

## Principal's Report

### Welcome to 2026!

Our students have had a wonderful start to the term, despite the hot weather and start of term nerves. No doubt everyone (staff included) will be ready for a good rest on the weekend, ready to dive into our first full week.

Our seven prep students have settled in very well and they are a energetic and gorgeous bunch. We have also welcomed four new students across other year levels. If you see new families in the school yard, please introduce yourself and say hello. We will be hosting a BBQ social night here @5pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February and we hope to see you there.

Our school newsletters will be fortnightly on a Friday, with the first official newsletter coming out next on 6<sup>th</sup> February. This edition is just a short one to provide some updates and say welcome.

Please be reminded that our office is only open when Lorraine is here on Tuesdays and Fridays. You can always ask one of our other staff any questions you have and they will point you in the right direction, usually to me!

All parents/carers need access to our communication app, **uEducateUs**, to stay up to date with important news and events. Using the app for absence notifications, permission forms etc., takes a lot of the administration burden off me and reduces the number of text messages I receive outside school hours when I am at home with my family. I am really trying to improve my work life balance this year, so your support with this will really help.

Existing families, please ensure you can still access uEducateUs and let me know if you need your password details reset. New families, please see the attached letter with information about downloading and logging into the app.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Sarah Irving

**Friday 30th January 2026**

## Reminders

Next Tuesday you will receive a pack with some important forms and information to complete. We need you to update any personal, medical or other details that have changed for your family.

**Please return everything by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

## Upcoming Events

**04/2** First Prep Rest Day

**12/2** Cluster Swimming Event @ Yea for interested year 3-6 students

**16/2** School Athletics Fun Day families are welcome to join

**27/2** BPS Family Social Night BBQ @5pm

## Contacts and Bank Info

**Phone:** 03 5774 7341

**Email:** buxton.ps@education.vic.gov.au

### Payments

**Name:** Buxton Primary School Council

**BSB:** 063 255

**Account No:** 1012 6565

Starts back on Wednesday 4th February  
If your daughter is interested and is Primary School Age  
Phone Sherrie on 0417 036 379

### Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amount this year is \$400 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact Sarah or Lorraine to ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

### 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

Lunch orders will be available fortnightly on Fridays, starting on the 13<sup>th</sup> February.

We are working on a new menu for Term 1, which will be sent home with next week's newsletter, including details on how to order and pay.

If you have any special requests for the menu, please email them to [buxton.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:buxton.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

