

Principal's Report

Dear Families,

The end of Term 1 is fast approaching. We have almost two weeks left, with the last day of school on Thursday 2nd April. We will finish school an hour early, at 2:10pm and students can wear free dress.

Gymnastics

Our gymnastics program is running on Wednesdays and the students are having a wonderful experience. It has been great to see the students building their confidence and willingness to try new things. Thank you so much to Sarah Cooke for organising the program.

Buxton Community Fun Day

The annual Buxton Community Fun Day is on tomorrow, Saturday 21st March from 12pm - 3pm at the Buxton Reserve. Please see the flyer included in the newsletter for more information. It will be a great opportunity to connect with other community members.

Cluster Athletics @ Leckie Park

Our Year 3 - 6 students who have elected to participate will travel to Alexandra on Tuesday 31st March to compete at the interschool athletics. A permission note will be sent home via uEducateUs on Tuesday 24th. Families are invited to come and cheer on our students.

Strike Action Tuesday 24th March - School Open as Normal

Our school will be running as normal on Tuesday, as all staff who are union members and eligible to participate in protected action either do not work on Tuesdays or have decided not to participate at this time. Please send your children to school as normal on Tuesday.

Have a restful weekend,
Sarah Irving

Friday 20th March 2026

Reminders

Toys From Home at School

Please don't allow students to bring toys from home to school. We don't want their special things to be lost or damaged, and we don't have time to hunt for lost property. If you have any questions about this, or a special request to bring something, please speak to one of the teachers.

Wearing Makeup/Fake Nails at School

We ask that students do not wear makeup or fake nails to school. We want to celebrate body positivity and minimise exposure to the social pressures around appearance as long as we can while they are young. We understand that some kids love to do makeup as a creative hobby, but let's save it for outside school hours.

Upcoming Events

- 25/3** Gymnastics for PE
- 31/3** Interschool Cluster Athletics in Alexandra for nominated Year 3-6 students
- 1/4** Gymnastics for PE
- 2/4** Last Term of Term 1. Free dress and 2:10pm early finish

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Payments

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BSB: 063 255

Account No: 1012 6565

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support

The SWPBS focus for Weeks 9-10 Term 1 is: BELONGING

"I wear my uniform with pride"

Wearing school uniform shows that I belong and I am proud to be a student at Buxton Primary School.

- We have several different uniform options to suit our different preferences and all seasons.
- Our school uniform makes it easier to jump, move and play
- We have special activity days and events during the year where we can dress up or wear free dress
- I can choose my own shoes, socks and school bag to express my personal style at school

Student Behaviour

We have seen pleasing progress with some student behaviours following the implementation of our new school rules around ensuring a calm and safe learning environment for everyone. These clearer boundaries and consequences have helped several students be able to make better choices about how to handle their big emotions. We still regularly focus on learning strategies for recognising, naming and dealing with our emotions, as these are lifelong skills that even we adults need to practise.

As parents and teachers, navigating the challenges of when and how to enforce boundaries and consequences while still giving our kids a voice and the ability to express their feelings is tough. Testing boundaries is a normal and healthy way for kids to develop a sense of safety and security. However, when we don't enforce boundaries consistently with our kids, they struggle to identify which behaviours are acceptable and they can feel that they should be in charge themselves. I can feel awful about enforcing a previously agreed boundary when I see that a student is sad or remorseful. It is tempting to let it go without the consequence, but it doesn't help them in the long term.

So how do we do this when we all have such busy, demanding lives? A good place to start is with reflecting on your own family values and thinking of just 2 or 3 non-negotiable boundaries that support your values and apply to everyone. Family members can contribute ideas about how you handle breaches of these boundaries and how to repair relationships when boundaries are crossed.

Each family is different, but might look something like:

- No name calling, put downs or physical violence
- No taking other people's belongings without asking
- We all share jobs at home to help

There are no easy answers, but I hope this might help.

2026 School Term Dates

- **Term 1:** Tuesday 27 January to Thursday 2 April 2026.
- **Term 2:** Monday 20 April to Friday 26 June 2026.
- **Term 3:** Monday 13 July to Friday 18 September 2026.
- **Term 4:** Monday 5 October to Friday 18 December 2026.

Lunch Orders

Term 1 Lunch Order Dates

- Friday 27/3

The link to the 2026 menu and order form is below via the QR Code or under the 'Help & Resources' Tab on uEducateUs

Orders and payments must be in by the Tuesday before each lunch order day.



**BUXTON
COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

GIVEAWAY

ALL AGES
COME, MEET & CELEBRATE
YOUR BUXTON COMMUNITY

Free:
Sausage in Bread with optional toppings
Cold Drink & Zooper Dooper

**Free Activities for young and old
and yes...there's more in 2026!!!**

Kids Lucky Dip
First 100 adults get a **free** ticket for Spinning Wheel
Prizes Donated by Local Businesses
Meat Tray x 2 - \$1 - Bring a Coin

LET'S HAVE FUN TOGETHER ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!

SATURDAY **21** MARCH
12 - 3 PM 2026

BUXTON RECREATIONAL RESERVE
BYO Chair - Some will be available
PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY BUXTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
Supported by:

Take a photo of this to remember!

Wednesday 4:30PM | Starts 29th April | Alexandra Leisure Centre

NETSETGO!

Netball for every kid aged 5-10.

All levels of experience are welcomed!

- *\$99 Registration includes T-shirt & Netball
- *Boys & Girls Prep- Grade 3
- *Register online @dindinetballassociation
- *Email: dindinetball@gmail.com

2026 Alexandra Junior Soccer Program

Saturday mornings at 10.00am
2 May 2026 – 12 September 2026
at Leckie Park, Alexandra

Cost \$60 per child

Register online at - www.playfootball.com.au

All aged 5 - 15 years are welcome to attend

For more information call 0409 266 970

Junior Netball

**SEASON STARTS MONDAY 4TH MAY
FREE T-SHIRT ON REGISTRATION!**

\$50 ASSOCIATION FEE/\$73 NETBALL VIC

Mixed Competition | Grade 4- Grade 6
Monday Nights Term 2 & 3

Teams will be organised by the
committee once all registrations have
been received

Register online: @dindinetballassociation
dindinetball@gmail.com

Autumn Vacation Care Program 2026

Monday 6 th April	Tuesday 7 th April	Wednesday 8 th April	Thursday 9 th April	Friday 10 th April
<p style="text-align: center;">PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Easter EXTRAVAGANZA</p>  <p>Join us for a fun-filled Easter Vacation Care Day, packed with exciting games, creative crafts, and delicious Easter treats. Children will enjoy activities like bunny relay games, decorating marshmallows, and making their own bunny treat bags to take home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daily Fee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Autumn Adventure</p>  <p>Student will engage in nature-inspired activities! We will explore the outdoors with a bushland scavenger hunt, create colourful leaf art, and make their own autumn animals and crafts to take home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daily Fee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wool and fibre (Onsite Experience)</p>  <p>Students will explore with alpaca fleece and create a masterpiece for the Wool and Fibre festival inspired by the world in black and white, creating a black and or white animal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daily Fee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wizard Trials (Onsite Experience)</p>  <p>Step into a world of wizarding adventure as children take on the Wizard Trials, a full day of magical challenges, sensory play, creative potion-making, and imaginative crafts! With active games and hands-on potion labs, this day sparks curiosity, courage, and creativity for all ages. A spellbinding experience your child won't want to miss! Wear your wizarding outfit!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daily Fee + \$10</p>
	Monday 13 th April	Tuesday 14 th April	Wednesday 15 th April	Thursday 16 th April
<p style="text-align: center;">Bead and Create (Onsite Experience)</p>  <p>Join us for a colourful day full of imagination and hands-on fun! Students will create key chain beaded art and dive into a world of creativity with mixed-media crafts. It's the perfect day for budding artists to create, express themselves, and bring home something they'll be proud to display! wear clothes that can get messy, as we'll be using paint and other hands-on materials throughout the day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daily Fee + \$15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Camping Day</p>  <p>Get ready for an outdoor adventure! Children will build mini tents, design glowing lanterns, and eat delicious smores. Together they'll explore teamwork, imagination, and problem-solving through nature.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daily Fee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Incredible Insects Adventure</p>  <p>Students will create STEM butterflies, build <u>mini insect</u> habitats, complete 3D mandala insects, taking home their own STEM and craft creations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daily Fee + \$10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wild about Movies</p>  <p>Students will design their own movie tickets, create fun animal masks, and enjoy the screening of Zootopia complete with popcorn and treats.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daily Fee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dress up as favourite movie character.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Flight Force Day (Onsite Experience)</p>  <p>Blast off into a day of science, creativity, and high-flying fun as we explore the wonders of flight and space! Children will build and launch rockets, train like astronauts, and experiment with moon craters in a hands-on adventure that combines learning and play.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daily Fee</p>

DONATIONS NEEDED



Buxton Primary School OSHC



How can you help?



Cardboard
Bottle tops

Strawberry or other berry containers

Old magazines/newspapers

Yarn wool

Scrap fabric

Scrap art items for example, sticky tape rolls, paper towel rolls, buttons

Tissue boxes



Please drop off donations by
Thursday 2nd April
to Buxton Primary School OSHC