

BULL CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Wattle G!

At the end of last term, we designed and made fruit/veg characters. We then planned and wrote stories about our characters and published them using Microsoft Word.



This term we are doing cooking every Thursday.

Last Thursday, we made Chocolate Balls!
After making them, we wrote the recipe. Then we got to eat them! They were yummy!! We gave them a star rating out of 5!
Most of us gave them 5 stars!



This term we are starting to learn about clocks and how to tell the time!
Last week we made clocks!
We are learning o'clock and half past this week!



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back and thanks to Wattle 6 for their contribution to this newsletter.

Mrs Martin will have to take medical leave for the next 6-7 weeks from Monday 27 October. Mr Boyes will be the acting Deputy Principal during her period of absence. We have yet to hear who will be replacing Mr Boyes in the classroom.

Virtue Focus for Term 4

Our focus for this term is 'A Fair Go'. Teachers this term will be exploring with children what this means and looks like in our classrooms, school and day to day lives. Please encourage some discussion around this Virtue at home.

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Nicole Usher who has been selected to join the Training Choir (Level 2) of the Australian Youth Choir.



Well done to Destiny Lin who was awarded a Pass with Honours in a recent Australian Music Examination for 5th Grade Musicianship.

Congratulations also to Zhixian Wu for another outstanding effort and medal-winning achievement in the 2008 ICAS – English Test. Zhixian achieved the highest score possible on the test. Zhixian will receive her medal at the next assembly.

It was also very pleasing to see that our school performed exceptionally well overall in this year's NAPLAN testing.

We certainly do have a variety of talented students at Bull Creek Primary.

Personal Use Items

Please find included with this newsletter a copy of the Personal Use Items Requirements for 2009.

Federal Government Tax Refunds

Eligible families can claim 50% of education expenses up to \$750 for each child at primary school and \$1500 for each child in secondary school.

The refund covers spending in a number of areas which will include school workbooks/textbooks and associated material such as study guides and stationery.

The refund is available to families that qualify against Family Tax Benefit Part A.

Enrolments for 2009

It would be helpful for us to know as early as possible if you are planning on a move for next year. If your family is relocating for work etc next year and your children will not be with us in 2009, please let the Office know as soon as possible.

Contributions and Charges

Please find enclosed with this newsletter a copy of the approved Contributions and Charges for 2009. Payment may be made next year on **Wednesday 28 January**, or at any stage during first term.

Fete

Please come along and support the school Fete next Saturday, 1 November. It promises to be a great family afternoon. Helen Wong and the Fete Committee have worked tirelessly to coordinate this event. Please spread the word and encourage family, friends and community members to attend.



Hats with Cords

I'd like to alert you all to the dangers hats with cords can present for young children. Earlier this week a young girl's hat became stuck in part of the school's play equipment. She was lucky that her hat cord snapped as it was caught around her neck.

Stephen Lee

RAFFLE TICKETS

As you know, our fete is now just 9 days away. Your eldest child was given a raffle book towards the end of last term to take home to you. Please check that your child has shown it to you and given you the opportunity to buy some tickets that could win you some fantastic prizes!! The draw will take place at the close of the fete, at 4pm. If you have already returned your raffle book/money - THANK YOU!

It is extremely important that every raffle book (sold or unsold) is returned immediately to school. We need to ensure that all the books are located.

We appreciate your co-operation and ask you to also remind other school families to return their raffle book/money. Many thanks.

Chez Tosolini P&C President.



SUNSET RECITAL - 2008

Congratulations to those students who participated in the Sunset Recital in the last week of Term 3. Once again the night was a musical success with outstanding performances from the Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Choir. Thank you to family and friends who came along to enjoy the concert and support our students.



Lisa Lindsay
Music Specialist

SNACK SHACK NEWS

It seems our new healthy menu specials are very popular. We had a load of orders for "Cheeky Wraps" and "Stack Burgers" last week which is great!!



We still cannot keep up with Slushy orders. Parents please be aware that Slushies are 99% Apple juice base with no artificial colourings or flavourings - a healthy choice for children on hot days!

Please note we no longer sell Mini Treat Iceblocks.

The following are on roster for the week commencing Monday, 27th October.

Mon 27/10 9am-11.20am Debbie B
9am-1.20pm Sharon C L
Tues 28/10 9am-11.20am Rose T
11.20am-1.20pm Simone B
Thu 30/10 9am-11.20am Kay R
9am-11.20am Celeste P
11.20am-1.20pm Dimpy K
Fri 31/10 9am-11.20am Yadu V
9am-11.20am Michael S
11.20am-1.20pm Help Needed

Thank you for your assistance in the Canteen!

Kay Ratty
Canteen Coordinator

BOOK COVERING

Help would be appreciated with Book Covering in our Library. Please see me if you are able to assist. Thanks!



Nola Williams
Library Officer

BIKE ENCLOSURE

Please remind your children to collect their bikes after school and not leave them in the Bike Enclosure.



School staff accept no responsibility for the security of students' bikes. We do take care ensuring bicycles are parked in the bike enclosure, which is locked daily by the Prefects. Access during the day is available by contacting the Office.

PERSONAL USE ITEMS LISTS FOR 2009

The Personal Use Items Lists for students for 2009 have been sent home with this newsletter.



If you choose to use this facility, please complete and return the form to the School Office by **Thursday, 4th December 2008.**

By returning your list by the above date, you will go into a draw to win your Personal Use Items List FREE!!

Full payment is required upon collection of your order on

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2009
8.30am - 10.30am in the Undercover Area

THE METHOD OF SHARED CONCERN



The key to stopping bullying is getting those involved to talk about what is happening and decide on some ways to overcome the problem. The Friendly Schools & Families Program recommends schools use the Method of Shared Concern to encourage children to talk about bullying incidents. Parents can also use this strategy at home. The Method of Shared Concern aims to change the **behaviour** of students who are bullying and to improve the situation for the student being bullied. This method helps students to develop empathy and concern for others and gives them strategies to help them get along better with others in the school and at home. Staff at our school are trained to use the Method of Shared Concern.

What happens in shared concern?

Individual meetings are held with each of the students involved in the bullying incident: the student or students bullying, the person being bullied and any bystanders who may have seen what was happening.

Each student is asked about the problem and to suggest ways he or she personally could help to improve the situation.

The student being bullied is also given the opportunity to discuss what happened and encouraged to think of ways to improve the situation.

There are follow-up meetings, discussions and planning that give students the opportunity to change and improve attitudes and behaviours and to put these into practice in a supportive environment.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FRI 24TH OCT Guitar 8.20-8.50am Yr 6 Guitar 8.50-9.20am Yr 7 Edu Dance - B5&6	MON 27TH OCT	TUE 28TH OCT Immunisation Yr 7 - 11.30am	WED 29TH OCT Broncos' Tour to Busselton	THU 30TH OCT Edu Dance Broncos' Tour to Busselton
FRI 31ST OCT Broncos' Tour to Busselton Guitar 8.20-8.50am Yr 6 Guitar 8.50-9.20am Yr 7 Edu Dance - B5&6 School Fete tomorrow, Sat 1 Nov	MON 3RD NOV P & C Meeting - 7.30pm	TUE 4TH NOV	WED 5TH NOV	THU 6TH NOV Newsletter sent home today. Edu Dance


MEDICAL ALERT
LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES



We have a number of children in the school with severe allergies to nuts and nut products. These children, in most cases, need only to touch an object which has been handled by a child who has eaten a product containing nuts, for there to be a life threatening reaction. Please support the safety of all the children in the school and refrain from sending any nut products in your child's lunch and snacks. These may include peanut butter sandwiches, Snickers bars, etc.
Thank you for helping to keep our kids safe.

FETE COLOURING-IN COMPETITION


Congratulations to the winners of the Colouring-In competition. Prizes will be awarded soon.

Kindy/Pre Primary	<i>Lachlan Swift</i>	
Years 1-3	<i>Shanaya Hafeel</i>	
Years 4-5	<i>Andrew Rutty</i>	
Years 6-7	<i>Evelyn Lee</i>	

Helen Wong - P & C Fundraising Team

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR BUDGIE!!

Found this morning in Bull Creek!
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