



# The Buxton Bulletin

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Growth

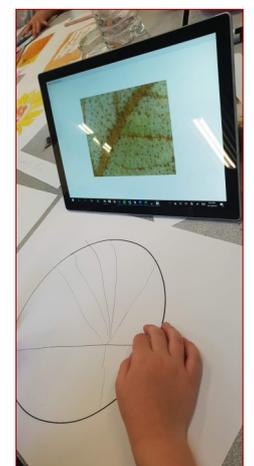
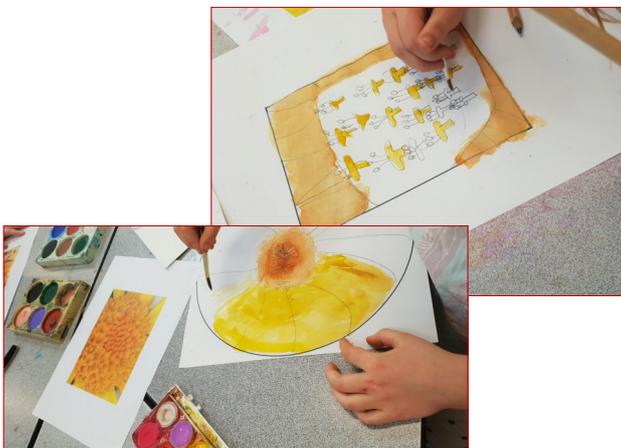
Thursday 24th October 2019

## Principal's Report

Our investigation into 'growth' (our school value) has led to some interesting learnings from students. Whilst the specimens we have selected to observe over a few months (ground coffee, cheese, an apple core, yoghurt) have grown in unusual and smelly ways, we are also using tools such as 'The Big Life Journal' and 'The Resilience Journal' to explore personal growth. We have worked together to role-play different ways kids can help their friends if they are being bullied, discussed growth mindsets and started to create some 'positive self-talk' sentence starters for those occasions when we might doubt our ability to tackle a new problem.

Students have been planning narratives based around the idea of mental growth and/or physical growth. Our focus has been building our ideas in the planning phase so that the writing and construction of the stories can be purposeful and cohesive. The final product from our students will be the design of a 'stop-motion' film that tells the story of growth. We will host a film night later in the term to celebrate these stories from our amazing and creative storytellers.

Our After-School Art program has seen great interest from children in the community and I welcome all children who are interested in building their creative skills further. This term, students have been observing a specimen (leaf, flower, bug, feather etc) under a digital microscope and then replicating this specimen in an artwork. These artworks will be on display at the Marysville Art Show from next Friday. Thank-you to all the students who do attend these sessions, and it great to see so many kids from our community coming along.



### **Walk to School:**

We will be walking to school tomorrow, from 8.15am. We aim to walk to school each Friday for Term 4, and we want to see lots of our students enjoying this fun, healthy, active end to the school week.

Next week is our community walk to school event, where we are encouraging community members to join us in a walk from the park to our school. We will host a breakfast platter with fresh fruit and yoghurt back at school for all participants. Parents, family friends, grandparents, uncles and aunties are all welcome to come along.

### **Fire Safety:**

At the end of Term 3, Buxton CFA facilitated a workshop for community members. A number of resources were given out at the workshop and some spares have been attached to the newsletter.

### **Buxton Bush Dance:**

Please come along and join the Marysville Triangle Dance Group for a night of bush dancing on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, from 7.30pm. Our students are learning different dances which will be performed on the night, and we would love to see as many families in attendance as possible. The event costs \$5.00, and we will provide supper for all participants.

### **Project Rokit:**

Project Rokit came to our school on Thursday 17th October to talk with families about cyberbullying and social media use with primary school aged children. Elsa and Amal provided a wealth of knowledge and information that will hopefully support safe and respectful use of social media platforms for the families who attended. Some key take-away messages from the night were:

As adults, we can model pro-social behaviours that we would like our children to develop;

As the adults and parents, it is helpful to be aware of the platforms our children are using and to better understand the privacy settings for these platforms;

The popular social media platforms like Instagram and Facebook have excellent privacy settings that families can explore together to manage online access and content;

There are some really helpful websites to provide support and information for parents: [safety.gov.au/parents](https://www.safety.gov.au/parents) is a fantastic resource that explores cyberbullying tips, first access to social media and online technology, hashtags, developing early habits around empathy and respect.

[Fosi.org](https://www.fosi.org) is an online American site that provides families with resources and videos on digital parenting tips. FOSI has some interesting online safety cards that help parents navigate conversations with children around agreements/boundaries for online use. We have attached an example online safety card around use of phones that families may like to use to facilitate safety conversations together. There are also templates for use of tablets and gaming systems.

[Gameaware.com.au](https://www.gameaware.com.au) is a site that provides information for gamers and parents of gamers on how to foster good habits about online gaming safely and responsibly.

If you are concerned about your child's online activity or would like to know more, please speak with Andrew.

### **Tinkering:**

Our students have been enjoying the tinkering shed, building and experimenting with the drill, hammers and nails glue, paint and other bits and pieces. It is a great way to spend a recess or lunch time!



### **Menzies Support Services:**

Our school has been invited to meet and support participants in the Menzies Sports Day in Alexandra on Friday the 1st November. We would love to support people in our community with disabilities, and this is a great opportunity to build our network and explore growth. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the attached permission form. We would appreciate the support of a family who may be able to drive some students in to Alex and then back to school again.

### **Welcome:**

This week we welcomed 2 future students of Buxton Primary School, Ella and Alice. It has been a pleasure to work with both girls for 3 days this week, and we look forward to seeing you at Buxton Primary School in 2020, where Alice will be in Grade 4, and Ella in Grade 2.



### **New Groundsman:**

After a recent conversation, we have asked Josiah to be our school groundsman. Josiah already works hard with Wendy, volunteering at our school to help organise the tool shed, the kitchen, weed the gardens and move piles of leaves, and we are excited that Josiah would like to be our school groundsman, where he will be involved in helping keep our school looking tidy and welcoming. Great work Josiah!

*Andrew Bagnall*

# Students of the Week



This week we would like to recognise 2 students for their achievements at school.

Our first student of the week is Chloe, for making fantastic progress with her reading. Chloe knows that when she perseveres and persists with her reading, she can achieve strong growth.  
Great work Chloe, don't give up!

Our second student of the week is Blake.  
Blake joined our school last week, and he has not missed a day of school yet! Blake makes our school a better place to be, and we are looking forward to support Blake with his learning.  
Well done on your 100% attendance so far Blake!



## Important Dates:

**Thursday 24th October**

School Council Meeting

**Tuesday 29th October**

Holmsglen TAFE students visit

**Friday 1st November**

Community Breakfast  
for Walk to School

**Tuesday 19th November**

International Men's Day Event

**Friday 22nd November**

Jam Hot Music Concert 3-4pm

**Friday 29th November**

Marysville Literacy Festival

**Wednesday 18th December**

Christmas Picnic/Celebration

**Thursday 19th December**

Final day for students

**Friday 20th December**

Student free day

## **Cooking at School**

On Wednesday 30th October students at Buxton Primary School are having a pit cook.

We will be cooking corn, damper, potato, banana with chocolate and apples with sultanas and cinnamon.

All students are keen to participate.

If you would like your child to participate in this meal, please send along \$2.00 per student on the day.

Chikita



