

Bute Early Learning & Primary School News

Week 9, Term 4

15th December, 2023



Growth **Respect** **Integrity** **Teamwork**

Diary Dates

29/1—Start of Term 1 2024



Merry Xmas

Reminders

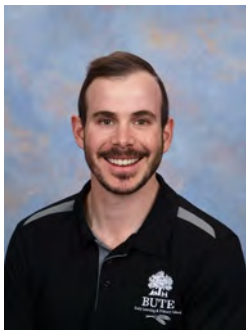
Breakfast Club is held Daily.

Newsletters will be fortnightly

Students are required to **wear broad brimmed hat** this term.

We are a **NUT FREE** school

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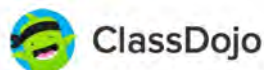
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From the Principal's Desk

Presentation Night ~ 2023

What a wonderful showcase of our amazing school community and highly talented students. I want to again take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated team of teachers and support staff. Their commitment to excellence, passion for education, and their unwavering support have been the driving forces behind such a wonderful year and including the success of this event.



Some special mentions go to Sarah Taylor for helping to create the Year 6 Graduation video which beautifully captured the amazing journey of both Nick and Shayla, Julie McDonald for helping with the setup of the hall, for organising the PowerPoint Presentation among many, many, many other things for the night, Luke Wharton for helping with the IT equipment (and hopefully I don't jinx Luke for next year, but we have not had a single technical issue under his watch), and thanks also to the teachers for working with the students on their brilliant performances.

My gratitude extends to the parents, volunteers, and community members who have generously given their time, energy, and expertise throughout the year. Your contributions towards the Presentation Night, whether big or small, played a crucial role in creating an atmosphere of celebration and achievement.

Thank you to the Governing Council, led by Aaron Jak, for continuing to be an active part of the governance of the school and in decision making for the continued improvement of the school. Your ongoing support, input and time is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the ad hoc Parent Club members for their ongoing support throughout 2023. They have continued to seek ways to enhance school events and fundraise for the school. They again supported the Presentation Night, including organising the Christmas raffle and the mini-markets which have been a nice addition over the last couple of years.

And of course, lastly, a special acknowledgment goes to our students who poured their creativity, talent, and hard work into their presentations. Their dedication to their craft and their willingness to share their achievements with the community make the Presentation Night a truly special event in our school community.

Merry
Christmas

Our 2023 Student Award Winners

Barunga Village Awards:

Recipients of these awards have demonstrated a high level of improvement and positive attitude throughout the year and displayed the school values and motto. Congratulations to the following award winners;



Junior Primary,
Tessie Pridham



Middle Primary,
Michael Materna



Upper Primary,
Brodie Bettess

Academic Achievement Awards:

The recipients of these awards have consistently demonstrated a high level of achievement with their learning and development. These students have consistently taken on extra challenges to extend themselves and pursued their personal best at all times. Congratulations to the following award winners;



Junior Primary,
Eddie Trengove



Middle Primary,
Florence Trengove



Upper Primary,
Nicholas McArdle

Our 2023 Student Award Winners

Fraser Ellis MP Award:

Recipients of this award must be in either Year 5 or 6 and have applied themselves to their studies and made a significant positive contribution to the school and community.



The 2023 recipient is **Shayla Bettess**.

Shayla has had a remarkable year of growth in terms of her personal development, her leadership and her learning. She is consistently one of the first students to volunteer her time to help in the classroom and around the school community. One of Shayla's truly special qualities is the level of kindness, compassion, and empathy she demonstrates towards others. Shayla's willingness to lend a helping hand, to listen, and to support others has created a

warm and inclusive atmosphere within our school walls. Shayla always embraces challenges with a smile, determination and a positive attitude which has seen her successfully complete the QuickSmart Numeracy program. Congratulations on a fantastic year, Shayla!

Our 2023 Student Award

Winners

QuickSmart Numeracy Awards:

In 2023, **Shayla Bettess** has successfully completed the QuickSmart Numeracy Program. QuickSmart Numeracy is a program which focuses on developing students' skills and confidence with their number operations, problem solving and Maths vocabulary.

At Bute Early Learning and Primary School we are very lucky to have fantastic QuickSmart instructors in Deb Taylor and Justine Koch who guide students through this program and challenge the students to always do their best.

Shayla displayed great determination to improve and extend herself within this program. She has been enthusiastic, goal orientated but most importantly, humble in the success she has had with her learning in this program.



Department for Education Service Acknowledgements:



Bute Early Learning and Primary School is very fortunate to have highly motivated and dedicated staff members, who always go above and beyond to ensure our school and Early Learning Centre community is thriving. In 2023, one of those amazing staff members, **Maria Daniel**, has completed 10 years of service. Maria has had and continues to have a significant and positive impact on our Early Learning Centre community! Maria is a caring, creative and dedicated educator who always places the children at the centre of everything she does. We are very fortunate and grateful to have Maria in the team. Congratulations on your 10 years of service, Maria, and thank you for all that you do for us!

Our 2023 Graduating Students

At the Presentation Night, we formally conducted our Year 6 Graduation for Nicholas McArdle and Shayla Bettess. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with these two students for nearly 6 years, and to see both Nicholas and Shayla grow and develop throughout this time.

Both Nicholas and Shayla have wonderful unique and varied personalities, however, one thing they have in common is an authentic kindness towards others. After 14 years in education, I'm struggling to think of two students who have exemplified our "Be Kind" motto more than these two students. As Nicholas and Shayla start the next chapter of their schooling, I know they have a wonderful platform to be successful in all that they pursue.



 *Happy
Graduation*



TEN LITTLE CHRISTMAS TREES

Ten little Christmas trees a-growing in a line
The first went to the library
And that left only nine.

Nine little Christmas trees all found it long to wait
The second went to Mr. Hall's office
And that left only eight.

Eight little Christmas trees said "Christmas will be heaven"
The third went to Mr. Smith's car
And that left only seven.

Seven little Christmas trees, and all as straight as sticks
The fourth went to Mr. Smith's car
And that left only six.

Six little Christmas trees, all growing and alive
The fifth went to the library
And that left only five.

Five little Christmas trees said "Will they want some more?"
The sixth went to the car
And that left only four.

Four little Christmas trees as sturdy as can be
The seventh went to the office
And that left only three.

Three little Christmas trees all grew and grew and grew
The eighth went to the library
And that left only two.

Two little Christmas trees, December almost done
The ninth went to the car
And that left only one.

One little Christmas tree, feeling very small
She came to our class.
And that was best of all.

Ten little Christmas trees, with Christmas drawing near,
Wish you love and gladness and a *Happy New Year*.



In the Upper Primary, we have been reading narrative poetry. Students have delved into the meaning behind the words and then transformed a poem into a narrative story. Here are some examples:

It was the man from Ironbark who struck Sydney Town by horseback. He walked over the cracked streets and decayed parks. He loitered here, he loitered near the park till he was like to drop. Until, at last, in sheer despair, he found a barber's shop.

By Dexter

A man from Ironbark approached the Sydney Town. He wandered over the street and through the park and waited for someone nice to meet. As he loitered here and there, he felt like he would drop. Until, at last, in sheer despair, he saw a barber's shop.

"Oi you. Shave my beard and whiskers off and I'll be a man of mark".

By Brodie

As the scruffy, bearded man from Ironbark arrived in Sydney Town, he gazed in awe at the many buildings, parks, shops and streets. Then as he was wandering through the well-looked after park, he saw every intricate detail of the stone statues in the middle. He was sick of walking and decided if he went to the main street, he could find somewhere to sit down and thought to go to the barber and he would be the Sydney toff. At last, the main street was in his focus and in his peripheral vision, he saw the barber shop. As he got in the barber shop, he greeted the barber and sat down.

By Nick

After loitering here and loitering there, he was so tired that his legs were about to stop. But then he saw a barber shop. He went to the barber to shave his beard and whiskers off and he went to have a rest. He told the barber that he would be the best person in Ironbark. As he kept bragging, he didn't see what was coming.

The barber was short and rich. He smoked a cigar as big as a texta. He wore a small stripey sash and a black tie. The barber knew as soon as the man from Ironbark came in, he was easy to fool. So the barber played a joke on the man from Ironbark.

By Alec

The toff looking barber leaned towards his friends saying "Here's a lark. Just watch me play this joke on him. I'm sure you are going to laugh".

There were handsome youths sitting along the barber's wall. They obviously had no brains at all. Then the barber turned to the young lads and winked with his right eye. As he soaped his hands and rubbed it into the man's beard, he said "I s'pose the flats is pretty green up there in Ironbark". A big grunt was all the reply he got. He started shaving the bushman's chin.

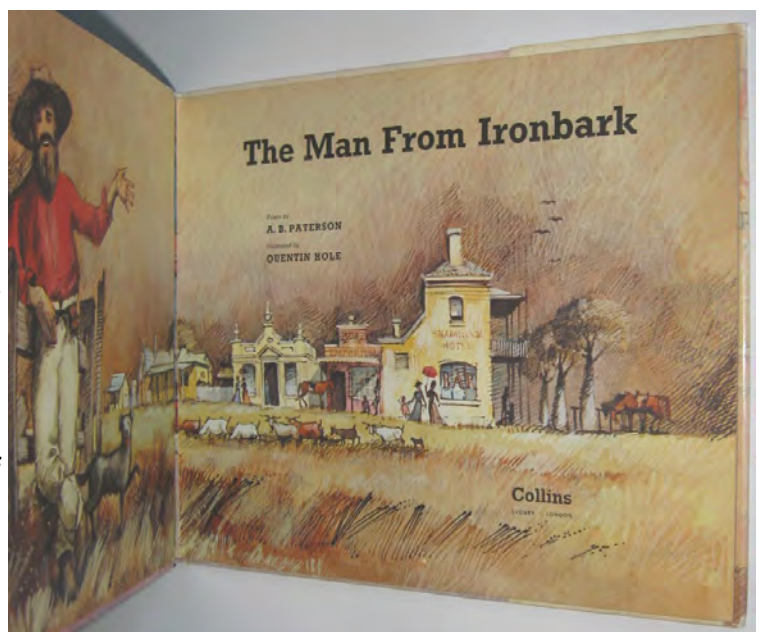
By Shayla

A policeman heard the loud continuous noise and decided to come in. He tried to arrest the man from Ironbark but he refused to go. When the barber woke up, he said "It was just a joke. Calm down."

"A JOKE!" the man from Ironbark said "That left a bright red mark. I would like to catch you some night in Ironbark".

Then he heads back to the shearing shed in Ironbark and tells everybody about the remarkable adventure. And it doesn't matter if he was believed or not, long beards are the best in Ironbark.

By Nate



I can't find my glasses By Eliza Krieg

I looked in the car. I searched through rubbish to hunt for my glasses but I cannot find them. I need my glasses for writing a story. Then I stomped my feet and said a swear word. Because I cannot find my glasses. Did I leave them at the chooks cage? Did I leave them at the scrub? I put on my hat and my glasses fell down. Oh, I found my glasses. They were on my head!



HUMPTY DUMPTY By Holly Krieg

One day Humpty Dumpty sang a song at the beach. Then Humpty Dumpty sat down on the chair and fell off it. All the king's horses helped Humpty Dumpty but he had to go to the hospital. The doctor glued Humpty Dumpty back together.

In the morning, Humpty Dumpty woke up and tried to sing a song in the forest. Then Humpty Dumpty fell off a tree. He called all the king's men to help him. The men could not lift Humpty Dumpty so they called the hospital again. Humpty Dumpty was crying all the time. The doctor glued him back together again and he could go home then.

The next day, Humpty Dumpty got out of bed. He feeling a bit sore but he went for a ride on his motorbike. He tried to flip the bike but it didn't work. Then he hit the ground and cracked his shell into ten pieces. Humpty Dumpty called the hospital but this time no one could fix him.



Gold Pass

SAPSASA



Jude Saxby & Margot Michael received a gold pass for their spelling rockets.

Eliza was selected in the NYP SAPSASA Tennis team and Holly filled in for Salisbury. On Wed they each played 2 matches one win and one loss. It was rained out on Thursday so Friday they played 3 matches. NYP was 3rd overall, and Salisbury 7th. The girls enjoyed meeting and making new friends over the 3 days and had a group dinner Thursday night.



Premier's Reading Challenge Assembly



Our school community welcomed the wonderful Gabby Morby from One More Page in Kadina as a guest speaker at our Premier's Reading Challenge Assembly. Gabby shared her journey to becoming a successful small business owner and her undeniable passion for reading and literature.

A big thank you to Gabby for inspiring our students with her story. And congratulations to all of the students who successfully completed the challenge this year!



Bronze—Brock, Eddie, Tessie, Margot, Jasper

Silver—Lochie, Mailee

Gold—Florence, Henry, Patrick, Michael



Champion—Amelie



Legend—Nate, Brodie & Alec



Hall of Fame—Shayla, Nick, Holly & Eliza



20 yr Extra Books Certificate



2023 Premier's Reading Challenge Winners

Premier's Be Active Challenge Assembly

This morning Kayla Perry from Krank It Dance talked to the students about her journey into dance, from starting dance at age 4; to being part of a professional dance troupe and then starting her own business. She talked about finding something you like doing to keep active and how this helps your mental health; the importance of food and water and to look after your body. She presented the medals and watched the MP/UP dance —she was impressed!



Bronze—Jude, Angus, Harry & Hugh



Silver—Hendriz, Lochie, Brock, Eddie, Jasper, Margot, Tessie



Gold—Mailee



Champion—Florence, Henry, Patrick, Michael



Legend—Amelie



Hall of Fame—Brodie, Nate, Alec, Dexter



Be Active for Life Bronze Medal—Holly, Shayla, Eliza, Nick

R-2 Farm Barn Excursion



3-6 Belair Camp



Community Notices



BUTE'S
LEARN
TO RIDE TRACK OPENING

TUESDAY 19TH
DECEMBER 2023

CFS BBQ

10AM-1PM

SPECIAL GUEST -
JEFF THE ROAD
SAFETY DOG

PLEASE ENSURE ALL KIDS
HAVE A HELMET

Barunga West
Council

The poster features a smiling sun, clouds, and a child riding a bicycle. The Barunga West Council logo is in the top right corner.

Police and Barunga West Council will be holding a 'Road safety' day at the new 'Learn to Ride Track' at Bute. It will take place from about 10am—1pm on Tuesday 19 December. Jeff the Road Safety Dog will be there with other members from the Road Safety Section with some activities for children. It will be a good opportunity for kids to bring a bike/scooter (and helmet) with their parent/caregiver for a council and police supervised event.



The Bute 2000 Towards Committee
invite all to the annual

CHRISTMAS
party

BUTE SPORTING CLUB

FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER | 6 PM

BBQ | Live music | children's activities | Bar facilities

Father Christmas will be arriving at 7:30pm

Live Music by
Annie Wease

Kids to BYO Nerf Gun, and towel for water fun!
Supported by Snowtown Wind Farm II

The poster is decorated with a green holly leaf border, a red and gold Christmas ball, and pine branches.