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Growth

# The Buxton Bulletin

Friday 20th December 2024

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## Principal's Report

When reflecting on the 2024 school year, I remembered the wise advice often given to new parents, "the days may be long, but the years are short." This feels very true for this year. We had a busy year full of great learning experiences and adventures, several new students and staff joining the school and much more. There have been lots of very long days, and many days where I wondered if I had overestimated what I could personally achieve for our school community.

Change is always tough and our rapid enrolment growth in the second half of the year prompted our staff to look collectively at Buxton Primary School's core values, vision and beliefs that shape our school culture. What we discovered is that those things haven't changed, but that we needed to implement some new systems to manage the increased workload and strategies to support our students. When employing new staff, I focus carefully on finding people who share those values and beliefs and who are flexible, inclusive and use initiative. We can always develop our professional knowledge and skills to improve our teaching and learning, but shared values are much harder to find.

I am grateful to have a great team who share our vision for our school and put our students at the heart of every decision. As we adjust to the changes that come with growing our community, we support each other and model for our students that making mistakes is a normal and healthy part of learning. The whole team deserve a well earned rest over the Christmas and New Year period. Thank you all so much for everything you do.

I will be checking emails from mid-January 2025, so if you need to be in touch regarding anything for the new school year, please email [sarah.irving@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sarah.irving@education.vic.gov.au). It may take me a few days to get back to you as I won't be working every day.

Wishing you all safe and very relaxing Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes,  
Sarah Irving

## End of Year Celebration—Thank you!

I am full of pride for our students and school community when I reflect on the wonderful celebration we had on Tuesday evening. It was special to see so many families enjoying the picnic together and the kids running around having fun. The play was not without it's hiccups, but that just made it even more fun to watch. Our students are so brave to perform in front of such a large audience of family, friends, former staff and students. To our staff who helped prepare the students, made props, managed back stage organisation and a million other jobs, thank you for supporting our students to shine. To Jo Ramsay, thank you for sharing your creative talents and vision with us to make all the costumes.

## Cathedral Cherries Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our cherry fundraiser, we raised around \$400 for our school. Kerri Hollingsworth did an excellent job coordinating all of the orders and liaising with Cathedral Cherries, all while she was incredibly busy with family and work commitments. We look forward to running this fundraiser again in 2025.

## Term 1 2025

- Staff will be back at school from Tuesday 28th January for preparation and 2025 planning.
- **First day back for all students is Thursday 30th January.**
- Hayley Money is contacting families to find out who needs vacation care on 28th and 29th January.
- Parent teacher interviews and student support group meetings will be held early in Term 1
- Students are leaving school hats here over the summer, we will wash them all ready for the new year.

## Student of the Week



**Friday 13th December 2024**

Nell has worked hard in her own time to learn her lines for the school play and performs confidently.  
Congratulations Nell!

### Important Dates:

#### **2025 Term Dates**

##### **Term 1**

28th January Staff begin  
29th January Curriculum Day  
30th January Students begin  
to 4th April

##### **Term 2**

22nd April to 4th July

##### **Term 3**

21st July to 19th September

##### **Term 4**

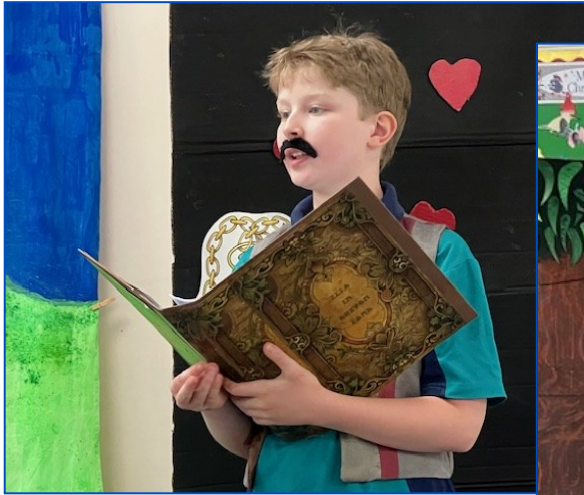
6th October to 19 December

## Ella in Buxtonland





# Ella in Buxtonland







# Introduction to the *Labyrinth*



and  
reflective walk to welcome  
the New Year

Saturday 28th December

2pm – 3pm

followed by tea / coffee & biscuits

The Marysville Labyrinth

Marysville-Buxton Rd roundabout – and follow the  
signs

This labyrinth was initiated and partly funded by the Anglican Parish of Marysville  
& Buxton, with assistance from local community groups and individuals

# Happy Holidays!

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
NOBODY EATS ALONE

# Christmas DINNER

ALL WELCOME

WEDNESDAY | 25TH | At 6:00pm

TAGGERTY HALL  
5 TAGGERTY-THORNTON RD  
TAGGERTY

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL  
CONTACT  
WILL 0497 501 730

**VICSWIM**  
NOW WELCOMING  
ENROLMENTS FOR 2025  
BOOK NOW!

**LEARN A SKILL FOR LIFE THIS SUMMER**  
**5 X 30 MINUTE LESSON - \$35**  
**4 - 12 YEARS**

WEEK 1: MONDAY 6 - FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2025  
**YEA & MARYSVILLE**

WEEK 2: MONDAY 13 - FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2025  
**EILDON**

WEEK 3: MONDAY 20 - FRIDAY, 24 JANUARY 2025  
**ALEXANDRA**

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# BUXTON FIRE BRIGADE

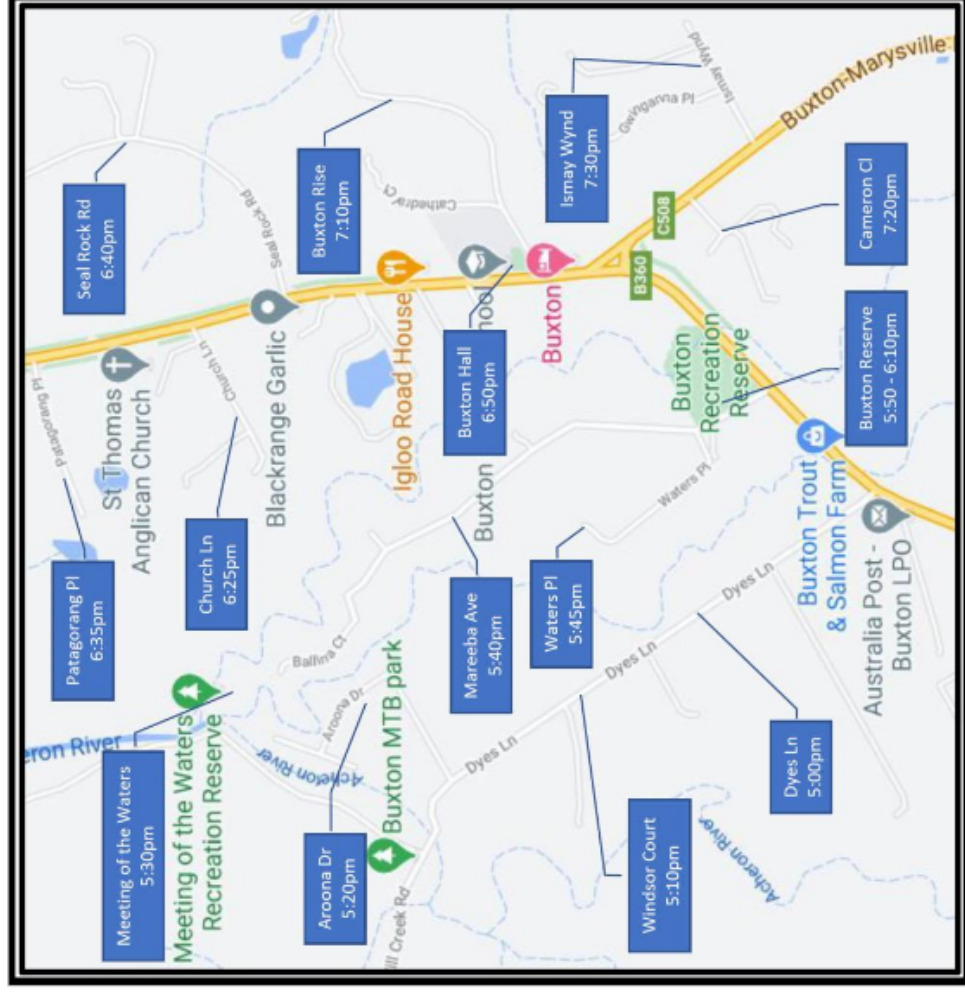


## SANTA'S 2024 TOUR OF BUXTON CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00PM to 7:30PM

Santa Run will depart the fire station at **5:00pm** travelling along Dyes Lane to Windsor Court and then on to Steavenson Road and Aroona Drive. Santa will cross the Little Steavenson River pedestrian bridge and walk through the Meeting of the Waters Reserve to Ballina Court. Once the fire truck is back with Santa, he will travel up Mareeba Avenue to Waters Place followed by a stop at the Buxton Recreation Reserve. Santa will then travel along Maroondah Highway to Church Lane and Patagorang Place by **6:25pm**, then over to Seal Rock Road about **6:35pm**, and down to the Buxton Memorial Hall. After the Hall, Santa will visit Cathedral Close and Buxton Rise before heading to Cameron Close and finishing in Gwingana Place and Ismay Wynd by **7:30pm**.

Santa will try to keep to the schedule but, in case he gets held up, details of his progress with some photographs will be posted on the Buxton CFA Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/buxtoncfa](http://www.facebook.com/buxtoncfa)) as he travels around town. *People may be invited to pose for photographs.* Personal photographs of Santa with family groups are welcome.

The Brigade encourages people to stay Covid-Safe and maintain safe distancing along with gathering in family groups or with social groups.



Children must wait for Santa to dismount the fire truck. Santa will have a bag of pre-packaged sweets for those children present.

Everyone is welcome to say hello to Santa and those who are not on the published route are asked to gather at either Buxton Reserve or the Buxton Hall where Santa will be able to stop and say hello to you.

Email [SantaRun@BuxtonCFA.com](mailto:SantaRun@BuxtonCFA.com) to ensure we know your location and how many children and adults might like to meet up with Santa.



# PrimeSCI! @Hawthorn

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

Monday 20 - Wednesday 22 January 2025

Attention Junior Scientists! Get ready for three days filled with hands-on holiday science for curious kids from Foundation to Year 8.

The PrimeSCI! Team is excited to offer workshops covering Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Earth Sciences!



CU participants receive a  
1hr stamp per workshop

Book your science workshop now!

[https://events.humanlitx.com/  
primesci-workshops-jan-2025](https://events.humanlitx.com/primesci-workshops-jan-2025)



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PrimeSCI!

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## Dinosaur Detectives

Become a palaeontologist and examine our special fossil collection, including specimens from Australia and all over the world. Make your own fossil cast to take home and discover what we can learn about prehistoric animals from the fossils that have been left behind. (1.5hrs)

Year 1 - 6

## Meet Mr Bones

Learn to name bones in the body, explore what makes bones strong, identify and investigate real skeletons of animals. Mr Bones will be delighted to welcome you into his science lab! (1hr)

Foundation - Year 3

## Climate Chemistry

Let's talk the chemistry of carbon dioxide, an ever-present supervillain of climate change. From global warming to ocean acidification, we'll explore and experiment with the chemical and physical properties of this greenhouse gas and its impact on the climate. (1hr)

Year 3 - 8

## Secret Life of Plants

Examine the important parts of plants, both inside and out. There are no magic beans here, just a hands-on introduction to botany for our young scientists. (1hr)

Foundation - Year 3

## Our Breathing System

Travel through our respiratory system, exploring inhalation, exhalation and investigating your own lung capacity. Understand the breathing process and how it is affected by asthma. Get close to real animal lungs as you feel this unique organ and watch it inflate! Includes real sheep lungs. (1hr)

Year 3 - 6

## Magnets: Push & Pull

Investigate the invisible pushes and pulls caused by magnetism. Use mystery objects, trains, compasses and lots of magnets, as you find out more about the strength and direction of this force. (1 hr)

Foundation - Year 3

## Pressure (with Ralph Sinclair OAM)

Step back in time and join Mr Sinclair in the high school science lab of the 1980s. Learn from demonstrations with unique equipment, combined with Ralph's clear explanations to discover the physics of pressure. Parents are welcome to stay and learn too! (1.5hr)

Year 5 - 8

## States of Matter

Learn about states of matter and what goes on inside different molecules. Get hands-on with explosions, dancing colours, links to the water cycle and peculiar oobleck. (1hr)

Year 3 - 6

## Forensic Science: The Case of the Missing Vase

Who stole the priceless brass vase from the Swinburne Museum? Use clues left behind at the crime scene, including hair, ink and a shoeprint, to track down the thief. (1 hr)

Year 3 - 6

