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The Buxton Bulletin

Friday 2nd February 2024

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Principal's Report

Welcome to 2024! The first week has been wonderful and has gone by so quickly. There is a happy and productive rhythm in the classrooms and the playground already. Our prep students are settling in well and it feels like they have been part of our school community much longer than one week. Special thanks to Mrs H for her hard work helping them settle in and to our older students for making them feel so welcome. I expect that everyone, adults and children alike, will be very tired this weekend as we adjust to the new school year. I hope everyone is able to enjoy some rest and relaxation.

Smile Squad Dentist Visit—rescheduled Thursday 15th February

After two cancelled visits last year, hopefully the third time is a charm and our students can have their dental check-ups on Thursday the 15th February. The free dental check ups are available to all students. Please see the note that was sent home today for more information.

uEducateUs App

Please make sure you are able to access the uEducateUs app this year for communications, booking parent teacher interviews, absence notifications and other important information. If you have any issues with access, please let me know and I will help you.

School Athletics Fun Day - Friday 23rd February

Families are invited to join us from 9:00 - 11:00am on Friday 23rd February to be part of our school athletics day. We have a range of activities for the students to participate in and some fun activities for parents and siblings too. Nothing too strenuous though!

Circus Skills Program

We are excited to be offering a four week circus skills program for PE in Term 1. The workshops will be held on Fridays on 16/02, 23/02, 01/03 and 08/03. Thanks to Ms C for organising this great experience for the students.

2024 Annual Permission Forms

Though we usually send out permission forms for approval electronically via uEducateUs, we have a set of permission forms that cover the whole school year and we are required to have these in hard copy. I know it is a lot to sign, however we would appreciate it if you could return these forms to school by <u>Friday 9th February</u>.

Prep Rest Days

Our Prep students have the next three Wednesdays off school (7/02, 14/02 and 21/02) before starting full time school from Monday 26th February.

Parent Teacher Interviews and Student Support Group Meetings

Our first parent teacher interviews and student support group meetings will be held during the week of 12th - 16th February. Booking slots will be made available via uEducateUs from Monday 5th February.

School Council February Meeting

Our first School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th February at 4:30pm and members can attend either in person or online via WebEx. We will be opening nominations for new members to join School Council this year later this month. Please chat to me if you would like more information.

Best wishes, Sarah

Students of the Week



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Harlow has had a fabulous start to the school year, working hard and being a wonderful role model for the new prep students. Keep up the great work Harlow!

Direct Deposit Payments

Direct Deposit payments can be made when paying for camps, excursions, etc.

If paying online, please be sure to put your child's name and reason for payment in the reference section.

Payments can be made to Buxton Primary by going online to:-

Commonwealth Bank. (CBA) BSB: 063255 Account No: 10126565

Important Dates:

Wednesday 7th February Prep Rest Day Monday 12th—Friday 16th February Parent/teacher interviews Wednesday 14th February Prep Rest Day **Thursday 15th February** Dental visit Friday 16th February Circus skill begin **Tuesday 20th February** School Council meeting @ 4.30pm Wednesday 21st February Prep Rest Day Friday 23rd February Athletics Day 9.00-11.00am Monday 26th February Preps attend full time Thursday 28h March

Final day of Term 1 2024 Term Dates

Term 2
15 April to 28 June
Term 3
15 July to 20 September
Term 4
7 October to 20 December

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 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 \$125 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.