The Grapevine

Tuesday, 1 March 2016
Term 1, Week 6

GOALS
original research
busy
Genius hour
PE
fun
Gymtastic

3/40
Working together
outstanding

Library
Maths groups
Learning
ARTISTIC
reading
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 1. Firstly I need to apologise for not sending you a diary of upcoming events last week, I will try to cover everything in this newsletter. I attended a conference at Brighton Le Sans for 3 days last week and didn’t return to school until Thursday.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Last Thursday and Friday was the zone swimming carnival. A number of our children competed on Thursday and Friday. Although many of us were jealous of their location on such hot days, the children worked hard to swim to the best of their ability and spent a great deal of time cheering on their peers from the edge of the pool. Murray Ray will be representing the school at the Regional carnival in all of the events he swam in. We are incredibly proud of him and all of the swimmers for their sportsmanship and perseverance. Yet another proud Principal moment at Buxton PS.

P&C
The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 6:30pm. Please come along and meet the committee and support the agenda for 2016.

Parent Information Session on Reading
On Wednesday 9th March we will be holding a parent information afternoon from 3:15-4:00pm. The session will assist you with Home Reading tips and information on how to engage your child in reading. As reading is one of our focuses this year in classrooms, it will also give me the opportunity to inform you of some of the programs that we will be trialling this year. A light afternoon tea will be provided so please come along. We will also be providing child care for the children who need to stay at school with you on the day. A separate note regarding this event will be sent home later in the week.

Thirlmere Festival of Steam
I am pleased to say that around 30 children will be involved in the Festival of Steam parade 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. A note regarding the final arrangements for the Festival will be sent home to participating families on Wednesday.

Shave for a Cure
Next Friday 11th March at 2:00pm we will be hosting a very special event at Buxton PS. One of our Kindergarten boys Gabriel and his dad will be cutting off their hair to raise money for cancer research. On this day the SRC will be having a ‘Crazy Hair Day’ to support Gabrielle and his family raise money for this worthwhile charity. Children can come to school with crazy or coloured hair and bring a gold coin donation to go towards the fundraising. Please support this amazing event and come along to the assembly to watch the big chop!

Skoolbag app
Just a reminder....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. I would encourage you to do this if you haven’t already done so.

Principal’s Conference
As mentioned earlier, I attended a 3 day Principal’s conference last week. It was a conference for beginning Principals in 2015 and 2016. Over the three days we covered everything from legal services and child protection to staffing and the major reforms of the Department of Education and I am honoured to be a part of such an amazing educational system and feel even more privileged to be a part of such a caring community at Buxton. I am thoroughly enjoying my time as Principal and looking forward to continuing to meet you all and foster the education of your children
This week’s quote is from an African proverb- it is a simple quote, yet it highlights the need for us as educators and you as parents to work together as a team;

Have a great fortnight,
Alison Rourke
P & C NEWS

Buxton Public School Parents and Citizens Association Annual General Meeting

As mentioned in the last edition of the Grapevine, the Buxton Public School P & C Association’s Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 8th March at 6.30pm. The ordinary March meeting will follow the AGM. Everyone is welcome.

A meet and greet BBQ will be held prior to this meeting. This meeting is to provide all with the opportunity to meet the new principal, read over all the positions available on the P & C committee and also to find out what the P & C is all about. This BBQ will be held at 6pm sharp.

The positions/roles of the committee will all be declared vacant on the night. The roles on the committee are as follows:

* President
* Two Vice Presidents
* Treasurer
* Secretary
* Up to six Executive committee members.

Any parents/caregivers or citizens that wish to be directly involved in the electing/voting process must be a financial member of the association. The membership fee is $2 and must be paid prior to the commencement of the AGM.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting to observe rather than be a financial member.

Information on each position can be found at www.pandc.org.au under the publication tab. They are named as Members FAQs Quick member info. Alternatively please see a current P & C member or PM us on the P & C news Facebook page.

If you would like to express interest in a position please email the school At: Buxton Public School P&C Association Secretary: buxton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Uniform Shop News

By now everyone should have received a note in relation to the price increase for uniforms from Term 2. If you have not received this note please visit the uniform shop or alternatively there are copies available in the office.

Just a reminder that the uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings from 8.30am-9.15am and also on Friday afternoons from 2.30pm -3.15pm.

Buxton Public School P & C Disco

As mentioned in the last Grapevine we will be holding our first fundraiser of the year on Wednesday 16th March 2016. The K-2 disco will be held from 4.30pm to 5.30pm with the year’s 3-6 disco to be held from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. The cost is $5 which includes an entry, a glow stick, chips and a drink.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 1

Friday, 4 March: Assembly 2pm

Sunday, 6 March: Thirlmere Steam Festival march

Tuesday, 8 March: P & C AGM from 6pm

Friday, 11 March: Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday, 16 March: P & C Disco

K-2: 4:30—5:30pm Yrs3-6: 5:30-6:30pm

Friday, 18 March: Assembly 2pm

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Friday, 19 February 2016

KB: Excellence in Learning: Angus
    Student of the Week: Karley, Beau
    Writer’s Award: Victoria

1/2U: Excellence in Learning: Leila
    Student of the Week: Amellia, Hamish
    Writer’s Award: Joshua

PBL “Learner” Award: Emmie, Leila, Jennifer, Amellia
PBL “Responsible” Award: Xavier, Logan, Tory

1/2X: Excellence in Learning: Jaxon
    Student of the Week: Holly, Lachlan
    Writer’s Award: Abbey

PBL “Learner” Award: Abbey, Rhys, Sonny, Toby, Sienna
PBL “Responsible” Award: Lachlan

2/3T: Excellence in Learning: Ethan
    Student of the Week: Hannah, Caidan
    Writer’s Award: Jorja

3/4O: Excellence in Learning: Jesse
    Student of the Week: Ella, Daniel
    Writer’s Award: Ryan H

4/5 N: Excellence in Learning: Justin
    Student of the Week: Aleisha, Blake P
    Writer’s Award: Rheyen

PBL “Learner” Award: Justinh
PBL “Responsible” Award: Justin, Ryan

6S: Excellence in Learning: Keith
    Student of the Week: Alexandreia, Keenan
    Writer’s Award: Nelson

PBL “Responsible” Award: Jade-Marie, Alyssa,

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Xavier – 1/2 U
Isabelle - 2/3 T
**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

**Clean Up Buxton**

**When:** Sunday, 6 March  
**Time:** 8am—11am  
**Where:** Telopea Park, Buxton  
**What to bring:** Hat, covered shoes, sunscreen, water  
**Inquiries:** Michael 0425 798 068

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**Mittagong Blue Light Disco**

**Venue:** Mittagong RSL  
**Date:** Saturday, 19 March  
**Times:** 4pm to 6.30 pm  
**Cost:** $5.00 per child 4 – 14 yrs  
Parents and children under 4 free.

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AND "The Agency"

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www.s-t-a-d-s.com