WELCOME BACK

A “warm” or a rather “hot” welcome back to our BUPS families and new families to BUPS the Polyhronidis, Canavan and McGinnes families for the start of term 4. Term 3 was a rather busy term, with many outstanding achievements by individuals and as a school collective. To finish the term on such a high with the school production, speaks volumes on the cohesiveness of staff, students and parents that make BUPS. The reviews and feedback for this year’s production were very positive and complementary. We congratulate the entire production team and especially the children who performed so well, as well as our producer and director Ms Jackie DeKoning.

The past two weeks provided families with the opportunity to reconnect as a unit, reflect on the previous term and it also gave them the time to think of the learning opportunities that are ahead of us. It is during these times of reflection that we realise the importance of the family unit and the importance of every member of the team playing their designated role. The size of the learning team at BUPS is rather significant. Thank you for how you continue to play your role in the learning process of every student at BUPS.

As advised previously, the first Newsletter of each school term is a short “hard copy” Bulletin distributed to all families. Thereafter, the Newsletter will be posted on the school’s website www.bups.vic.edu.au and accessed through the Home page. There will also be some hard copy Newsletters available on the display unit in the school foyer. As a 5 Star Sustainable School, we endeavour to minimise the natural resources that we use and reduce the size of our ecological footprint on this planet.

NO SCHOOL CLOSURE ON DAYS OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER RATINGS

Yesterday afternoon I received an email from the Department indicating that there has been a misunderstanding of the status of schools on days of EXTREME fire danger rating. The instruction now is that no school in Victoria will close on EXTREME Days. Therefore, could you please disregard what information I have provided you with regarding EXTREME fire danger rating days. My apologies for this.
This means that BUPS will only be closed on CODE RED fire danger rated days. Once the declaration is made to us at BUPS, we will be communicating the school closure by means of a note to be sent home, an SMS text that will be made to all parent mobile phones, posted on the school's facebook page, posted on the school's website.

We will follow the same procedure as we have done with past CODE RED fire danger rated days. Please make plans for the care of your children now before we experience a CODE RED day.


A reminder that it is school council policy that in Terms 1 and 4, ALL children and staff are required to have a spare set of clothes in the classroom, in the event of a bushfire drill/incident. A long sleeved top and trousers made out of wool or cotton, needs to be labelled with your child's name and placed in a named, clear plastic bag and given to the class teacher. Over-sized pyjamas are ideal as the students are required to put them on over their school uniform.

**SCHOOL HATS**

The wearing of school hats during outside lessons and also play times is compulsory. Please ensure that your child's hat is named to avoid confusion. Hats may be purchased from Beleza School Uniforms or through the front school office.

**MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

In 2015, Mental Health Week will run from **Sunday 4th to Saturday 10th October**. World Mental Health Day is marked every year on the same date: 10th of October.

Mental Health Week aims to activate, educate and engage Victorians about mental health through a week of interactive events across the state.

From its beginnings in 1985, the week has grown to encompass hundreds of events and a multitude of individuals, community groups and service providers throughout the state promoting mental wellbeing, furthering knowledge about mental health and eliminating the stigma surrounding mental illness.

At BUPS, we provide a positive approach to mental health through our wellbeing You Can Do It program, whose focus is on building social, emotional, and motivational capacity of young people rather than on their problems and deficits. It encourages prevention, promotion, and intervention efforts (school, home and community) in order to build the social and emotional strengths of young people.

Class teachers provide lessons in the five Foundations- Confidence, Persistence, Organization, Getting Along and Resilience in a respectful environment. In addition, pastoral care is provided by all staff, including our school chaplain Stephanie Van Wyk and psychologists Ivan Watson and Pauline Cavalot.

This week, chaplain Stephanie will be working in classrooms, talking with children about some of the realities of life and how we can positively address challenging situations. Stephanie is available to meet with parents from 8.30am - 9.00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Nick Karanzoulis**

**Looking after the Ladies**

Thank you to the Kruger and Justice families for looking after the chooks over the holidays.

**ICY POLE FRIDAYS**

When: Friday lunchtimes in Term 4
Where: Under the Pine Tree
Cost: 50c

If you are able to assist with selling icy poles, we’d love to hear from you. Please email Melanie Naismith at rob.n.mel@bigpond.com

**COOKBOOK**

Thank you for your orders and front cover entries. (If you’ve forgotten to place your order, please see the office this week.)

**PFA MEETING**

When: Tuesday 13th October 9am
Where: Staffroom

We would love to see as many people as possible at this meeting as we will be planning our 2016 calendar. Bring along your ideas!!

**SICK BAY ROSTER**

Thank you to the Wild family, who will be washing the sheets in sick bay this week.