



# BUNKER'S HILL STATE SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

**We are still following** the Darling Downs Public Health Unit directions with the Pertussis outbreak and are required to report back to them daily. If your child develops symptoms, please get them tested and keep at home until the test is returned as negative or they have been on antibiotics for 5 days. Thank you to families for assisting us in trying to reduce the number of further cases. Please ensure when receiving results that pertussis is included, as some pertussis results are being returned separately to the text message.

**Thank you** to parents and teachers for engaging in the Parent Teacher interviews last week. Report cards will be issued at the end of this term. Please keep in communication with your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

**While we** were unable to hold the official Anzac Day commemoration at school last week, it continued with students and staff only. The students did a wonderful job in conducting this important event. Thank you to Mr Little for his organisation of this event. The choir attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service and should be proud of their performance and the way in which they conducted themselves. They were a credit to Bunker's Hill State School, their families and themselves. Thank you Mrs Chin for conducting and Ms Ashton for leading the choir in singing.

**Staffing update:** Mrs Jones will be replaced by Mrs Gorton during Weeks 4 to 7 in the Year 1 class. Mrs Gorton is a regular relief teacher at Bunker's Hill and is familiar to the students and the school routines and processes. We welcome Mrs Gorton from Week 4. Mrs Jones will be returning to the Year 1 class in Week 8.

**P&C Mother's day stall** is being held on Wednesday 8th May. Gifts are \$5 with a small selection for \$10.

**Aussie Hoops** will commence on Monday 13th May and continue for 7 weeks. A flyer is coming home today with more information.

**Sing Out** will be held for choir students on Tuesday 4th June at the Empire Theatre. Cost is \$13 per student due Friday 17th May. A [permission form](#) is coming home today. Parents can purchase tickets for the night concert from 11th May.

**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 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.

**Chaplaincy Fundraiser: Pie Drive** [Order forms](#) have been sent home. 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.

**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.

## 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 7th May. Junior band will commence also on this day during school time.

**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.

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 September

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@bunhillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@bunhillss.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@bunhillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:uniforms@bunhillss.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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## **Chappy News**

Hi Bunker's families,

I hope Term 2 is treating you all well. Just a reminder that Pie Drive forms are due back on 14 May. Funds raised from this go towards employing me and supporting my work at Bunker's Hill.

I appreciate your consistent support through this fundraiser over the last few years.

Chappy Amber

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