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BUPS NEWSLETTER

"Respect, Persistence, Confidence, Organisation, Excellence & Team Work" BUPS Strategic Plan

Tuesday 21st February, 2023

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Important Dates

Wednesday	22nd Feb	No Preps at school today Prep English Online Assessments District Swimming Noble Park Aquatic Centre
Friday	24th Feb	Grade 5-6 Interschool sport vs Bridgewood Human Powered Vehicles (HPV) trial
Monday	27th Feb	HPV Parent information evening 5pm School Council meeting 7pm
Friday	3rd Mar	Grade 5-6 Interschool sport vs Officer Clean up Australia day
Tuesday	7th Mar	Grade 1-2 Ecolinc excursion 12H & 12W
Wednesday	8th Mar	Division Swimming
Friday	10th Mar	Grade 5-6 Interschool sport vs Pakenham
Monday	13th Mar	Labour Day public holiday - no students at school
Tuesday	14th Mar	Grade 1-2 Ecolinc excursion 12B
Tuesday	21st Mar	Grade 1-2 Ecolinc excursion 12C & 12G
Monday	27th Mar	School Council meeting 7pm
Tuesday	28th March	School Photos
Friday	31st March	Grade 5-6 Lightning Prem
Monday	3rd April	Regional Swimming Rosebud

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a wonderful day we had for the Village Fair. A HUGE thanks to the PFA for all the work that went into organising and manning the PFA stall. In particular, I'd like to thank Kristy Walters and her husband who collected the equipment and set up very early in the day.

Having tasted the wonderful egg and bacon rolls and later the delicious treats for afternoon tea, I know that the community were well fed!

Thanks again to all the teachers that supported the children and a special thanks to Mr Armstrong who represented the staff in the tower run. Congratulations to all the current and ex students that ran, we had some significant results and some very proud kids showing me their medals.

I'd like to thank the students who assisted the Village Festival Committee by cleaning up the area and demonstrating environmental sustainability through their actions. Well done Enviro warriors (and thanks Mrs Kirby for coordinating them).

We have a very strong focus on rebuilding our community connectedness this year and I hope that over the year you can come and see what we are doing. Today we had many parents and friends here to help the P-2 children make pancakes. It was lovely to see so many parents in the foyer today ready for the big event.

You may already know that we have begun our clubs' program at lunchtime. As part of this program, we have initiated a "Kinder club". During lunchtime 10 students are escorted to the Kinder (on rotation as it's a very popular club) to play, read to and get to know the Kinder kids.

Our new STEM program has been a big hit with the kids, and I love to drop by and see the amazing activities provided for the kids to explore.

Last week our Learning Specialists (Mr Payne and Mr Cullen) began our maths high ability groups. The aim of these session is to develop an interest in mathematics and the problem solving skills of the students involved.

Don't forget that on Friday we are having a 'try it and see' session for the Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) program, followed by a Parent information session next Monday, 27th February, from 5pm – 6pm.

While reminding parents of information sessions, Donna McDonald is running an information session on Thursday at 4.30pm to explain how our intervention program operates and the research behind our practice. Hope you can make it.

Vicki Miles

Prep Power



Over the past two weeks we have seen the children settle into our classroom routines more comfortably. There is a lot to learn about how to behave, where to place belongings as well as how to navigate the playground during recess and lunch, among many other important skills. So do not be surprised if your child is coming home exhausted!

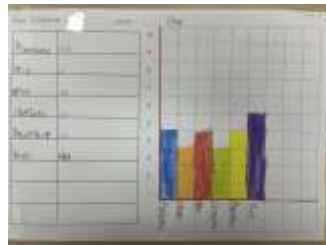
In literacy we have been learning about the letters S, A, T, P, I, and N. We are learning the most common sounds these letters make, as well as how to write them in both upper and lower-case. If you would like to support your child to remember these letters and their sounds, then you could try to find them in the rich literature picture books you are reading.

In numeracy, we are learning how to count. Many children come to school knowing how to rote count beyond 20, and this is an important skill. In class, our focus is on counting, ensuring we count each object only once. Ask your child how they can do this, do they point or move each object? You could also ask your child to assist with everyday tasks that require counting, such as putting four forks on the table, or getting six apples when at the supermarket.

The Prep Team,
Rachel, Alex and Gabby



Junior School News



Wow! What a fantastic beginning to the school year we have had in 1/2. This week in Maths, students have been collecting data and graphing the results. We have also been practising skip counting and figuring out the most efficient way to count a collection of objects.

In Writing, we have been looking at how to structure and organise our writing, so our writing makes sense. During our Reading sessions, students have been learning new sounds and practising how to blend and decode unknown words. Yesterday you should

have received your Decodable Readers Australia login and a rich literature picture book. Please remember to bring in your reader bag every day.

A friendly reminder to please return media permission slips and bring in your fire clothes.

The 1/2 Team - Naomi, Lachlan, Clare, Carla, Hayley, Adele.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

It has been a whirlwind few weeks in year 3/4. Our students have been a part of the school swimming carnival, where they all did an amazing job participating and challenging themselves. We are all incredibly proud of how well they did. Our maths high achievers program has kicked off with 16 grade threes working to improve their problem solving skills with Mr Payne and Mr Cullen.

It was amazing to see so many year 3/4 students at the BUPS village festival having a wonderful time being a part of this great community. Best of luck to all the students heading to district swimming on Wednesday.

3/4 Team,

Matthew Payne, Michelle Haritou, Paige Love, Hayley Stammers, Beth Groves and Lauren Wilson.

Sensational Seniors Scoop



Our 5/6 students visited the FIRESTORM exhibition at the Community Centre yesterday, quite an eye-opening experience for many. We have been studying bushfires in general and the Ash Wednesday fires in particular over the last couple of weeks and we have been very impressed with the students' maturity when dealing with these sensitive concepts. Students shared stories from family members who lived through the experience and learnt new and interesting facts about our community.

We have been collecting data about students' place value knowledge in Maths while refreshing their understanding of time. In Writing, students have been revising their knowledge of the purposes for writing and the writing process from an idea, thinking, draft, revision, editing and publishing.

There are many students who have still not brought Fire Clothes to school as yet. These are kept in our Shelter In Place building so that, in the unlikely event of a bushfire, students can be better protected from radiant heat.

There are also a number of students who have not returned their Media Permission forms.

As per our Homework Policy which was sent home with your child in week 2, children are expected to read for a minimum of 4 nights per week, for a minimum of 20 minutes, record the title of the book in their diary and ask an adult to sign each entry to acknowledge the effort. These diaries are to be handed into your child's class teacher on a weekly basis for checking. Diaries are also used for communication between school and home and for students to record reminders for themselves about events and expectations and, as such, should be in school bags at all times. We appreciate your support with this.

Regards, James, Ben, Bec and Karine

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students

Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5944 3591 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

WOW!! What an amazing Village Festival I hope everyone had a lovely time.

A very special thank you to all the families that helped and baked, there is simply too many to name but it has not gone unnoticed.

If you have any feedback or ideas for 2024 please let email us pfa.bups@gmail.com

ICY POLES will be sold this Friday near the pine tree at lunch time. If you wish for your child to have one please send them to school with 50c.

Kristy Walters
PFA President



ENVIRO WARRIORS

There should be quite a few kids (and parents) feeling very proud of themselves for volunteering to be 'Enviro Warriors' at the Village Festival on Sunday. The kids did an excellent job educating the community and making sure that their rubbish was disposed of correctly, to make the festival a 'waste free' event.

Many thanks to these fantastic Enviro Warriors... Lily K, Kye P, Jarrah MC, Matilda G, Lily D, Makayla H, Jordi D, Maci H, Ellie F, Ben S, Ella L, Beau L, Georgia B, Albert J, Audrey J, Oliver F, Hugo F, Patrick L, Liam P, AJ T, Joel W and Aisha S.

Also, it was terrific to have support from the following parents as well... Sherril, Melissa, Cathy, Nat, Melissa and Paige. Thank you so much everyone, what awesome community members you are!

Also, while we're thanking great community members, a special mention to Logan R, Max M, Jarrah MC, Archer C, Ethan S, Aaliyah B and Ashton P, who all helped clean up the tennis court at the Community Centre prior to the festival, demonstrating plenty of grunt and stamina on a warm summer's day. Thanks kids!

CHECK IT OUT!

Make sure you come in and check out what the kids have been up to in Art during the first couple of weeks. We've been on a mission to make sure all our display boards are showing off our kids' awesome art skills, so make sure you come in for a squiz! Here's a sneak peak...



Conveyance Allowance

Parents who live 4.8km's or more from the nearest Public School Ground may be eligible to claim conveyance allowance from the department for travel expenses. If you fall into this category please contact the office prior to Wednesday 15th March to either: check your details if you have had a claim in previous years, OR fill out a form if you are new to the school.

Bushfire safety

In Term 1 & 4 we ask that students have bushfire clothing at school to put on over the top of their uniforms in the case of a fire. Please label the clothing. Clothing needs to be fire resistant – many children wear Pyjamas (check they are fire resistant) as they are easy to put on and off. The clothes are requested as an extra protection from radiant heat.



Instrumental Music Lessons- on school campus
Places available for Term 1, 2023



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Only \$20.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home –contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

P: 1300 362 824 E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

Eggs for sale

Our girls are laying at the moment and we are selling 1 dozen eggs for \$4 at the office.



Parent Volunteer Inductions

If you are interested in helping out in the classrooms for any events, then you need to complete a Volunteer Induction.

I will be running Volunteer Inductions every Friday in February starting at 2:30pm in the staffroom. Please come along with your current Working With Children's Check. No need to book in, just turn up.

Volunteer Inductions need to be redone every year.

SICK BAY ROSTER

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



Our school yard is supervised from 8.45am – 9.00am and 3.30 – 3.45pm. Please ensure that students are not dropped at school before this time, our OSHC facility is there to provide supervision before and after school.

Notes on sentral

Local Excursions permission

Grade 5-6 PG Movie permission

Holland Festival
18TH MARCH 2023
AKOONAH PARK BERWICK
Fabulous Dutch food, live music and great family fun
10AM TO 6PM
WWW.HOLLANDFESTIVAL.ORG.AU

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LITERACY INTERVENTION BRINGS YOU SOME LITERACY
TIPS & ACTIVITIES TO TRY AT HOME

Synonym Challenge

At random times in the week, whilst talking with your child, announce 'Synonym Challenge!', meaning that they have to think of another word to say to replace the word they just used. Encourage your child to challenge you at different times as well! It's great way to enhance their vocabulary.

A synonym is a word that means exactly or almost the same thing as another word. Some examples include small and tiny or shopping and groceries.

Literacy
Intervention
Donna McDonald

Hello B.U.P.S community and families,

We are very happy to see many new faces at OSHClub this year and we would love to keep welcoming students into our stimulating and adventurous service.

As of Monday the 20th of February 2023 we are launching a new program within our service. It consists of the morning sessions called rise and shine and the afternoon sessions called stay and play. We have been working extremely hard to create a range of adventures for different students with different interests. We also have new exciting menu items which encourage the engagement of our children to create and explore some of their favorite foods.

We welcome you all into our OSHClub service to have a chat to one of the educators and to look at our new menus and programs.

Tahlia (coordinator), Despina (educator) and Alycia (educator)

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SUNDAY
26th FEBRUARY
11am-1pm

FREE TENNIS

OPEN DAY

UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB
SUTHERLAND PARK RESERVE

- 19 Stoney Creek Rd, Upper Beaconsfield, Victoria, 3808 -

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

ENJOY SOME **FREE** COACHING OR JUST HAVE A SOCIAL HIT AND SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL CLUB!

- Free Tennis Australia Hot Shots
- Free Cardio Tennis
- Radar gun to test your serve
- Free court usage
- Free BBQ
- UBTC raffle and much more...

ALL WELCOME!!!

Please register your attendance at the below link, to help the UBTC committee cater accordingly:
play.tennis.com.au/upperbeaconsfieldtennisclub/Events

For further information please contact:

UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB - upperbeaconsfieldtc@gmail.com

ULTIMATE TENNIS MELBOURNE - Karen Webber, 0403 454 554, karen@ultimatetennismelbourne.com

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Ask the whole family to join in and walk, ride, skate or scoot to school, the parks or the shops...

