



# BUNKER'S HILL STATE SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

**Whooping cough** information has been emailed home today. Please read and action as required.

**We wish** the Year 6 student leaders and the choir well for their engagement at the Westbrook Anzac Day Dawn Service on Thursday.

**Last week** the Prep to Year 4 students attended the Toowoomba Show for the Ag Discovery tour. I have no doubt they came home and shared their learning from the day. It was a great day!

**Congratulations** to Angus, Cooper, Lulu, Lucy, Ava and Fletcher for their successful selection for the Inner Downs cross country event. We wish them well.

**The Qld** Department of Education is undertaking an evaluation exploring how [Respectful Relationships Education](#) is implemented in state schools. Our school has been selected as a case study for the evaluation. You are invited to share your views about Respectful Relationships Education by answering three short questions in this survey: <https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/sc/HmdYdQIa8l6Xbj3f3Bqy0w2>.

**Parent Teacher** interviews are being held in the hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening. This is always a great opportunity for school and parent partnerships to support student learning and achievement. Please be prompt in keeping to your allocated times and let the office and/or teacher know if you are unable to attend.

**Cybersafety Parent Session** is being held on Monday 13th May at 6pm. Babysitting will be provided in the Prep room. This session will cover supporting parents around internet safety and use of personal devices and creating a cyber safe household.

**Dignity Vending Machine** has been installed in the senior girls' toilets. Proudly funded by the Qld Government, Share the Dignity is providing students with access to free period products. As part of the initiative, we have access to Period Talk, an education program for students in Years 5-8, developed by Talk Revolution. The program is designed to ensure the current generation of children and young people are informed and at ease talking about periods. We will be in touch with parents of students in Years 5 and 6 in the coming term with more information on this program.

**Reading** The updated English curriculum presents a shift in teaching practices for reading that is closely aligned to contemporary reading research. The updated curriculum has removed references to students using their visual memory to learn to read and spell words. We teach letter-sound correspondences so that students can decode all words. At the same time, they engage with rich authentic curriculum texts through shared reading and discussion so their language skills are also being developed. Please see the parent brochure with the newsletter for more information. Information sessions for parents will be held at school on **Monday 29th April at 3:15pm** and again on **Monday 27th May at 6:00pm**. These sessions will be the same information.

*Sharon Wilson*  
*Acting Principal*

## Reminders

**Choir Forms** Please ensure forms are returned and invoices paid for prior to Sing Out excursion.

**Bookclub** catalogues have been sent home. Orders are due **Friday 26th April**. Orders and payments are made online on the [Scholastic](#) website.

**Note:** Please provide a named bag to place your child's order in as orders are not individually packed.

**Chaplaincy Fundraiser: Pie Drive** [Order forms](#) are coming home today. Payment and orders due back by Tuesday 14th May.

**Picture Plate P&C Fundraiser: Information** has been sent home. Artworks will be done in class by 29th April. Orders close Monday 13th May. Please contact the office with any questions. Extra templates for siblings/family members are available at the office along with templates for products other than plates if you are wishing to purchase them.

**QSchools** is no longer supported by Qld Education and as such cannot be used. The school is searching other alternatives and will communicate further, and in the interim we will be utilising email to communicate newsletters etc.

## Special Events

**Our next P&C Meeting** will be held on Monday 20th May at 6.30pm in the school library. All welcome.

## Regular Events

**Instrumental Music Lessons and Band practice** Lessons and band will recommence on Tuesday 23rd April.

**Tuckshop:** every Friday. Orders to be placed on flexischools app by 8am the previous Wednesday.

**Bible Club** each Monday afternoon this term 3.15—4.30pm until Monday 10th June (week 9). A [permission form](#) must be completed for a child to attend.

## **P&C News**

### **Mother's Day Stall**

Our Mother's Day stall is set for Wednesday 8th May. We still require helpers to assist from 8:45am – 11:45am. You will be assisting the children with their purchases (which is such a delight), cash handling and packing up any remaining gifts at the end of the day. If you are able to assist, please email the P&C. We appreciate you may not be able to assist for the entire time, even an hour is most appreciated.

Children will be able to select 1 gift during their class allocated time. If they would like to purchase additional gifts this can be done at the morning tea break.

Gifts will be \$5 with a small selection of \$10 gifts available also.

A special thank you to the Gundry Family for your donation of gifts for the Mother's Day Stall.

Below is a list of our scheduled events and fundraising activities. If you could all please mark these in your calendars and if you can, set some time aside to volunteer. We have scheduled these events nice and early to provide as much notice as possible for volunteers.

### **Save the date:**

**Mother's Day Stall** – Wednesday  
8th May

**Subway Meal Deal**—Friday 7th  
June

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle** – Sunday  
21st July

**Centenary Celebrations**—Saturday  
10th August

**Disco** – Friday 23rd August

**Father's Day Stall** – Wednesday  
28th August

**Succulent Fest** - Sunday 22nd Sep-  
tember

Please email the P&C if you can help at any of these events.

### **Succulent Fest**

The Succulent Fest committee have been working hard behind the scenes securing vendors for this year's event. If you or someone you know is thinking about attending as a site holder, please visit <https://forms.gle/t9Ws9TaXd1ouVjpa8> for the online application form or email the Succulent Fest Working Party at [succulentfest@gmail.com](mailto:succulentfest@gmail.com)

The team are seeking applications from:

- Growers of succulents, cacti and other plants.
- Stockist of products related to gardening, plants, nature and well-being.
- Hand crafted or artesian goods with a range that features succulents, gardening, plants, nature and/or well-being.

Food vendors who would like to be a part of our expanded Succulent Fest Dining Quarter.

### **Tuckshop**

Contact Sarah

[tuckshop@bunkhillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@bunkhillss.eq.edu.au)

All tuckshop orders are to be placed on the Flexi School App by 8am Wednesday.

A reminder that children are still required to bring something for their snack break.

### **Uniform Shop**

Contact – Shannon -

[uniforms@bunkhillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:uniforms@bunkhillss.eq.edu.au)

All orders placed by 4pm Sunday will be delivered to your child's classroom by the following Tuesday. Should you require an appointment please email Shannon to arrange a suitable time.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 20th May at 6:30pm in the School Library.

### **Michelle Butcher**

P&C President

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