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The Buxton Bulletin

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Principal's Report

End of Year Thoughts

The end of the school year has snuck up on us due to the busyness of both school and home life! As I reflect on this year, I am so happy that we have been able to once again offer all the special events, camps and excursions that add extra depth and richness to school life for our students. Everyone is tired, but hopefully it is the 'good' kind of tired, due to having great experiences with family, friends and community. This time of year can also be very stressful. Please know that I am here for you, so reach out if needed and I will offer any support I can. I can't wait to celebrate together at our end of year celebration next Monday evening. I wish you all a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas and new year.

Swimming program

Unfortunately due to the Winter weather in Summer we could only complete three days of our swimming program. We will endeavour to arrange swimming at the Healesville Indoor pool in Term 3 of 2023.

Student Semester Two Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Student reports were sent out via uEducateUs on Wednesday 14th December and optional parent teacher interviews were scheduled for parents today. As an alternative we will be offering interviews at the start of Term 1 2023, to set goals for the new school year and we can discuss the end of year report then. If you would prefer a hard copy of your child's report sent home, please let me know.

Rotary Award

Congratulations to Alice Fitzgerald, our Buxton Primary School 2022 Rotary Encouragement Award recipient. Alice's award was presented on Wednesday 7th December at the Alexandra Golf Club. We will share the citation for Alice's award at our end of year celebration.

Alexandra Community Christmas Tree Festival

We had a fun morning this morning visiting the magical Alexandra Christmas Tree Festival. What an amazing amount of work goes into putting it together and keeping it open throughout December by a dedicated team of volunteers. The creativity on display from our local community groups and organisations was wonderful. I highly recommend a visit with your family.

Kris Kringle

If your child is participating in our annual Kris Kringle please wrap gifts with the receiving student's name written clearly, but not the name of who it is from. Students will share their gifts on Monday 19th December, but please bring them to school tomorrow so that no one forgets!

Year 6 Activity Day

Our Year 6 students are going horse riding and out for lunch in Marysville on Tuesday 20th December as an end of primary school celebration. If this applies to your child, please ensure you approve the permission form on uEducateUs. There will be no cost for this activity.

End of Year Celebration and Year 6 Graduation

Please join us at 5:00pm on Monday 19th December for our end of year celebration. Extended families are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring your picnic tea, chairs or a rug and gold coins if your child will want a sausage in bread or soft drink.

Final Day of 2022 and First day of 2023

The final day of school for 2022 is Tuesday 20th December. This is an 'out of uniform' day but students must wear sunsmart clothing. Students will be dismissed at 2.10pm. The first day back for students is **Tuesday 31st January**, as we will have Monday 30th January as a curriculum day. Hayley will be here for OSHC on the Monday too, so get your bookings in.

Student of the Week



Alice has shown great leadership in helping prepare the younger students to take on school jobs when she goes to secondary school in 2023. Congratulations Alice!

Important Dates:

Term 4

Monday 19th December

End Of Year Family Picnic &
Year 6 Graduation 5.30pm-7.30pm

Tuesday 20th December

Year 6 Activity Day
Final day of Term 4

2023 Term Dates

Term 1

Friday 27th January

Teachers start

Monday 30th January

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 31st January

Students begin

Thursday 6th April

Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 24th April to Friday 23rd June

Term 3

Monday 10th July to Friday 15th September

Term 4

Monday 2nd October to
Wednesday 20th December

WE ARE AUSTRALIANS

I come from the dream time

Nanbu windala w-a-n

From the dusty red soil plains

Maniip la-am do-or-l-u

I am the ancient heart

Liwik murak w-a-n

The keeper of the flame

Baa wiinj gun-gana

I stood upon the rocky shores

Gagarak dharri w-a-n

I watched the tall ships come

Dadjerri ngerren wan

For sixty thousand years I've been

Grayul nanbu wilanja ga

The first Australians

La-ni-da mu-la-pa

We are one, but we are many
From all the lands on earth we come
We share a dream
And sing with one voice
I am, you are,
We are Australian



Gingerbread Biscuits



Ingredients

- ¼ cup golden syrup
- ¼ cup brown sugar 55 grams
- 1 & ½ tablespoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 125 grams butter – chopped into cubes
- 1 egg
- 2 & ¼ cups plain flour 335 grams

Method

In a small heatproof bowl, combine the golden syrup, sugar and spices and place over a saucepan of boiling water. When the sugar has dissolved, stir through the bicarb soda and remove from the heat when the mixture begins to bubble.

Transfer to a large bowl and stir through the chopped butter.

Add the egg and 1 cup of sifted flour and stir with a knife to combine. Add the remaining flour and continue to mix with a butter knife until a dough forms.

Turn the dough onto a floured bench and lightly knead until it's smooth and soft.

Divide into two halves and cover with cling wrap before popping into the fridge for 30 minutes.

Preheat your oven to 180 degrees celsius and line two trays with baking paper.

Remove dough from the fridge and roll each portion between two sheets of baking paper until approximately 5mm thick. Use cutters of your choice to cut out shapes and place on baking trays. Bake for approximately 9 – 11 minutes – please note baking times will vary depending on the size of the cutter used.



Shortbread Biscuits



Ingredients

340 g (3 sticks) butter

130 g (1 cup) icing sugar

375 g (3 cups) plain flour all-purpose flour

Method

Preheat oven to 160 degrees celsius (fan-forced). Line two large flat baking trays with baking paper and set aside.

Beat the butter in a large bowl using an electric mixer on medium until smooth (approximately 30 seconds).

Slowly add the icing sugar and continue mixing until well combined. Scrape down the sides of the bowl.

Add the flour and mix on low speed until combined (please note that the mixture will be crumbly at this stage).

Gently knead the dough into a ball (but don't overwork it) and place into the fridge for at least 30 minutes to chill. Roll out to $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 cm thick. Use cookie cutters to cut the dough shapes out.

Place the shapes onto the prepared trays and bake for 12-15 minutes or until just very lightly golden (do not overcook).

Allow to cool on the trays for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.





Yarra Ranges National Park: Junior Rangers Holiday Activities – Summer 22/23

Date and Time	Details	Activity Description
December 28th, 2022 10:00am – 11:00am 11:30am – 12:30pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm 3:00pm – 4:00pm	Location: Badger Weir 1. Away with the Birds 2. Wildlife Detectives 3. Wildlife Detectives 4. Away with the Birds	Activity Description 1. Learn how to use binoculars and discover which birds call Badger Weir home. 2. Become a wildlife detective and discover what lives at Badger Weir from the evidence they leave behind. 3. Become a wildlife detective and discover what lives at Badger Weir from the evidence they leave behind. 4. Learn how to use binoculars and discover which birds call Badger Weir home.
January 3rd, 2023 10:30am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 1:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Location: Upper Yarra Reservoir Park 1. Flora Explorer 2. Away with the Birds 3. Wildlife Detectives	Activity Description 1. Discover some of the special plants species found in Yarra Ranges NP and learn how to identify plants 2. Learn how to use binoculars and discover which birds call Upper Yarra Reservoir their home. 3. Become a wildlife detective and discover what lives at Upper Yarra Reservoir from the evidence they leave behind
January 5th, 2023 1:00pm – 2:00pm 2:30pm – 3:30pm	Location: Haining Farm 1. Wildlife Detective 2. Flora Explorer	Activity Description 1. Become a wildlife detective and discover what animals live at Haining Farm from the evidence they leave behind. 2. Discover some of the special plants species found in Yarra Ranges NP and learn how to identify plants
January 10th, 2023 10:45am – 11:45am 12:30pm – 1:30pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Location: Lake Mountain 1. Legend of the Leadbeater Possum 2. Alpine Program 3. Legend of the Leadbeater Possum	Activity Description 1. Learn about the Leadbeater possum and its history with Lake Mountain while exploring a scenic alpine environment. 2. Discover the diverse alpine environment and the unique plants and animals that call this place home. 3. Learn about the Leadbeater possum and its history with Lake Mountain while exploring a scenic alpine environment.
January 11th, 2023 10:00am – 11:00am 11:30am – 12:30pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm 3:00pm – 4:00pm	Location: Badger Weir 1. Away with the Birds 2. Wildlife Detectives 3. Wildlife Detectives 4. Away with the Birds	Activity Description 1. Learn how to use binoculars and discover which birds call Badger Weir home. 2. Become a wildlife detective and discover what lives at Badger Weir from the evidence they leave behind. 3. Become a wildlife detective and discover what lives at Badger Weir from the evidence they leave behind. 4. Learn how to use binoculars and discover which birds call Badger Weir home.
January 12th, 2023 9:30am – 10:30am 11:30am – 12:30pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm	Location: Mt Donna Buang 1. Rainforest Explorer 2. Wildlife Detectives 3. Rainforest Explorer	Activity Description 1. Come and explore the rainforest to discover the mysteries of the past! 2. Become a wildlife detective and discover what lives at Mt Donna Buang from the evidence they leave behind. 3. Come and explore the rainforest to discover the mysteries of the past!
January 17th, 2023 10:45am – 11:45am 12:30pm – 1:30pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Location: Lake Mountain 1. Legend of the Leadbeater Possum 2. Alpine Program 3. Legend of the Leadbeater Possum	Activity Description 1. Learn about the Leadbeater possum and its history with Lake Mountain while exploring a scenic alpine environment. 2. Discover the diverse alpine environment and the unique plants and animals that call this place home. 3. Learn about the Leadbeater possum and its history with Lake Mountain while exploring a scenic alpine environment.
January 19th, 2023 9:30am – 10:30am 11:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 2:00pm 2:30pm – 3:30pm	Location: Badger Weir 1. Wildlife Detectives 2. Minibeasts 3. Minibeasts 4. Flora Explorer	Activity Description 1. Become a wildlife detective and discover what lives at Badger Weir from the evidence they leave behind. 2. Identify the creatures that live in Badger Creek and find out what they tell us about our water ecosystems. 3. Identify the creatures that live in Badger Creek and find out what they tell us about our water ecosystems. 4. Discover some of the special plants species found in Yarra Ranges NP and learn how to identify plants
January 23rd, 2023 10:00am – 11:00am 11:30am – 12:30pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm 3:00pm – 4:00pm	Location: Badger Weir 1. Away with the Birds 2. Wildlife Detectives 3. Wildlife Detectives 4. Away with the Birds	Activity Description 1. Learn how to use binoculars and discover which birds call Badger Weir home. 2. Become a wildlife detective and discover what lives at Badger Weir from the evidence they leave behind. 3. Become a wildlife detective and discover what lives at Badger Weir from the evidence they leave behind. 4. Learn how to use binoculars and discover which birds call Badger Weir home.
January 24th, 2023 1:00pm – 2:00pm 2:30pm – 3:30pm	Location: Maroondah Reservoir Park 1. All Fired Up 2. All Fired Up	Activity Description 1. Fire is a natural part of Australian landscapes. Learn about fire safety in the parks, what it takes to be a firefighter, and how fire helps shape our ecosystems. 2. Fire is a natural part of Australian landscapes. Learn about fire safety in the parks, what it takes to be a firefighter, and how fire helps shape our ecosystems.
January 25th, 2023 10:30am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 1:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Location: Upper Yarra Reservoir Park 1. Flora Explorer 2. Away with the Birds 3. Wildlife Detectives	Activity Description 1. Discover some of the special plants species found in Yarra Ranges NP and learn how to identify plants 2. Learn how to use binoculars and discover which birds call Upper Yarra Reservoir Park their home. 3. Become a wildlife detective and discover what lives at Upper Yarra Reservoir from the evidence they leave behind

All Junior Ranger activities are free, and are suitable for children aged 6-12 years. Bookings are essential. **Bookings Open 9am 14/12/22**
Please visit www.juniorrangers.com.au