1/2U have settled beautifully into 2016!

We have been very busy learning new and exciting things. Already, our year has included many fun activities like our Water Safety Fun Day. Today was especially special, because we had a surprise visit from the West Tigers NRL players!
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 1. The year is already moving quickly and a number of successful events have already occurred at Buxton PS.

**Swimming Carnival and Water Fun Day**

Last Thursday I was privileged to be a part of my first Buxton PS swimming carnival. I was amazed at the number of children who participated in the events and the sportsmanship they all displayed during and after the races. The children’s behaviour was exemplary and made me very proud to be the principal. A huge thank you to Miss Twist and Mrs Warwick for their organisation of the day. Back at school, K-2 children had a fantastic afternoon of water fun and enjoyed the activities organised by the K-2 staff.

**P&C**

The first P&C meeting for 2016 was held on 9th February. A very dedicated and hardworking team met to discuss fundraising ideas for the year. I was given a very warm welcome by the team and I appreciate the time and effort that goes into being a member of such an active team. I suggested to the P&C that we look at air conditioning the classrooms over the next few years to provide learning environments for the children to work from 9am-3pm regardless of the weather. This will be a huge project and I look forward to discussing some options further in future meetings.

**Thirlmere Festival of Steam**

Last week I sent home a note regarding our involvement in the Festival of Steam at Thirlmere on Sunday 6th March. If you would like your child/ren to participate in the parade for Buxton PS please return the note ASAP. There is no cost for the parade as parents will be required to bring the children to Thirlmere on the day for the event.

**Spelling Mastery**

As you are aware, the spelling program we were going to run in 2016 will not be running due to the number of parents who were able to purchase the student workbook. Fortunately, we will still be able to run an effective spelling program across the school; however the children will remain in their classes and be grouped accordingly.

**Pastoral Care Worker (PCW)**

Last year the school was fortunate to receive a $20,000 a year for 3 years grant to employ a Pastoral Care worker in the school. We are currently in the process of advertising for the position and we will interview towards the end of the term. The PCW will conduct small group sessions on wellbeing and be active in the playground at recess and lunch. They will also provide resilience training and self-esteem building lessons across the school. I will keep you updated with the progress over the term.

**Skoolbag app**

Last year the P&C purchased the “Skoolbag” app for Buxton PS. We upload the Grapevine, Stage excursion notes, whole school notes and alert parents to any events or urgent matters that occur at school. There is a flyer attached to the newsletter that gives you instructions on how to download the app to your Smartphone. I would encourage you to do this if you haven’t already done so.

**Fees in advance**

Buxton PS offers parents a chance to pay for events throughout the year either in advance or on an ongoing basis. The benefit of this system is that you are able to pay in advance for excursions, incursions or anything that your child may wish to be involved throughout the year. Some parents like to put money in weekly or fortnightly to prevent a huge outlay at one time. If you wish to take up this offer, please send the money into school in a clearly marked envelope with your child’s name and class and ‘Money in Advance’ on the front.

**West Tigers**

The West Tigers visited the school today to promote the wellbeing of students through sport and healthy eating. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were very responsive to the discussion around physical fitness and health. Thank you to Miss Twist for organising the event for us all.

**Leaders Induction**

On Thursday we will be inducting the School Captains and Vice Captains into their leadership roles. They will sign their pledge and celebrate their achievement with their parents at a morning tea. Already the leadership team have been impressive with their commitment to school events and leading our school assemblies.

I’d like to share a quote with you each newsletter. This week is from John Woden;

_You can’t live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you._

Have a great fortnight,

Alison Rourke
Swimming Carnival
On Thursday 11th February we held our annual Swimming Carnival. It was a fantastic day, blessed with amazing weather. We had many enthusiastic participants who took to the water, displaying their outstanding capabilities. From our school swimming carnival we have had many successful students progress through to the Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival being held on Thursday and Friday of next week. We would like to wish each of these students the very best of luck. We know you will represent Buxton beautifully.

In addition, we would love to commend all of the students who attended our school swimming carnival on their phenomenal behaviour. Thank you for making the day so enjoyable!

Lastly, we would like to extend an enormous thank you to all of the parents who leant a helping hand on the day. Without your assistance our carnival would not have been possible.

K-2 enjoyed their Water Safety Fun Day, which was held on Thursday 11th February. All students participated in valuable learning experiences that educated them on the importance of exercising safety around water. They engaged in dramatic skits and water play activities.

We’re already looking forward to next year!
Miss Twist & Mrs Warwick

P & C News
Last Tuesday night our Buxton Public School P & C Association met for the first time this year.

Many ideas have been brought up for fundraising including Raffles, Market, possible Grants, Mothers and Fathers Day Stalls & Discos. It is going to be an exciting year for Buxton Public School.

Our first fundraiser for the year will be an after school Disco to be held on Wednesday 16th March 2016. K-2 Disco from 4.30pm to 5.30pm and years 3-6 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Entry $5 which includes a glow stick, a packet of chips and a drink. (A note will be issued closer to the event.)

Our AGM is to be held on Tuesday 8th March 2016 with a Welcome Meet and Greet BBQ to be held on the night at 6pm with the AGM beginning at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Uniform Shop News
Buxton Public School P & C Uniform Shop is open Wednesday mornings 8.30am to 9.15am and Friday afternoons at 2.30pm until 3.15pm.

Parents and Caregivers – you should or will be receiving a note shortly in relation to price changes which will kick in, in term 2. If you do not receive a note they will be available for collection from the front office during the next week or so.
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3-15pm Novice Dance Class (4yrs & under)
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4-30pm Mini Ballet/Lyrical (7, 8, 9yo)
5-00pm Beginners Drama (7, 8, 9, 10yo)
5-00pm Junior/Mini Hip Hop
5-30pm Senior Jazz
6-00pm Senior Lyric/Ballet Pointe

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS
Picton Uniting Church Hall
3-30pm Beginners Dance (7yo & under)
4-15pm Junior Ballet (9-12yo)
4-45pm Junior Tap/Jazz (9-12yo)
5-00pm Beginners Drama (7, 8, 9, 10yo)
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