

Principal's Report

School Camp 14th - 16th October

There is much excitement and nervousness about camp next week and we are looking forward to a great adventure. We are still waiting on a couple of payments and medication authorisation forms to be returned. Please finalise these by Monday. The packing list and other important reminders were shared via uEducateUs on Tuesday.

Non-Campers Activity Days 14th - 16th October

Our students who are not attending camp will not miss out on all the fun. They will come to school as normal, but spend the three days doing a range of outdoor activities, art and craft and maybe some cooking. They can wear casual clothes on these days.

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 information is attached to this newsletter and there is a QR to scan that takes you to the online order form.

Lunch Orders

We are putting the call out to see if there are any parents/carers who would be interested in volunteering to do our lunch orders for students? We have previously offered lunch orders fortnightly on a Friday. We could set up a roster so that volunteers only had to do it once or twice a term. Staff can manage order forms, purchasing the stock and taking payments. Our volunteers would only need to prepare the food. Katrina is happy to come and visit to train people and create a handbook so that we know what to do. If you would be interested in helping, please let me know.

Student Support Group Meetings (SSGs)

After camp week, we will be reaching out to families who participate in SSGs to book meetings. We are happy to meet with all parents at any time, just speak to the teachers to organise a time.

Kind regards,
Sarah Irving

9th October 2026

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2027 Prep Transition Dates:

- 06/11/26 9:00am - 11:15am
- 13/11/26 9:00am - 11:15am
- 20/11/26 9:00am - 11:15am
- 27/11/26 9:00am - 12:30pm
- 04/12/26 9:00am - 12:30pm
- 08/12/26 9:00am - 2:30pm

Upcoming Events

- 14/10** School Camp Golden Valleys Adventure Camp 14th - 16th October
- 29/10** School Photos Day
- 02/11** Report Writing - Student Free Day
- 03/11** Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- 06/11** Prep Transition Day 1
- 10/11** School Review 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 have been great at following teachers' directions

Term 3 Week 1



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

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Lunch Order Dates

Lunch orders are on hold, with no orders for now. 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 in the next couple of weeks.

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



Buxton Primary School 2026 School Photo Order

**Scan here to order your
child's
school photos – Order & pay
online in just a few clicks**

All available photo
package options are detailed
in the form & if you're
ordering a package that
includes prints, these will be
delivered to
the school for distribution.



Photos will be taken in
the bushland at Buxton
Primary on **Thursday, 29th
October 2026 at 9am.**

Package Options

<i>Digital</i> INCLUDES 1 x High-resolution digital image 	<i>Treasure</i> INCLUDES 1 x High-resolution digital image 1 x 5x7" print 2 x Wallet-size prints 
<i>Heirloom</i> INCLUDES 1 x High-resolution digital image 2 x 5x7" prints 1 x 8x10" print 4 x Wallet-size prints 	<i>Sibling Portrait</i> INCLUDES 1 x High-resolution digital image 1 x 5x7" print 

*Any questions? Please text
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