

Principal's Report

School Driveway Use - Before and After School Care, Vacation Care

With the weather warming up, our OSHC students will be playing outside more and it is essential that we keep them safe in the playground. We ask that parents/carers do not drive up the driveway past the staff carpark at any time for drop offs and pick ups. Thank you for helping us keep the kids safe.

Curriculum Days Term 4

We have two remaining curriculum days for 2026. The first is on Monday 5th October (first day of Term 4) and Monday 2nd November (the day before Melbourne Cup Day). The OSHC program will be available on Monday 5th October from 7:00am - 6:00pm for students who require care and staff will be onsite for a professional learning day. There will be no OSHC on Monday 2nd November and teachers will be working on Semester 2 reports.

School Camp 14th - 16th October

Thank you to everyone for returning camp forms. If you indicated that your child has to take medication on camp, we have sent home an extra form to complete, the 'Medication Administration Authorisation'. Please complete this and send it back at the start of term. If you have any questions, please reach out.

2026 School Photos - 29th October

Our 2026 school photos are booked for Thursday 29th October. We will have Tori Coventry from High Country Portraits. Order forms will be sent home at the start of Term 4.

November Election Fundraiser - 28/11

Buxton PS is a polling place for the Victorian State Election this year and we are taking the opportunity to host a fundraising car boot sale, cake stall and sausage sizzle. For any questions about the event, please speak to Kerri Hollingsworth. We will be seeking volunteers early next term.

Kind regards,
Sarah Irving

18th September 2026

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Thank you to our staff and parent helpers who took our students on their excursions to the Immigration Museum and Where is the Green Sheep? this week. These valuable learning experiences take a lot of organising behind the scenes and we appreciate your efforts.

**Wishing everyone a
safe and relaxing
school holiday break!**

Upcoming Events

- 5/10 Term 4 - Student Free Curriculum Day
- 6/10 Term 4 - First day back for students
- 7/10 October School Council Meeting 5pm
- 9/10 Year 6 Transition Visit Alexandra Secondary College - all day
- 14/10 School Camp Golden Valleys Adventure Camp 14th - 16th October
- 29/10 School Photos Day
- 02/11 Report Writing - Student Free Day

Contacts and Bank Info

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Payments

Name: Buxton Primary School Council

BSB: 063 255

Account No: 1012 6565

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support

The SWPBS focus for Weeks 1-2, Term 4 (6/10-16/10) is: LEARNING – We follow the adults' directions

Adults give directions to help everyone learn, participate and feel safe. When we listen and follow directions, we help ourselves and others have a positive day at school.

Good listening means:

- Stopping what we are doing.
- Looking towards the teacher or education support helper.
- Keeping our body calm.
- Listening to the whole instruction.
- Raising our hand to ask questions if we are unsure.



Students of the Week

These superstars speak to themselves kindly and know that mistakes are part of learning!

Term 4 Week 9



Term 4 Week 10



2026/2027 Term Dates

- **Term 4 2026:** Monday 5 October to Friday 18 December 2026
- **Term 1 2027:** Thursday 28 January to Thursday 25 March
- **Term 2 2027:** Monday 12 April to Friday 25 June
- **Term 3 2027:** Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September
- **Term 4 2027:** Monday 4 October to Friday 17 December

Lunch Orders

Lunch Order Dates

Lunch orders are on hold, with no orders until Term 4. Thank you for your understanding.

Orders and payments must be in by the Tuesday before each lunch order day.



Emergency Management Plan and Bushfire Preparedness 2026 - 2027 Season

Dear families,

Emergency Management Plan

We want to let you know about our school's emergency management plan. Our school plans for a range of hazards, such as bushfire, severe weather or medical emergencies. We develop specific response procedures to address these risks. Our comprehensive plan is available to view via uEducateUs under the 'Help and Resources' section.

We also conduct drills regularly, ensuring that our core procedures of on-site and off-site evacuation, sheltering-in-place, and lockdown/lockouts are well-rehearsed and understood by staff and students.

If we enact our emergency management plan, we will notify you by uEducateUs notification, email and text message with updates on our actions. Please do not come to the school unless directed to do so, as you may put yourself and others in danger. If there is anything we need you to do, we will let you know.

In the event of an emergency that impacts telecommunications, we are purchasing a satellite phone so that we can still contact emergency services.

During an emergency, the school will work closely with emergency services to get specific advice to keep our community safe. Additionally, the Department of Education has dedicated emergency management staff to help monitor the situation and provide additional support to schools during emergencies.

Bushfire Preparedness and Risk Rating

The Department of Education works with the CSIRO to assess bushfire risk for schools and early childhood services every year. The assessment uses current data from national and state bushfire authorities. All facilities are assessed on a scale of 0 (highest risk) to 6 (lowest risk). Categories 0-3 are placed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register.

As a result of this year's review, our school's bushfire risk category has increased. Our school is now assessed as Category 2. This change is based on the latest risk information and updated data. This means that we will relocate to Alexandra Primary School when the fire danger rating is Extreme in our local government area (LGA), Murrindindi Shire. Our school will close on days of Catastrophic fire danger in the North Central weather district.

Our pre-emptive relocation plan has been approved by the regional director. I will share more specific details about the relocation plan and how we will communicate with families to enact the plan early next term.

If you have any questions about our school's emergency management plan or our pre-emptive relocation plan for Extreme Rating days, please contact me in person or by phone. Please be assured our top priority is the safety of our students and school community.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Irving
Principal