



19 February 2021

Bunyip Primary School

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

Wed 24

District Swimming Sports
- Selected Students

Wed 24

Bus Forms Due

March

Mon 8

Public Holiday

Tues 9

Curriculum Day

Wed 10

ROAR Parent Session

Thurs 11 & Fri 12

Student ROAR
Sessions

Tues 30

School Athletics Day

April

Thurs 1

End Term 1 - 2.30pm
Finish

Junior Team

Miss Withers, Mr Kent, Mrs Guy, Mrs Wahl and Tamara

Thank you to everyone for being so patient and resilient with this latest lock down. We hope our students and families took the time to enjoy some learning activities from our choice boards. We really enjoyed our first Buddie session with our Grade 6 Buddies. We all had a lot of fun. We were so happy to be back at school together on Thursday and Friday, seeing all our beautiful students' faces loving their learning and friendships in the playground.



SENIOR TEAM

Mrs Howard, Mr Craig, Miss Maxine and Leanne



What a resilient bunch we are...students and teachers! It was a great effort from everyone concerned to get through our snap lockdown and back to home learning. It was actually a great chance to revise some things from the start of the year....and to enjoy the sunshine in our own backyards.

Congratulations to our new House Captains for 2021! We were very proud of the way students conducted themselves throughout the selection process, and so excited that we were able to share the news at an assembly with parents! A special congratulations to those Grade 5 students who stepped up into the nomination process at the last minute, due to a lack of Grade 6 students in one House. It was terrific to see these students give a speech, with little preparation, and present themselves so well. This is a real testament to the program of Leadership that builds throughout the school over the years our students are with us. Well done everyone!

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Principal Report:

School Council Elections:

Nominations for School Council are now being called for and will be due by next Monday the 22nd of February.

Student Leadership:

This week our grade 6 Leaders are running an activity on what being respectful looks like, sounds like and feels like. The student's ideas have been recorded on to life size body cut outs. Keep an eye out for these on display, around the school.



Next week they will be running an activity to do with friendship. As part of this activity we would like the students to all make a friendship bracelet. If you happen to have spare beads for making bracelets, we would happily accept donations.

Covid lockdown:

Thank you to all of our families for their resilience with the most recent lockdown. We are very grateful that it was only for 3 days and that we now have all of our students back on site.

Child Safety Policy:

School Council is in the process of reviewing our Child Safe Policies. As soon as these are ratified at our March School Council meeting they will be made available to all families.

Bunyip Primary School has a zero tolerance for child abuse and prioritises the health, well-being and safety of our students

Jenny Dowsett
Principal



Middle Team

Miss Berry, Mrs Beilby, Mr Pratt,
Mrs Munday, Miss Lewis,
Ms Preston and Miss Sever

We had lots of fun at Tae Kwon Do
last week.



This week's Student Achievers!



1/2 Guy

Olivia

Responsible, Resilience & Respect

The students chose Olivia, but because we weren't at school the whole week we will wait until next week to let you know the lovely things our grade said about Olivia.

3/4 Pratt

Adam T

Responsible

He got this achievement award for always taking responsibility for his learning and the learning of others. He always asks thoughtful questions in class and tries his best with the work he completes.

5/6 Craig

Evie L

Responsible, Resilience & Respect

She got this achievement award for having an amazing week. She is a great member of our class and she always enters the room with a smile. Well done!

3/4 Munday/Lewis

Sophie S-C

Responsible

She got this achievement award for always presenting her work beautifully, having a gorgeous smile & being a good helper.

5/6 Maxine

Erin R

Respect

She got this achievement award for helping all classmates in a respectful manner. She is always happy to help.

2/3 Berry/Beilby

Bailen A

Responsible

He got this achievement award for always giving his absolute best in all areas of his schooling. Well done, Bailen!

5/6 Howard

Siahli M

Responsible

She got this achievement award for being a caring and helpful student to others in our class.

Congratulations



Library Lingo!



It has been wonderful to see all our students enjoying their time back in the Library. Our Preps are enjoying the books we have been exploring and becoming used to Library procedures and expectations. The Library Monitors are proving to be the most enthusiastic helpers I have seen for many years! Sorting and shelving books and coming in regularly to see if there are extra things to do really impressed me. During opening times students have been visiting in droves, so nice to see! I think our Library space has definitely been missed!





Chaplain's Corner

By Donna Kumaraperu

Quote of the Week

"I am thankful for my struggle because without it, I wouldn't have stumbled up my strength." - Alexandra Elle

Like many of you, when I listened to Dan Andrews announce this most recent lockdown I had a wave of thoughts and emotions - frustration, disappointment, sadness etc. Just as life felt like it was getting back to some sense of normal we are told to push the pause button. Right at that moment I had a choice... do I choose to let frustration win OR do I practise what I tell my students and look for the positives? As I sat contemplating my choice I opened up a book to read the above quote and my choice was made for me.

While there are many things that we can not control about this current situation, there is some things we can control and that is our responses; our feelings; our mindset and our thoughts. We control the choice to focus on the struggle OR to focus our strength.

I'm not saying it's easy - in fact this took me some time to wrestle with but can I encourage you to make some time on your own or with your family to find 5 things you are thankful for during this time and focus on those things

Cheering you all on,

Donna - school chaplain

