

# The Buxton Bulletin

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Growth

Thursday 5th December 2019

## New Principal

I am very pleased to announce that Ms Sarah Irving will be the new Principal of Buxton Primary School. Sarah lives in Alexandra and is passionate about providing contemporary educational opportunities and experiences for students in regional areas. When I informed our students this morning that Sarah will lead the school in 2020 they were very enthusiastic, as most of them know her already. Sarah has previously delivered a 3-D Printing Workshop for us and taught here as a casual relief teacher, and some are familiar with her services through Murrindindi Learning Lab. Sarah will be at school next Tuesday morning as part of our Transition program, and parents are welcome to come in 8.45- 9.30am to meet Sarah. We look forward to welcoming Sarah, and will also invite Sarah to join us for the Christmas Picnic Celebration.

*Jennifer Wood*

*School Council President*

## Principal's Report

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter for 2019! With only 2 weeks of school left, we have a great opportunity to reflect on the successes of this year, and celebrate the milestones and growth with our students. By all accounts (apologies for my absence), the Jam Hot Music Concert was a great success, and a terrific opportunity for our students to showcase their learning in music. Jason's enthusiasm for music and performance has inspired our students to look forward to the weekly music sessions and enjoy the process of learning a new skill. Jason will be returning in Term 1 and 2 next year to continue this program. Well done to everyone involved!

Last night I had the pleasure of celebrating one such achievement with Lea, Chikita and her family. Chikita is the recipient of this year's Rotary Club of Alexandra Encouragement Award. We were proud to offer this as recognition of the values and strengths Chikita brings to our community. Whilst we are sad to see her go to Alexandra Secondary College in 2020, we know this will be a successful transition for her. Well done Chikita!



The After-School Art program has given children from our school and the wider community an opportunity to build stronger connections through creative expression. I am pleased to see that the hard work from our families who have run the program over the years continues, and that the flow on effect sees more people in the community aware of what we do at Buxton. Thank-you to Jane and Jen, who have been instrumental in the after-school art program in the past, as its success today is built on the back of their hard work. It is quite common now for participants from other schools to outnumber students from our school, and this is recognition of the work put in over the years.

**Bush Playgroup:**

Liz Klein has worked as the Playgroup Facilitator at Buxton Playgroup for the past 2 years. Her enthusiasm and passion for early years learning and community engagement has drawn a number of families to our school, and we are grateful for the support from Liz, Sue Porter, and those at Murrindindi Shire who fund the program. In 2020, the playgroup will be moving to Eildon so families in another community have the opportunity to get together and share the joys of early years life. Liz, thank-you for your commitment to our school, our community and a fantastic program, and we look forward to hearing of your success with the Eildon community next year.

**Walk to School:**

We will continue with our Walk to School program for one more week. We have loved the involvement of our local community in this activity, which promotes community cohesiveness. We often get messages from community members who see us walking to school, to say how much they love seeing our school kids out and about. Final Walk to School will be Friday the 13th of December. There will be an appropriate dress theme for this occasion- hope to see you there!

**Swimming program:**

Unfortunately we have been unable to access a swim instructor to run our usual swim program in Term 4. It is really disappointing that we are unable to run such an important program, and we have already made plans to ensure swimming lessons take place early in Term 1. Thank-you for your understanding.

**Literature Festival in Marysville:**

Last week we travelled to Marysville Primary School for the Literature Festival. Students loved the opportunity to meet some authors and to learn more about the planning processes that lead to a finished book. This strongly supports much of the work we have been doing at school around planning ideas and develop a sense of direction before we begin to write the actual text.

Students loved purchasing signed copies of the books and taking these home to share with families.

**International Volunteers Day:**

This morning we celebrated International Volunteers Day with our fabulous volunteers who make such a huge difference at our school. The students wrote speeches to say thank-you, and we have attached them to the newsletter.

We also loved seeing Anthony working with Josiah to put together the fantastic hand rails that will make it easier for people to walk up and down the stairs. Our next job will be to paint the rails and the edges of the steps. What a team!

**Christmas Picnic Celebration:**

Our end of year picnic celebration will begin from 5.00pm. We invite families and our community members to come along and celebrate an exciting end to the year. Please bring along a plate of food to share and your singing voices for some Christmas Carols. If you plan on bringing food that contains nut or seafood, please make sure you clearly label the plates as there will be children with anaphylactic reactions to nut and seafood products attending. Thank-you.

**Playground Audit:**

We recently conducted a playground audit to identify any potential risks that need to be addressed. The audit identified the large pyramid climbing net as a safety concern because the wires at the top of the frame have been exposed causing the ropes to lose their tension. Unfortunately this means the climbing pyramid will need to be removed. This will occur as soon as possible.

**Andrew Bagnall**

**Final School Day for 2019**

The final day of attendance for students at Buxton Primary School is **Friday 20th December**. Students will be dismissed at 2.10pm.

# Student of the Week



Alice is this week's Student of the Week.

Alice has a great moral compass and stands up for what she thinks is fair and right. We love to see students stand up for their rights and the rights of others.  
Well done Alice!

## Important Dates:

**Tuesday 10th December**

Statewide Transition Day

**Wednesday 18th December**

Christmas Picnic Celebration

**Friday 20th December**

Final day for students

## **2020 Term Dates**

### **Term 1**

28th January—Teachers begin

29th January—Students begin

27th March—Final day

### **Term 2**

14th April to 26th June

### **Term 3**

13th July to 18th September

### **Term 4**

5th October to 18th December

## **Thank You to our Wonderful Volunteers**

Thank you School Council for managing our school so that it can be the best it can be. Thank you Jen, Kelly, Katie and Lea for giving up your time for our school. From managing money to letting us buy things like stationary, musical instruments and sandwich presses. Thank you for helping out with fundraisers for our school, you really help our school to be the best.

Thank you Wendy and Josiah for making our school a stunning place to be. From weeding, mulching, organising and removing leaves to prevent fires and make our school safe. Also a huge appreciation to Josiah for being a groundsman, you really do make a difference and I must say walking around our school I notice all the hard work you have put in to making our school look amazing. Wendy, every student really does appreciate the amazing job at cleaning and organising our school you do. The kind of person I am I hate mess, clutter and filth. So coming to school every morning and the floor is vacuumed, the toilets are clean and the rest is neat and tidy is so satisfying.

Dear Beryl,

We hope you get better soon and all is well with your new hip. We want to say thank you for the things you have done for our school. We are grateful for the time you donate to read with us. We also know you are always ready to help us with a sausage sizzle.

We wish you were here so we could say thank you in person. We hope are up and about for Christmas day.

Lots of love the students and teachers from B.P.S

Dear Wendy

You're a FANTASTIC person, you make so many people happy. You always put a smile on our faces. To see you every Tuesday we get a RUSH of excitement. When I was younger you helped me persevere with my reading. You make the effort to come to hear and read with nearly everyone in the school every single time you come here. So I just want to say thanks, from me, and from everyone. THANK YOU and HAPPY INTERNATIONAL VOULENTEERS DAY!



## Chikita's Encouragement Award Response.

Hi, my name is Chikita and I am from Buxton Primary. I am so thankful to the Alexandra Rotary Club for providing the Encouragement Award.

I appreciate all the time my teachers and principals have put in to help me have a successful schooling at Buxton Primary School.



I have been at Buxton Primary School since prep. I have enjoyed so many opportunities this amazing little school provided such as the Boite Choir, Kids Teaching Kids, representing the school at the War Memorial, Somers Camp, Ruccis Circus.

I especially enjoyed joining in with the Triangle sewing group and producing boomerang bags to inform the community to be more resourceful with their bag use. I have also really enjoyed connecting with our natural environment with native plants and animals, my favorite is our resident kangaroo and our feisty family of kookaburras. Through this I have learned a lot more about not littering. I also really enjoyed taking one of our school chickens to the Alex Show and winning Best Bantam. I am sad to be leaving but also so excited to start my new adventure at Alexandra Secondary College.



## JUNIOR NETBALL 2020

Grab your friends & join the fun!

### JUNIOR-B-COMPETITION

This exciting and fun introductory netball competition is open for all children in grades 4-6, and is a great way to learn new skills in a fun environment. Season will commence February 2020 and will run through Term 1 and 2. Further information will be available at your child's school soon.

### NET-SET-GO

Plans are underway for season 2020! Next year we will be starting in late February and will run during term 1 and 2. Net-Set-Go is open to all boys and girls aged 5-10 years attending primary school. More information will be provided at the beginning of February.



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