



Welcome to our  
**NEWSLETTER**  
July 2023

# BUTCHERS CREEK STATE SCHOOL



I am Respectful • I am a Learner • I am Safe

## Principal's Report

Hello students, parents, carers, staff and community members,

Welcome back to school for another term of opportunities. At Butchers Creek State School, we 'Strive as one!' This motto means that we are one class, striving to achieve academic and social greatness, we are one staff striving to develop and implement effective systems and practises and we are one community striving to build a culture that creates a positive and productive school environment. This is what the motto means to me but what does it mean to you? I would love to hear how you envision 'Strive as one,' and what you see our school community becoming through collaboration.

The 2023 School Opinion Survey (SOS) opened on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. The survey link will be automatically sent to all staff, students in year 5/6 as well as some select families. I appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey and give your feedback so that I can review it and inform some of the key improvement strategies for 2024. The closing date will be August 18<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out in your emails as you may be receiving an invitation to complete the SOS.

This Term the revised Department of Education Strategic Plan 2023-2027 was released to schools for implementation. The plan directly links to the Equity and Excellence school priorities document with key focus on Educational Achievement, Wellbeing and Engagement and Culture and Inclusion. At Butchers Creek School we will unpack the system initiatives and explore how we can put the strategy into action in our school. Along with the revised plan, the regional office has undergone a restructuring and the Assistant Regional Director roles have been placed with School Supervisors. This role will be responsible for providing differentiated support for every school, targeted to their context and needs. This week, I will be attending the Principal Business Meeting to meet my new School Supervisor and learn about the new delivery of support from the region. I will invite the supervisor to come for a school visit in the coming weeks and there will be an opportunity for our P&C to meet with them as well as students, staff and families.

Thank you to the P&C for everything you have done to get the new shade structure complete over the June/July school holidays. It is a mighty structure that has provided rain and sun cover over the past 2 weeks. A special thank you to Gillian Hinrichsen and Troy Barnes for getting the ball rolling in 2023. It can be a long process to apply for a grant and then organise the work to be complete, and you both have seen it through to the end. We are very grateful for your efforts!

You may have already see my email about the Butchers Creek Hall Centenary event which is happening in February 2024- next year! Hall Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month. Please come along if you are available.

Enjoy your read of our newsletter.

Kind Regards,  
**Eleanor McKay**  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

### & Reminders:

#### Tuckshop

Term 3- FRIDAYS,  
1:25pm-1.45pm  
Orders & \$ returned by Wed.

#### Playgroup

Every Thursday 9-11am

#### Bullying No Way Day

Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Bookfair and Book Week

August 14-25<sup>th</sup>

#### Braveheart's Day

August 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Student Pupil Free Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

#### Uniforms Available from P&C

Please call the school to book a  
time or contact Nadine on  
0426997410 to make an  
appointment

## Last Day of Term Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

### Public Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

### School Resumes Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> October

### Senior Camp October 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>



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**Strive as One**





## Positive Behaviour for Learning [PBL]

Term 3's end-of-term celebration is a DISCO with a theme!

It is for ALL students, being the bronze level activity.

Students achieving the silver level will have the pleasure of contributing to the night's choice of songs and play list.

Students reaching gold level will receive some sort of voucher yet to be decided.

For Silver: students require at least 40 Nailed its!

For Gold: students require at least 50 Nailed its!

Students who are on adjusted learning and behaviour programmes and students who have been away sick, will have the number of nailed its! appropriately altered to reflect this.

The number of Nailed its! received show how well the students achieve at being safe, respectful learners.

We all look forward to celebrating the hard work your child has displayed during the term and the learning your child has achieved, with this awesome celebration event we are planning!



**Absences** Contact the school staff on the day of absence is important and appreciated.

**Late Arrivals** If for some reason you do not make it to school by the 8.55am, parents are to come to the office to sign their student in.

**Early Departures** If you need your child to leave early please report to the office and sign the student out in the folder at the front desk.

### **School Start Times**

School is open at 8:00am each day. Students arriving before this time must be supervised by their parents. Morning Fitness is run from 8:30-8:45am. School starts at 9:00am each day. We encourage students to arrive at school with enough time to organise themselves and their equipment for the day.





# BUTCHERS CREEK P&C NEWS

JULY 2023

Hello Butchers Creek Families & Community!

Where does the time go! Halfway through the year already and your P & C has done some big fundraising events, raising over \$5000 already. Such a great effort for a small school and community group.

Well done to our amazing group of volunteers and the members and execs that put in so much time planning & coordinating to get these funds! THANKYOU!

I'd also like to say a big Thankyou to Mattea who had roles from Tuckshop coordinator and Minutes Secretary for our meetings; Mattea & family, we appreciate your contribution over the past and wish you all the best into the future! Taking on the role of Tuckshop Coordinator is Courtney Cairns who is also our Correspondence secretary. Thank you & look out for weekly correspondence from Courtney in your inbox and also on the parents WHATs APP chat group regarding Tuckshop.

Speaking of Tuckshop thank you to all the parents providing that this term! We have a tantalizing menu this term and the kids really do appreciate this weekly treat.

Also, a MASSIVE thank you to the Irvinebank P & C for the delectable and tasty array of items provided for our Parents, teachers and kids on our recent visit for the Sports carnival! I would hate to be in a Bake off with these ladies! Hands down BEST passionfruit slice- I'm pretty sure Mr Haren had four slices! Great display of small team- BIG results.

A reminder if you have anything you would like to discuss privately regarding how the P & C can contribute, if you have an idea or item you would like to be discussed at a meeting or how we can be a conduit to aid in resolutions over any concerns please don't hesitate to have a chat with myself or send an email if you prefer to [pandc@butcherscreekss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@butcherscreekss.eq.edu.au)



Our meetings, which are casual & productive time well spent, will be held once a term and more, if necessary, in the future.

Our next meeting date is **Monday 24th July from 3:30pm**, I encourage you all if you have the time to pop in and you just never know what your input can help achieve.

The more eyes, ears and ideas we get from an array of parents and community members, the better we can best help in providing resources, opportunities & FUN for our children.

Take care, Jes







## Supervised Eating

We have three supervised eating times at school and we encourage students to make Smart food choices based on the Department of Education Guidelines.

10:00 is Fruit Break (fruit, vegetables)

11:15 is Morning Tea (cheese and crackers, yoghurt, more fruit and vegetables, homemade snacks)

1: 25 is Lunch (sandwich, wraps, leftovers)

Please include fruit, vegetables, grains, nuts, yoghurt, cheese, meat, sandwiches, wraps, leftovers and home baked goodies in your child's lunch boxes. We aim to reduce the packaged snacks that are often high in sugar and salt.

We thank you for your support with this.

## Morning Fitness

From 8:30-8:50 Tuesday and Wednesday morning, the teachers and Year 5/6 students run morning fitness.

This term we will be doing dance as part of our morning fitness and this will lead into some rehearsals for the Butchers Creek Hall Centenary where our amazing students will perform some bush dances, songs and poetry to entertain the parents, visitors and hall committee.

FUN FUN FUN!!!

## Playgroup

**\$2 per child over 1. Children under 1 free.**

**Thursday 9-11am** Please bring a small morning tea snack for your child/ren.

Throughout term 3 our weekly themes will reflect the content we are working on in in class. In week 3, children are invited to bring a scooter or small bike from home on Thursday morning to use on our bike track. There are wheels to use at school if you feel you can't bring one from home. All children from 0 to 5 years are welcomed.



## Library News

Welcome to Term 3 in the Library. We have some exciting times coming up in our Library. Week 6 is Book Fair with the theme Hats off To Reading. The library will be open for extended hours TBA if parents would like to come in and browse the wonderful selection of books to purchase. All money goes towards extra money for our school library. Week 7 is Book Week with a theme of Read, Grow, Inspire. We are planning to have a dress up day to celebrate both weeks. Dress Up day TBA. As always our Library is open every Thursday morning for library borrowing. Parents and Cares are more than welcomed to come, visit and help their child pick a book for home.

Happy Reading, Miss Brackley





## Term 3 – TUCKSHOP FRIDAYS

**Tuckshop orders must be in with payment by Wednesday at the latest.**

This allows the family rostered on for that tuckshop to purchase quantities etc. If Courtney has not had a response for your child/ren they **will not** be able to have tuckshop the that week. **No tuckshop shop order/No Tuckshop!**



Payment can be made in advance ie. per term- 10 weeks, by transferring money directly to the P&C A/c. BSB: 633 000 A/c: 125 570 424

Please advise us that you have done this and we can record your payment for your child/ren. All cash should be placed in an envelope and sealed - with your child's name and tuckshop order details written clearly on the front of the envelope.

### Term 3

We are so grateful for the time and effort that families put into making tuckshop. It helps with our P&C fundraising each term and allows us to have a regular fundraising activity at the school each week. More importantly, it builds a family culture in our school. It allows the students to feel the care and kindness of other families, and it gives them something to look forward to at the end of each week.

We understand that it can be a big commitment for families so we thank you!

**We will need some parents to volunteer for Term 4. Please contact Jes or Courtney if you can cook and serve tuckshop one week next term so we can start the planner.**

**BUTCHERS CREEK STATE SCHOOL**

**ENROL NOW**

**★ PREP - YEAR 6 ★**

Butchers Creek State School is now enrolling.  
Please contact our School Office on (07) 4096 8135  
for enrolments or to arrange a tour.

Individual education programs  
Leadership opportunities  
Small group environment  
Hands-on learning

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## Term 3 Weekly Tuckshop Planner

MENU		PROVIDED BY	
WK 1 14/07			
WK 2 21/7	PASTA BAKE	COURTNEY	
WK 3 28/7	TBA	SHAZ/TROY	
WK 4 04/08	TOASTED SANDWICHES & HOT CHIPS CHICK CHEESE MAYO OR HAM CHEESE TOM	JES	
WK 5 11/08	TBA	BARNES FAMILY	
WK 6 18/08			
WK 7 25/08	TBA	SHAZ/TROY	
WK 8 01/09	NO TUCKSHOP	STUDENT FREE DAY	
WK 9 08/09	TBA	GRACE	
WK 10 15/09	TBA	STUDENT COUNCIL	

ORDERS & MONIES TO BE IN BY 3PM WED  
PRIOR TO FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

THANKYOU





### **Term 3 Science**

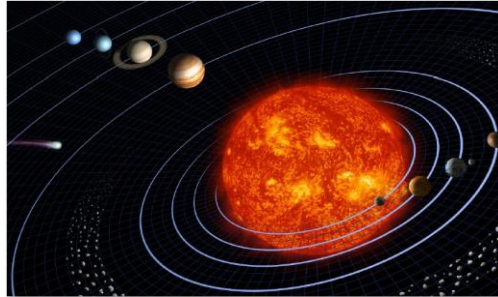
This term, all students are learning an Earth and Space unit.

P-2 are studying a unit called “Changes around me” where they learn about the observable features of a variety of landscapes and skies and describe the changes that can occur, including weather.



The years 3 & 4 have a unit called “Spinning Earth” where they learn about the movement of Earth to suggest explanations for everyday observations including night, day, sunrise, sunset, shadows and seasons.

The years 5 & 6’s unit is called “Our Place in the Solar System” where they describe key features of the solar system; describe how scientific developments have affected people’s lives and helped us solve problems and inform decisions.



### **Term 3 The Arts: MUSIC**

*Students will be studying music for both terms 3 & 4.*

P-2 music unit is called “Different Places” where they explore a range of songs, rhymes and chants based on the theme of different places including their personal and familiar world; people and places far away; weather, seasons, landscapes and the built environment as stimulus for music making and responding.

The **years 3 to 6’s** unit is “Let’s Celebrate, Let’s Remember around the World” where they explore the elements of music to develop aural skills; develop skills in composing, singing and playing music; share and record music compositions and performances; and identify purposes and meaning of music. They will make music and respond to music exploring the songs used in celebrations and commemorations including music for special occasions around the world, as well as exploring the music-making of other cultures.











**RECYCLE,  
EARN  
& PLAY**

**Our school is taking part in the  
Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.**

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RSHS sports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school earns!

**Collections close 7th July.**

**Tip for collecting:**  
Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

**Did you know?**  
Last year, schools collected over **10 tonnes of soft plastic**, that's the weight of an elephant!

**LET'S GET COLLECTING!**

\*Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag @wonderaustralia #wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!

**Wonder**  
Full of goodness



## Tug O' War

2pm Saturday - Nominations now open 8 people \$5 per person, [irvinebankfestival@gmail.com](mailto:irvinebankfestival@gmail.com)

## Markets 10am onwards Saturday

### Fri Evening Social BBQ & Bar at hall

Open Mic at Tavern Fri night & Saturday during the day  
Recycle Shop Fashion Parade Saturday  
Food Stalls, activities and much more.

Visit Loudoun House Museum, Brian's Shed and other historic and interesting sites

## Free Camping



**8 Ball Aitken & Snakeoyle**



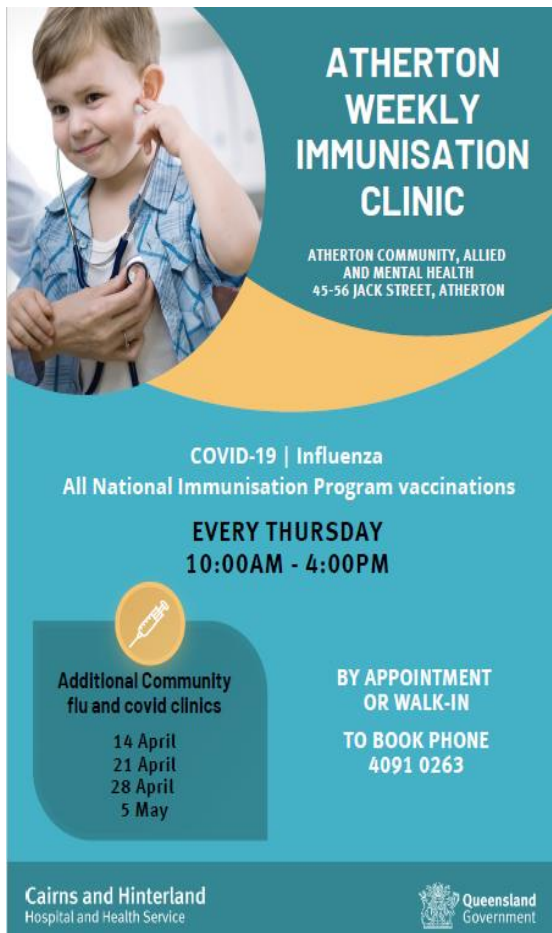
**Saturday Night Live Music & Bar**



Tickets via Eventbrite \$33.08 or Tickets at door \$40

Prepurchase Paper tickets \$30 in Irvinebank at Community centre or email [irvinebankfestival@gmail.com](mailto:irvinebankfestival@gmail.com)

#irvinebankfestival2023 [www.irvinebank.org](http://www.irvinebank.org)



**ATHERTON  
WEEKLY  
IMMUNISATION  
CLINIC**

ATHERTON COMMUNITY, ALLIED  
AND MENTAL HEALTH  
45-56 JACK STREET, ATHERTON

**COVID-19 | Influenza**  
All National Immunisation Program vaccinations  
**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**10:00AM - 4:00PM**

**Additional Community  
flu and covid clinics**

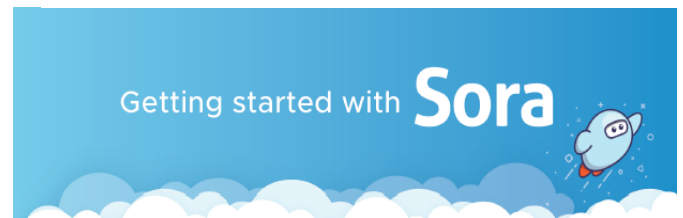
14 April  
21 April  
28 April  
5 May

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