



# *‘The Bittern Buzz’*

~ Newsletter ~

Term 1 2019 - Issue # 2

## School Council Intro



Hello! I am Hannah (aka “Leon’s Mum”.) I am about to start the second year of my term as a parent member of the school council.

I am not sure what I expected when I first nominated for School Council. I just wanted to get involved - and feel like I had a better understanding of the running of the school - as Leon started his formal education.

It has been a steep learning curve! It turns out that the School Council has a lot of responsibilities, which are formally defined by the Dept of Education. In fact, there are various training

sessions that are run, in order to educate members of school councils. Even though it was an additional time commitment, I found the training very valuable.

School Council meets twice each term. We all attended the training and it has made our meetings a much more meaningful interaction. It is great to be in the room with other parents who are passionate about the quality and direction of the education that is provided to all the students at Bittern PS, as well as how the school engages with the wider community.

There is also a lot of corporate history in the room, which means newbies like me can learn from the collective wisdom of those who have come before.

Bittern PS is a very small school – personally, I think that is a virtue. But part of my reason for being on School Council is to ensure that students don’t miss out on resources that larger schools don’t think twice about. For example, the introduction of Music lessons (individual instrument last year and class-based this year) is a direct outcome of our discussions at School Council.

So if you have ideas about how Bittern PS can flourish, don’t hesitate to get involved directly in School Council, or to share your ideas with me or one of the other Councillors.

## DIARY DATES

**2019**

### **February**

- 14th** Valentine’s Day
- 15th** Assembly 2:30pm
- 22nd** House Swimming Sports
- 25th** Hearing Awareness Week
- 28th** District Swimming Sports

### **March**

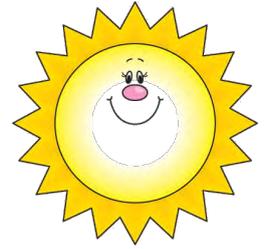
- 1st** Assembly 2:30pm
- 3rd** Clean up Australia Day
- 5th** Crazy Hair Day  
(Gold coin donation for Wigs for Kids)
- 8th** Curriculum Day
- 11th** Labour Day
- 19th** Harmony Day Celebration  
(wear something orange)
- 20th** 5/6 Camp to Sovereign Hill (return on the 22nd)
- 28th** Summer Lightning Prem
- 29th** Assembly

### **April**

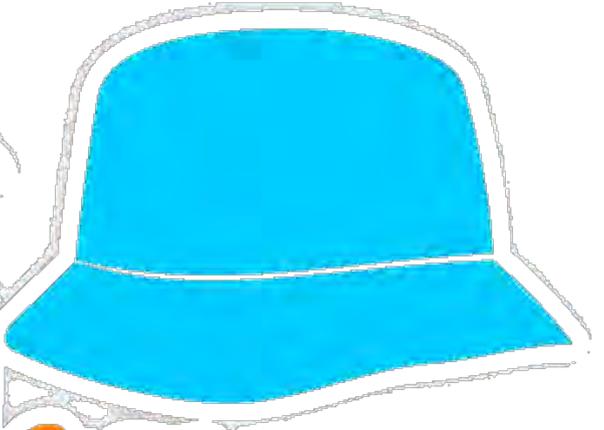
- 4th** House Cross Country
- 5th** Last day of Term  
Free Dress Day  
{Bring a bag of lollies for our fate in Term 4}

## TERM 1 = HAT TERM

Overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is a major cause of skin cancer in Australia. UV damage in childhood significantly increases the risk of skin cancer - so it is important to get children thinking about sun safety from an early age.



No Hat  
No Play

A blue bucket hat with a white outline, positioned to the right of the text.

## HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS – FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB

Just a reminder that the house swimming sports will be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Crib Point Pool from 10am – 2pm

These sports are a combination of selection trials for District Swimming sports the following week and a chance to compete as a member of BPS House Sports. Not only is this a great opportunity for students to build team morale, work together as a team, develop their sportsmanship through participation or as a spectator, but it is a great way for students to expand on their school identity.

In the past, we have experienced that once students arrive at the pool readily join in once they see the available activities are non-threatening, easy and fun, despite their initially hesitant,

A reminder to all parents that any sporting activity during the year is part of the wider curriculum and part of your child's broader development.

It is a school wide expectation that your child participates in these events (even in the capacity as a spectator or team organization).

As a parent you can assist our endeavors in delivering the curriculum via your support and encouragement of your child to participate.

If there are any concerns, you should direct these to Mr. E so that any of your concerns can be addressed.

Any parents that are wanting to attend or assist with any sporting events during the year are always welcome.



**Bittern Primary School**  
Enabling success in a changing world

# BITTERN BUDDIES

Dear Parents,

We are looking for 2 or more parents from each class to be 'Reps' for Bittern Primary Schools 'Bittern Buddies'.

As a group (staff, parents and students), we will be organizing school wide events, fundraising, community activities, sausage sizzles and much, much more.

We will meet at least twice per term on a Tuesday after school finishes. Our first meeting will be at 3:30pm on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March in the teachers 'Staffroom'. Light refreshments will be on offer.

Please come along and join in on the fun ...  
**"Together ... Everyone Achieves More"**



# Mindful Matters



## Road Trip Bingo

Ambulance	Motorcycle	Yield Sign	BLACK Car	Traffic Light
Tree	RED Car	Stop Sign	YELLOW Car	Power Lines
18 Wheeler	Billboard	<b>FREE SPACE</b>	Bicycle	GREEN Car
Worker	BLUE Car	Road Cone	Bridge	Gas Station
Tall Buildings	Runner	Fire Engine	Bird	Police Car

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## FUN FACT #2



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Some months have 30 days and some have 31 days. How many months have 28 days?



## **REMINDER**

- At the beginning of the school year many parents chose a payment plan for their children's Essential Items for 2019. This is a signed commitment to make regular payments to the school and to make full payment.
- Those families who have chosen this payment plan are reminded that payments are to be made **fortnightly**, and completed **prior to the end of Term 1**. Therefore, your next instalment is due on **Tuesday**.

## **CSEF – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES**

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS - FUND (CSEF)**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



## For Sale!

### Pre Loved School Uniform

**X3 sky blue short sleeve polo shirts  
(with logo)**

**X2 navy long sleeve polo shirts (with  
logo)**

**\$10 each**

**See Hannah (aka "Leon's Mum") –  
Prep/1A**

*Bakers Delight*  
YOUR LOCAL BAKER

A Huge Thankyou to Frank and  
Lara Puglisi of Bakers Delight  
Hastings for their bread  
donation for our parent teacher  
afternoon.

BUNDJIL'S NEST  
PRESENTS

*.Womin Djeka.*

Balharring Ngargee

THIS IS AN  
ALCOHOL  
& DOG  
FREE  
EVENT

**SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 10AM - 10PM**  
COMMUNITY FESTIVAL • FAMILY FRIENDLY • FREE ENTRY  
SHOWCASING AND CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS CULTURES  
BALNARRING BEACH, ROBERTSONS PARK AND CAMPING RESERVE

ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD STALLS • CRAFT STALLS  
CULTURAL WORKSHOPS • CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

FEATURING THE TALENTS OF  
**DALLAS WOODS • BENNY WALKER**  
**DRMNGNOW • LEAH FLANAGAN • MATT KATSIS**  
**JAMES HENRY • DJIRRI DJIRRI DANCE GROUP**  
**CARISSA WATTS • LUCKY • OWEN THOMAS**

CAMPING AVAILABLE // OFF STREET PARKING AVAILABLE  
**SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 8am - 11am**  
Wayapa Session & Community Breakfast

This festival will be held on the ancestral lands of the Baan Wurrung peoples. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:  
www@dpla.balharring.nsw.gov.au | <https://www.facebook.com/bundjil2016/> | [https://www.instagram.com/womin\\_djeka\\_balharring/](https://www.instagram.com/womin_djeka_balharring/)

### Hotdog and Zooper Dooper Friday

Each Friday students have the option to order a Hotdog and Zooper Dooper for their lunch at a cost of \$3. (\$2.50 Hotdog and 50c Zooper Dooper). The Hotdogs are prepared onsite by parent's helper/s. Orders have to be received by the Main Office no later than 9:30am on Friday morning. Hotdogs will be delivered to the student's classroom once they have been prepared.



**We're Hop-Hop-Happy to help this Easter**



At Bakers Delight, we are all about the local community, so this Easter we would like to offer your School the opportunity to bring some additional delight to your network with our:

**Bakers Delight Bun Drive**

This year we have partnered with CADBURY DAIRY MILK® to bring you our delicious new Hot Cross Buns made with CADBURY DAIRY MILK® Chocolate Chips, yum!

**How does it work?**

Our RRP of a Hot Cross Bun 6-Pack is \$2.50. We will price our Hot Cross Bun 6-Packs to your organisation at \$6.00 each and suggest selling the Hot Cross Bun 6-Packs for \$7.50 each. Raising \$1.50 from every 6-Pack sold for your School Plus we will provide an order template for easy ordering.

**Need more convincing?**

We will happily provide free samples of our freshly baked, delicious Traditional Apple & Cinnamon and our NEW Hot Cross Buns made with CADBURY DAIRY MILK® Chocolate Chips!

We pride ourselves on maintaining the highest possible quality products by using only the finest ingredients.

**Want to join in on our jelly offer?**

If you wish to participate in a Bakers Delight Bun Drive, just let us know, then we will confirm both the order due date and order delivery date for your event.

Happy Easter.  
Frank and Lars  
Baker Delight Hastings Franchise  
T: 0409165435 or 0409574954





**All Age Groups: Boys and Girls**

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME**

**For all age groups**

**Training is starting now**

**Registration night Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> 5.30**

**Cyril Fox Oval - Crib Point**

(Melways 195 B1)

**For information please call:**

President - Bernard Pound 0427 891 020



**COME DOWN AND JOIN THE FUN AT**

**GRAHAM MYERS RESERVE**

**101 HENDERSONS ROAD**

**BITTERN**

**TRAINING TIMES**

**5-13 YEARS**

**WEDNESDAY'S 5-6PM**

**14-16 YEARS**

**THURSDAY 5-6.30PM**

**SENIORS 6.30-8PM**



**20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL DATE)**

**AN EVENING WITH DR. MICHAEL CARR-GREGG**

**A MUST FOR ALL PARENTS!**

Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg will be discussing a range of topics, including developing resilience in our children, dealing with anxiety and the impact of screen time on children and how to best manage technology use. He will offer practical parenting advice.



**Tyabb Primary School**

**7:00 - 9:00PM**

**TYABB School Hall**

**186 Mornington-Tyabb Rd, Tyabb**

**Parking will be available at both Tyabb PS and Flinders CCC.**

**LOG ONTO: [eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au) to purchase your tickets.**

**Tickets are \$15 per person.**



**Rosebud Kite Festival**

**Free Entry**

**Sunday 10 March 2019**

**11am-5pm**

**ROSEBUD FORESHORE JETTY RD**

- Kite Flying
- Kite Workshops
- Family Activities
- Kids Carnival
- Reving Entertainment
- Music Stage

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PRIME MINISTER

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Dear parents, carers and the school community,

Keeping our children safe is a shared responsibility. Schools, governments at all levels, the Australian community and, first and foremost, parents take this obligation seriously.

As parents, we know that it can be challenging to raise children today in a world where risks to safety can appear not only on the street but online. And it is not always easy to navigate when the online world can have real world physical and mental health impacts.

That is why our Government has developed resources to empower parents (and schools) to protect children and prepare them to be resilient, responsible and respectful adults:

- [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au) – resources that promote online safety including tackling image-based abuse and a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying.
- [www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au](http://www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au) – support for students, parents and teachers to create a learning environment that promotes student wellbeing and the development of respectful relationships.

You can also visit [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) for education and advice for kids, parents and schools on how to combat and respond to bullying.

Whatever age your kids, it is never too late to make changes to improve their welfare. With the fresh start that a new school year brings we encourage you to use these resources for practical advice on keeping your family safe and well through the year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison'.

SCOTT MORRISON

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Tehan'.

DAN TEHAN