

The Buxton Bulletin

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Principal's Report

School Council AGM and Public Meeting—Thursday 31st March

We will be holding our AGM to elect our new School Council members on Thursday 31st March at 5:00pm. All community members are invited to attend. We have three parent vacancies open for nomination this year and I strongly encourage you to speak with me or one of our current school council members if you are interested. Our School Council sets the strategic direction for the school and works closely with the Principal to maximise opportunities for our students.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing starts next week for Year 3 and Year 5. It's important to remember that it is only one measure of how our students are progressing. Working closely together with students all the time, we see their strengths, interests and abilities, and we work to build on these to help them achieve their potential. NAPLAN data long term trends also don't mean much in a small school, as there are not enough students participating to make generalisations about how we are progressing with teaching and learning. However, it is a good opportunity for students to develop test taking skills and work to a set time, something they will have to do more as they progress through their education.

No School Monday 13th March - Labour Day Public Holiday

We hope everyone has a chance to relax and enjoy the long weekend. Have a safe and happy break.

PE News

We had our final AFL clinic last week and the students really enjoyed working on new skills with the coaches. Athletics is up next, with the Cathedral Cluster Athletics day in the last week of Term 1 for interested students in Years 3 - 6. We are hoping to run our own mini athletics day at school for all students. In Term 2, we are excited to have the gymnastics program again for four weeks.



Staff Professional Learning

Our team have been busy with new learning already this year. Our focus for school development this year is in two main areas, wellbeing and numeracy. Sarah C is our new Mental Health in Primary Schools leader, so she is working closely on exploring options to further enhance choices for our students, as we know that access to services is challenging in our area. Lea and I are completing a Leading Numeracy course over the year. We had a very interesting first day in Shepparton on Wednesday. We look forward to sharing more of this work with you throughout the year.

Term 1 Vacation Care Booking Open

The program is now available (attached to the newsletter). Please get your bookings into Hayley as soon as possible.

Sarah

Student of the Week



Dusty is remaining focussed on all his learning tasks. Great Job Dusty!



Lucas shows good leadership in class by showing respect and speaking to others thoughtfully. Well done Lucas!



Important Dates:

Monday 13th March

Labour Day holiday

Wednesday 29th March

Cluster Athletic Sports

Thursday 31st March

School Council AGM

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