Seven all Cross Country ribbons will be presented at our regular fortnightly assembly, and we would love to see any and all parents there.

Miss Twist, Miss Spiteri

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**From the Office....**

Please note that payments made into Fees in Advance can only be used for school functions NOT for canteen or P & C events.

Thank you.

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**General School Contributions**

**JUST A REMINDER:** Still time to make a payment for General School Contributions ($40 per family). The purpose of these fees is to enhance student’s educational programs by providing quality resources. Thank you very much to those families who have already paid.

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**National Reconciliation Week**

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Buxton Public School will be participating in the “Together Arts Exhibition” hosted by Wollondilly Shire Council and the Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council. All students will produce an art work in class. Five art works from each class will be placed in the exhibition held on Thursday 28th May at Tahmoor Community Centre.

Buxton Public School will also host a performance by Ryka Ali on Tuesday 16th June 2015.

Information on the above will be distributed as the dates approach.

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**Biggest Morning Tea**

Parents please join the Buxton Public School staff on Thursday 28th May in raising money for cancer research at our "Biggest Morning Tea”. Cost is $5.00, which is to be brought on the day.

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**Mufti Day**

Students are invited to wear Mufti clothes on Thursday 28th May for a gold coin donation. All money raised will be sent to the Cancer Council along with the money raised from the “Biggest Morning Tea”.

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**From the Library**

The students are thoroughly enjoying beginning their new genius hour projects this term and it has been fantastic to see so many students borrowing each week!!!

We are however looking for some parent helpers in the Library that would be able to assist us with putting books back on the shelves. We would be looking for helpers on Wednesday afternoons between 2:15 and 3:00pm.

If you would be able to assist us in anyway it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Neich or Miss Spiteri.
**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to promote reading in children and encourage them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition; however children who complete the challenge will receive a certificate. There are a prescribed number of books and a book list that children must read from depending on their age. Children in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two will complete the challenge in class time (please see enclosed note for K-2 students). If your child is in Year Three, Four, Five or Six and they would like to participate they will need to complete the challenge at home. For more information please go to: [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html)

Mrs Syphers

**Pertussis (Whooping Cough)**

There have been a few diagnosed cases of Pertussis (whooping cough) in the school. Letters issued by South Western Sydney Public Health Unit in regard to the illness and symptoms have been sent home to every family.

If you/or your child develop symptoms, please go to your local doctor as soon as possible.

‘A person with whooping cough is infectious for the first three weeks of illness but is no longer infectious after five days of antibiotic treatment. The coughing can last between one and three months. To help prevent this infectious disease, people who have been diagnosed with pertussis should not attend school until they have completed a five day course of the recommended antibiotics. If antibiotics cannot be taken they should stay away for three weeks after the onset of the cough.

Most children are immunised against pertussis as it is a standard childhood immunisation. However, immunity to the disease is not guaranteed with vaccination in some people and does decrease with time. It is important to note that although your child may be immunised, they may still become infected. Please ensure that younger children at home have their whooping cough immunisations up to date.’ (SWS Public Health Unit).

I have notified Public Health and have been assured that the school has followed the necessary guidelines in relation to this illness.

Mrs Davies

**Relieving Principal**

**Walk Safely to School Day**

Friday 22nd May is ‘Walk safely to school day’. To promote safe pedestrian behaviour and walking for exercise we invite you to walk your child to school on the day. If you have to drive perhaps you could park and walk part of the way to school.

Mrs Syphers

**P&C News**

We hope all our Buxton School mums had a wonderful Mother’s Day and loved the special gifts chosen by their children. Thank you for supporting our stall. Did your present remain a surprise until Sunday?......

This term the P&C are running the Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie and Biscuit Dough Fundraiser. One order form per family has been sent home this week. If you need another form there are more available from the front office.

Order forms are due back to school by Wednesday 27 May 2015. We will not be able to accept late orders.

Money raised will go towards school resources for your children. If you would like to provide ideas to the school about where you would like this money spent, please come along to the next P&C meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9 June at 6.30pm.
COME & JOIN THE GIRL GUIDES!
We have fun, develop friendships, experience adventure and challenge ourselves to try new things.

Where: scout hall @ mason street Thirlmere
When: Thursday 5.30-7pm
Any enquiries please call Bernadette 0421650478

ASSEMBLY AWARDS
Friday, 8 May 2015

KB: Excellence in Learning: Paige
Student of the Week: Holly, Toby
Writer’s Award: Joshua

K1U: Excellence in Learning: William
Student of the Week: Gabriella, Alex
Writer’s Award: Peyton

1/2X : Excellence in Learning: Isabella
Student of the Week: Haley, Kobi. M
Writer’s Award: Lily

2T : Excellence in Learning: Kobi
Student of the Week: Emma, Jack
Writer’s Award: Jorja

3/4N: Excellence in Learning: Chinnelle
Student of the Week: Amy, Eli
Writer’s Award: Cooper

3/4O: Excellence in Learning: Alyssa
Student of the Week: Rheyen, Matthew
Writer’s Award: Bladyn

5/6P: Excellence in Learning: Axel
Student of the Week: Brooke, Keith
Writer’s Award: Brittany

5/6 S: Excellence in Learning: Harry
Student of the Week: Annabelle, Kirk
Writer’s Award: Jade

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Kallan - 1/2X
Alexandreia- 5/6P