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Bunbury Primary School Newsletter

An Independent Public School

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Our Values: Respect Responsibility Care Achievement

Our Motto: Strive to Achieve

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents and Carers.

Thank you for welcoming me into the Principal's position. I look forward to community in my role as Principal.

Thank you to the school Board for their work on getting the School Business Plan be held. completed and the Traffic Survey they

Regards Franca Dillon conducted.

MR DOHERTY'S RETIREMENT ASSEMBLY A special whole of school celebration assembly to farewell and wish Mr Doherty all the best on his retirement will be held on Friday the 1st of December at 9.00am.



HEALTH & HYGIENE As we are getting more cases in the community of COVID and other health conditions. I ask parents and carers to not send their child to school if they are unwell. Whilst the school continues to implement hygiene practices, the best protection against viruses is to minimise exposure. Your support in helping to minimise exposure is important.

PEAC 2024/25 RESULTS Results for PEAC 2024 have been sent to the school. Seven students were offered positions in Year 5 for 2025. Congratulations to: Archer, George, Anna, Rasti, Gus, Eric and Zev. If you would like to know your child's results, please

contact your class teacher. Bunbury PS had a high number of students who qualified to attend.

SCHOOL BOARD The school is calling for nominations to fill one Parent Representative position on the Board. It is a 3-year tenure. Being part of the School Board is an important way to contribute to continuing to work with the Bunbury PS the school. Please use the following link: https://forms.office.com/r/ PzhxYppY3w if you are interested in nominating for the Board together with an approx.200-word application on why you would like to join. If more than one nomination is received and election will

> DIGITECH FILM PRODUCTION As part of our role as a DigiTech school we were asked to share some of our ideas about the implementation of Digital Technologies curriculum. To do this, a production crew from Perth visited the school to gather footage of the Administration Team, Teachers and Students. The information will be used to create case studies to assist other schools in WA with the implementation and integration of Digital Technologies. The video will also be used to support the Department of Education Digital Capability Framework and the Teaching for Impact document.

> FIRST LEGO LEAGUE CHALLENGE This will be held on Sunday at Bunbury Senior High School. There are teams from Year 5 and 6 who will be participating. Students will apply their STEM skills as

part of the competition. We wish all students participating the best of luck. Thank you to Mrs Munday and Mrs Marley for co-ordinating and working with students after school each week to prepare for the competition.



DATES TO WATCH

~ Please be aware dates are subject to change ~

Wed 29 Nov: Kindy Meeting, Library 9.15am Tues 5 Dec: Yr 6 Bunbury SHS Orientation Day Wed 6 Dec: 2024 PP Meeting, Library 9.00am Wed 6 Dec: K2 Kindy Concert 10.15am

Fri 8 Dec: Presentation (Class Awards) Assembly

Mon 11 Dec: K1 Kindy Concert 2.15pm

Wed 13 Dec: Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9.00am

Wed 13 Dec: Student Reports Issued Thur 14 Dec: Graduation Excursion Thur 14 Dec: Student's Last Day

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WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

On Friday, October 27th Australia celebrated World Teachers' Day which had the theme, "Hats Off to Teachers". A day to acknowledge the important role that teachers and all school staff play in helping children to be the best student and person they can be. Our non-teaching staff play just as important a role in promoting learning and well-being amongst the children as do the teaching staff. Friday presented a wonderful opportunity to say thank you to staff at our school for the wonderful job they do teaching and caring for your children. Our students prepared a "feather wall" made up of messages of appreciations and a morning tea was held in the staff room.







NUMERO STATE COMPETITION Bunbury Primary School's team of Fabulous Fractions competed in the State Numero Competition last Thursday 9th November.

The Year 6 team of Phoenix, Julian, Ethan and Cohen travelled to North Harrisdale Primary School to compete. Behaviour and sportsmanship was second to none, games were very well played and the students all had a fabulous time. We are proud of their achievements and thank Joe Cockerill and Bridget Archer for transporting the children to the event. Thank also to Mrs Whittaker for her work.



YEAR 6 ENTERPRISE MARKETS As a part of their Economics lessons this

term and to support their graduation activities, the year 6 students held market stalls during lunch on Tuesday 14th November. As a part of the project students needed to form a business, develop their goods and services, set up budgets, conduct market research, promote their businesses, run the stall and evaluate on the success of their business. There was a big variety of activities for students to participate in and lots of yummy treats to enjoy!



INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

Last Friday was the Tuart Division Interschool Athletics Carnival. In what was a very close competition between the top three schools, Bunbury Primary School did extremely well and finished third overall. There were many amazing performances on the day and everyone should be very proud of their efforts. Notable mention to Ashton, Poppy and Rasti who were Runner Up Champions for their age groups.



Special thank you to the Archer family for helping with our shade shelters.



PREPRIMARY 1 BIG SWAMP EXCURSION On Friday, the 3rd of November, Pre-primary One, visited the Big Swamp Wetlands where students were given an opportunity to explore elements of the area and what makes it unique to our local community. Students examined microscopic water life, seedlings in the area and native birds in the area. Our thanks to parent helpers Chris and Nadia Howe and environmental officer Ben Howell for coordinating the event for us. A big thank you to our fabulous parent helpers who helped us walk to and from the Big Swamp.







JUNIOR CHOIR EXCURSION: ST BONIFACE CATHEDRAL The Junior Choir performed for the ladies of the Mothers' Union at St Boniface on November 2nd. The choir had prepared for this event with great anticipation. They had a repertoire of six items ready for the day, which were delivered with aplomb. We had some lead singers who did a fabulous job of leading the choir in three of the songs on the list. Many family members attended and shared in a generous morning tea after the performance. Students delivered their items with aplomb and were proudly commended by all who heard them sing. Well done Junior Choir!



YEAR 6 INCURSION: ACTION PLAN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WORKSHOP

Bunbury Primary school was selected to participate in the state government development of a three-year Action Plan for young people in Western Australia. On Monday 30 of our year 6 students participated. During the workshop students discussed issues, including mental health, wellbeing and inclusion, a voice for young people, success and reaching your potential, and climate change. Students discussed, brainstormed and shared ideas and solutions relating to these issues / topics. They were then asked to write a letter to the minister for youth, Simone McGurk. Student letters shared their concerns and solutions relating to the issues that matter most to them. These issues were then pitched to other students in the class, of the class, and 5 guests representing the department. Thank you to Mr Hodgkinson for coordinating the event who said: 'Wow - what an awesome workshop for our young people







ASSEMBLY: ROOM 13 Room 13's assembly coincided with World Teacher's Day on October 27th. What a perfect chance to dedicate an assembly item to our wonderful teachers! A collaborative artwork was created with the theme "thank you for opening our wings and teaching us to fly" and each student in the school decorated a feather for the wings with a personalised message to their teachers. Mr Doherty Junior (Taylor) and Mrs Palermo II (Julian) helped the students read out some of the messages. Room 13 also wrote a poem dedicated to the teachers and created an iMovie that may have even evoked a tear or two! Our well-dressed 'junior' teachers took charge of a class during assembly and helped in classes throughout the day. Although we were looking forward to "Teachers' Have Talent" we feel sure that Room 13 did a great job making the teachers feel special. Thank you to all the Education Assistants who helped us with the preparation of the wings.





MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Merit Certificates at the assembly on Friday, October 27th October.

Pre-Primary: Matilda, Max, William, Zoeya,

Year 1: Lina, Clay, Noah, Laurence,

Year 2: Blaize, Alexander, Bailey, Elizabeth, Indi-Rose, Harper

Year 3: Brianna, Cove, Anais, Tyler,

Year 4: Asher, Archer, Rasti, Chace, Martin, Rhys,

Year 5: Riveana, Oliver, Benjamin, Cash, Isla,

Year 6: Samuel, Phoenix, Jorja, Cohen, Sari, Emi

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A reminder for our Year 6 students to come in a bit earlier on Tuesday the 21st of November ready for our Transition into High School session with a Kids Helpline session at 8:30 am.



Anxiety

The lead up to the end of year can cause a lot of stress and anxiety. Sometimes anxiety can be helpful. It can help motivate us to perform at our best, finish a project and help us avoid dangerous situations.

There are 3 easy steps that can help you to manage anxiety:

Calm Your Body

- By taking slow calming breaths
- Exercising

Calm Your Mind

- Focus your thoughts on something positive.
- Picture or imagine something pleasant in your brain.
- Daydream / imagining (use a 'mental break' to creatively reimagine your worries).

Turn Your Smart Brain Back On

Once you have calmed down your body and mind, it's important to re-engage your smart brain. Some ways to turn it on are:

- Talk to someone you trust.
- Journalling
- Reading/researching
- · Learn something new.

SMART
C2ASK
Community Expo
FOR PEOPLE NEEDING
A LITTLE HELP

STIRLING STREET
ARTS CENTRE
THURSDAY
23RD NOVEMBER
9AM - 2PM

FREE HELP FROM LOCAL
SERVICE PROVIDERS
Come down for free advice and
even a few pamper services.

CANTEEN APPRECIATION DAY On Friday November 3rd, Jo our Canteen Supervisor and her team of volunteers arrived at work to find a lovely surprise: the canteen decked out in big colourful stars and cards. It was WA Canteen Day, a special day of thanksgiving for our school community to acknowledge the hard work and creative endeavours of our canteen staff. The daily efforts of our canteen staff, and the many volunteers who support our students and our school, have been tremendous this year. Our canteen provides great food, a valuable service for our school. Messages and drawings of thanks and support showed them we don't take their hard work for granted! "Thanks a Bunch and Happy Canteen Day".





AWARDS, GOTCHA WINNERS & PROGRESSIVE FACTION POINTS



Eagles: 14,152 Panthers: 12,997 Lions: 14,018 Dragons: 13,704

Week 3:

Bear Award: 1, 4, 6

Golden Bag Awards: PP1, PP2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13

Week 5:

Bear Award: 1, 2, 3, 8

Golden Bag Awards: 2, 3, 7, 9, 12

ASSEMBLY: ROOM 4

Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Merit Certificates at the assembly on Friday, November 10th 2023.

Pre-Primary: Oakley, John, Michael, Alfie

Year 1: Tom, Ryder, Gretta, Clay, Jacob

Year 2: Skylar, Yuna, Sae, Chipego

Year 3: Kade, Nora, Indiana-Rose, Sophia, Phoebe

Year 4: Abby, Koby, Muhammad, Kanin, Ava, David

Year 5: Evie, Layla, Sage, Connor

Year 6: Ved, Campbell, Harley, Flynn, Isana

ASSEMBLY: ROOM 4 Some student recounts of Room 4 Assembly:

On Friday 10th November Room 4 presented the assembly. Room 4 performed skip counting songs to help everyone learn their times tables. We have been learning these songs all year. Now do you know your times tables? by Tex

On Friday 10th November Room 4 presented the assembly. Our item was about the times tables and we had five people in each group. Each group had to make up their own moves. We really enjoyed our assembly! by Sae





REMINDERS

Graduation RSVP: Graduation invitations went out to our graduating student's families earlier this term. To assist us with the organisation of this event we ask that the RSVPs be completed by Friday 1st December. The link to the online form is: https://forms.office.com/r/MucfYdjLMt

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Proudly presented on behalf of the **Australia Day National Network** for outstanding active citizenship in our school community.

Name Harry

School Bunbury Primary School



For his positive and happy demeanour and the thoughtfulness and kindness he shows all peers and adults. His generous spirit and total respect he shows others is second to none. He is compassionate, truly cares about others and is kind everyone, everyday.



Aussie of the Month

Proudly presented on behalf of the **Australia Day National Network** for outstanding active citizenship in our school community.

Name Georgie

School Bunbury Primary School



Georgie is kind, caring and thoughtful and demonstrates a strong sense of fair play. She always gives her best to all activities and shows a generosity of spirit to others, willing to help whenever required. She is a mature and responsible class member who brings light into the classroom.



P & C News

The Bunbury Primary School P&C End of School Disco is being held on Friday 8th December from 5-7.30pm. Tickets are available on QuickCliq \$6 ticket (prepaid) or \$10 at the door. Online orders close 9am Wednesday 6th December.

Instructions for ordering:

- Open www.quickcliq.com.au
- Home
- Meal Order
- · Select Child
- Select Date (8th December)
- Special Event Tab
- Special Event again (!)
- Make your selections
- Add to Cart
- Under your Order Confirmation you can add another order (for your other children)
- · Checkout and Pay

BUNBURY PRIMARY P & C DISCO GAMES PRIZES 8TH DECEMBER 5.30 - 7.30PM \$6 ENTRY (PREPAID) \$10 ON THE DOOR (CARD ONLY) BEEF/CHICKEN ROLL OR SUSHI, JUICE & ICE PREAM MEAL DEALS. PRE ORDER ONLY FOOD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON NIGHT, AFTER 6.30. BRING GOLD COINS FOR GAMES! TICKET/MEAL PURCHASES THROUGH QUICKCLIO. CLOSE 9AM WEDNESDAY STH DECEMBER PARENTAL SUPERVISION REQUIRED

OSH CLUB

The OSHClub that operates in our school provides out of school hours care at a very reasonable rate. If you are finding that you need to drop your child to school well before 8:30 in the morning, or can't pick them up before 3:20 in the afternoon it would be worth your while checking out the cost of utilising this service.