

## Principal's Report

### Family BBQ and Social Night

We had a great turn out for the Family Night last Friday, despite the humid conditions. Thank you to Lea, Lorraine, Hayley C and Hayley M for staying back to help.

### School Rule Change - Information for Parents

Unfortunately in the last couple of weeks we have had an increase in disruptive student behaviours in the Year 2-6 area. These behaviours have negatively impacted the wellbeing of staff and other students who are trying to learn. We have therefore implemented a new rule that any student who disrupts the class via verbal or physical aggression, damaging property or screaming/yelling, must leave the classroom for the remainder of the school day. This will give everyone else a chance to feel safe and focus on their learning. Students who have to leave the class for the day will be supervised by an adult to enable them to calm down and reflect, and come back to class for a fresh start the next day.

I have included the two posters with the new rules in this week's newsletter so that you can have a discussion about this as a family. We have reviewed these several times with the Year 2-6 students this week, so they should be able to explain their understanding to you.

### The key points are:

- **Everyone deserves a safe and calm space to learn and teach.**
- **Big feelings are normal and part of being human. How we handle the feelings is what matters most.**
- **We all make mistakes and at Buxton we give people another chance to try again. A new day is a fresh start.**

Have a lovely long weekend,  
Sarah Irving

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 at School

We ask that students do not wear makeup 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 dress up/ creative hobby, but let's save it for outside school hours.

## Upcoming Events

9/3

Labour Day Public holiday - no school

10/3

Lunch orders and payments due for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

11/3

NAPLAN starts - Year 3 and 5

31/3

Interschool Cluster Athletics in Alexandra for nominated Year 3-6 students

## Contacts and Bank Info

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### Payments

**Name:** Buxton Primary School Council

**BSB:** 063 255

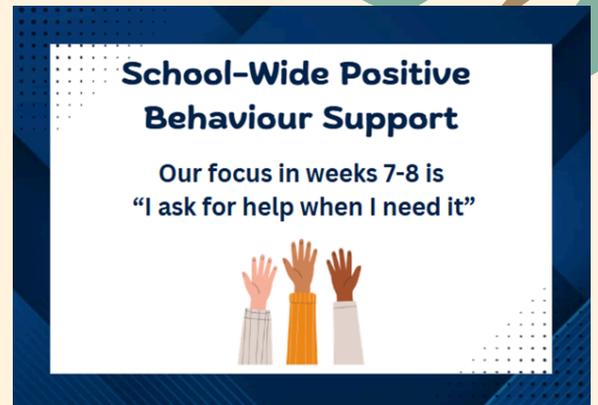
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## School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support

The SWPBS focus for Weeks 7-8 Term 1 is: **LEARNING**  
"I ask for help when I need it"

Everyone is on their own learning journey. We all learn at different times and in different ways. It is normal to need help sometimes. In fact, everyone needs help at some point. At school, there are many adults who are ready to help me. I can ask for help by:

- Raising my hand in class
- Walking up to a teacher
- Finding and speaking to an adult on yard duty



### Instrumental Music Lessons

Katherine McIntosh is offering instrumental music lessons for students in Year 1 - 6 at school. If you are interested in lessons for your child, please speak to Sarah Irving.

### Parking and School Drop Offs and Pick Ups

The safety of our students is our top priority and we need your help to ensure this.

#### Option 1: Carpark behind the Buxton Hall

If you drop off or pick up here, please park and hop out of the car to walk your child in/out of the side gate adjacent to the car park. We don't have staff supervising this carpark and cars can drive through there very fast.

#### Option 2: Parking across on the other side of Maroondah Highway

In the afternoons, we have staff supervise the crossing on the highway. They escort students across the road to meet you. Please remind your children to walk to your car safely along the footpath.

#### Option 3: Circular drive in front of Buxton Hall

There are limited parking spaces at the front of the hall. If you park there you need to be very cautious of children when you reverse out. Please don't stop to wait in the circular drive after school as this blocks through traffic.

### 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 13/3
- 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.**





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It is normal to get overwhelmed by big feelings sometimes. We can learn to recognise the signs our body and brain are showing us, so that we can take a safe, 5 minute break, to calm down before getting back to our learning.



We **NEVER** want to take our feelings out on others in unsafe ways that make people feel scared, hurt or worried.

It is okay if we make mistakes, because each new school day is a fresh start to repair our friendships, learn to ask for help and try new strategies.



To help keep our learning environment safe and calm for everyone, students are not welcomed back into the classroom for the rest of the school day if they do any of these things:

1. Swearing, threats or aggressive language.
2. Trying to physically hurt someone.
3. Tipping over or trying to damage property.
4. Screaming or yelling at people





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