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The Buxton Bulletin

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Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 3, it has certainly been a wet and cold start! We have another busy term ahead, with school camp to Phillip Island, Lake Mountain Ski Day, Year 6 secondary school transition begins, dance workshops and incursion, the Ditto show returns for the juniors and lots more. Please make sure that you have access to the uEducateUs app for regular updates and communications.

Lake Mountain Ski Day—Thursday 1st August

All students will be travelling to Lake Mountain for a day of ski lessons, the toboggan run and snow play. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with our Sporting Schools grant application for Term 3. The grant usually enables us to offer the excursion for free, however **this year the cost to families will be \$50 per student**. This includes park entry, a 1.5 hour ski lesson, hire of poles, skis and boots, access to the toboggan run and a snow play package. The school will cover the cost of bus transport. If you have Camps, Schools and Excursions Funding (CSEF), you will be eligible to use that money to pay for the excursion. Please keep an eye out for the permission form on uEducateUs and approve it as soon as possible. I will also be sending you a note asking you to advise us if your child has their own snow jacket, pants, waterproof gloves and beanie. We have a collection of snow clothing at school and next week we will be fitting students who need to borrow gear.

Welcome Bonnie!

This week we welcomed preservice teacher, Bonnie Hansen, to Buxton. Bonnie will be working with Hayley C and the Year 2—6 class for four weeks. Please say hello if you see her in the playground or classroom.

Preps 100 Days of School—Friday 26th July

Our amazing Prep students have their 100th Day of school next Friday 26th July. We believe this deserves a celebration! A note will be sent out via uEducateUs next Monday to advise families of the theme and activities planned for the day.

2025 Enrolments

It's hard to believe that we have to start planning for 2025 when we are only half way through 2024! We have to start planning for class arrangements and staffing in the next few weeks. If you know any families who are interested in enrolling at Buxton for 2025, please ask them to make contact with me soon to arrange a tour and to receive an enrolment pack.

School Council Meeting—Thursday 25th July at 3:30pm

Our next school council meeting will be held next Thursday 25th July at 3:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Students and siblings can play together while we meet. We will meet in the classroom or in the playground, depending on the weather.

School Drop Off Time from 8:30am

Please be reminded that drop off time for students not attending before school care is from 8:30am. We are so used to having Lea (Mrs H) as an early bird who is usually here by 8am, or before school care staff, however we cannot guarantee that someone will be here to supervise before 8:30am.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interview bookings will be available via uEducateUs from Wednesday 24th July. If the times available do not suit, please speak with us to organise a different time to catch up.

Stay warm,
Sarah

Student of the Week



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Declan has been a focused and independent learner this week.

Congratulations Declan!

Important Dates:

Thursday 25th July

School Council Meeting 3.30pm

Friday 26th July

Prep 100 days of school

Thursday 1st August

Lake Mt Ski Day

Wednesday 28th August

Bravehearts Ditto Show

Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th September

Phillip Island Camp

Friday 20th September

Final day of Term 3

Term 4

7 October to 20 December

2024 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants Program



Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant

We are thrilled to announce that Buxton Primary School has received a 2024 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for our project, Balam Balam (butterfly) Garden.

The aim of our project is to create a butterfly / pollinator garden so that all students in our school can participate in growing flowering plants and habitat that benefit butterflies and other pollinating insects. The students will participate in an investigation identifying and researching local butterflies and pollinators including researching the best flowering and habitat plants that could be used in our Balam Balam Garden design. Through our Taungurung language and culture program with Aunty Lee, students will research selected native plants, say the names of plants and understand how these are represented in writing. The expected outcomes of the project include students learning about identifying and growing plants, the importance of looking after the environment to provide balam balam with pollinating and habitat plants. By relating our Taungurung language and culture program closely to the butterfly garden students will be able to link the Taungurung creation story 'The Birth of the Balam Balam'. Students can make connection of caring for others from the story by looking after pollinators especially butterflies and how they look after us and the environment. The design and development of our Balam Balam Garden with the local indigenous Taungurung culture will only enrich our students' hands-on learning journey.

Buxton Primary School is one of 1,041 primary schools and early learning centres across Australia to receive a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to help grow our next generation of environmental champions.

The children and teachers are looking forward to getting their hands dirty and learning from this project – we'll keep you updated!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to announce that Buxton Primary School are participating in Jump Rope for Heart this term – a fantastic fundraising and physical activity program by the Heart Foundation.

By participating in Jump Rope for Heart this term, I'm expecting to get our students moving. We'll have skipping ropes available on the school grounds and are encouraging everyone to help raise funds for lifesaving research and support programs.

Over the coming weeks your child will learn new skills, increase their physical activity, and learn about heart health. And the program will end with our school wide 'Jump Off Day' on 30 August 2024 where your child gets to show off their new skipping skills to their friends.

When you register your child online, you'll get access to additional skipping resources to help give your child a great reason to get away from the screens and get outdoors. Register and create your own secure webpage at www.jumprope.org.au/parents.

By signing up online, you and your child/ren can:

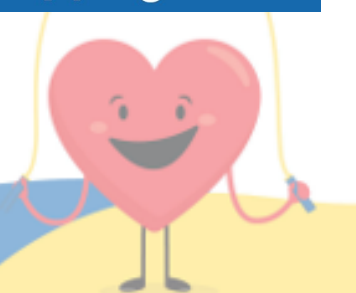
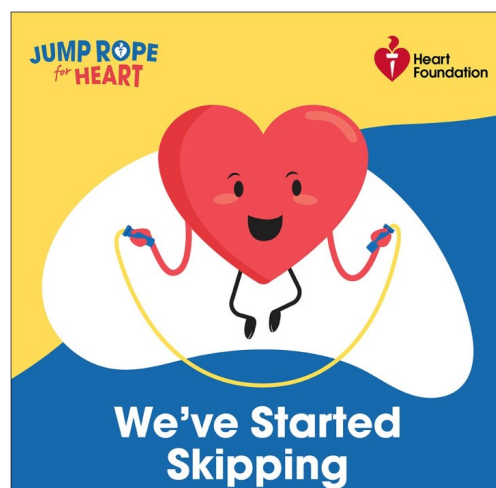
- Easily raise funds online.
- Track skipping skills progress and earn virtual badges along the way.
- Post updates to your page so family and friends can follow their progress.
- Access additional skipping resources.

Your child should have a 'Parent and Guardian Guide' flyer to take home, which includes further information on the program. If you didn't receive this, visit www.jumprope.org.au/parents for all the information that you need.

Thank you for getting involved in Jump Rope for Heart!

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Cooke
PE Teacher
Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator





Cooking (and eating) Ham & Cheese Pinwheels with Sue



Alexandra Secondary College Open Night



Wednesday 31st of July 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Time	Session	Length	Room
6.00pm	Information session about YEAR 7	30 min	Library
6.30pm	A showcase of the opportunities that ASC students look forward to from Year 7 to Year 12	15 min	Library
6.45pm	Information session about LATER YEARS	30 min	M8
7.00pm	Information session about YEAR 7	30 min	Library
7.15pm	Students speaking about VCE and Vocational studies	15 min	M8

Come along to our combined Open Night for families who are interested in what Alexandra Secondary College has to offer. There are also specific sessions for families of students who in 2025 will be starting Year 7, 9, 10 or VCE. It's one evening where we will present all of the information you need.

Families just need to attend the sessions that interest them.