

Bute Early Learning & Primary School News

Week 4 Term 1

22nd February, 2024



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

Diary Dates

- 19/2—Playground install starts
- 8/3—Sports Day @ Pt Broughton
- 11/3—Public Holiday
- 12/3—Student Free Day

Reminders

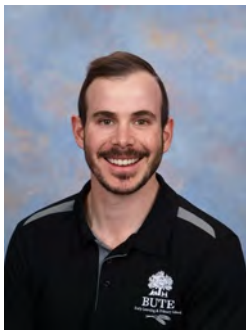
Breakfast Club is held Daily.

Newsletters will be fortnightly

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

We are a **NUT FREE** school

Principal:
Richard Hall



2024 Kindy & Reception Students



Kindy 2024— Maverick Walker, Bella Koch, Bill Michael, Hazel Carroll, Sadie Nicholls, Nina Berez & Lottie Flowers



Reception 2024

Sophie Berez, Charlotte Cock, Freddie Chadwick, Aubree Walker, Alyira Pridham, Mackenzie Axford, Harrison Gill, Rupert Jak, Millie Bowey & Charlyne Hann.



We also welcome Jake Wells Yr 4 and family to the school and community.

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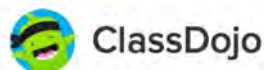
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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to 2024

Welcome back everyone! We truly missed our BUTEtiful students, families and community over the break. A special mention to our brand new Reception students who successfully transitioned into school life so positively and seamlessly. We are looking forward to an amazing year ahead. Additionally, our brand new Preschoolers have absolutely thrived in their new roles as the "big kids" in the Early Learning Centre. They are such wonderful young people and great role models to the other children in the Centre. We are so grateful to be able to support them in their learning and development!



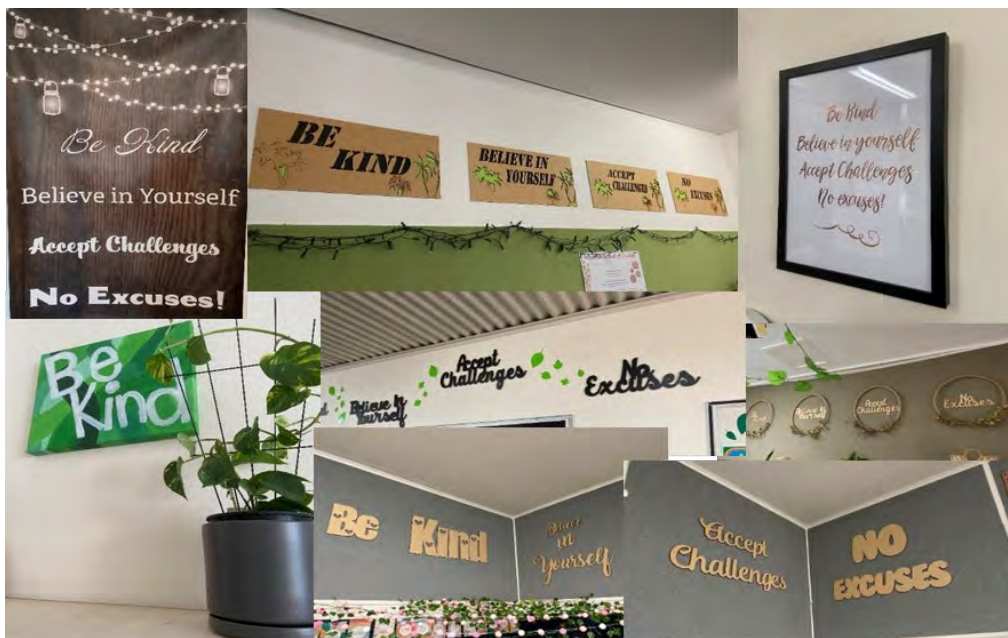
Please ensure that you are up to date with our several platforms of communication. We are big on sharing the many positive things happening at our site through ClassDojo, our Facebook page and newsletters. Please contact the relevant teacher to gain access to ClassDojo if you haven't already received information about this platform.



It is great to see our motto present in all of our wonderful learning spaces across our site! I have absolute confidence that this motto and our school values will hold our students in good stead for their learning journey in 2024!

The school motto is: *Be Kind, Believe in Yourself, Accept Challenges, No excuses!*

The school values are: *Growth, Respect, Integrity, Teamwork!*



The Resilience Project Survey

As part of our ongoing partnership with The Resilience Project, each year we are asked to have our students (Yrs 3-6) complete a short survey. Below are the details about this survey;

Resilience and wellbeing are key factors to ensure a happy and fulfilling future for our young people. This year we have again chosen to partner with Resilient Youth Australia who have surveyed more than 350,000 Australian school students aged 8-18 over recent years. We will administer the 2024 Survey online in class time during Term 1. Students typically take 20-25 minutes to complete the survey.

The data from the survey will be reported in aggregate descriptive form only, by year level and gender, and no individual student responses can be identified.



Helping everyone to be mentally healthy.

The 2024 Survey is completely voluntary and anonymous. The survey collects the self-reported resilience and wellbeing of students and will provide valuable information to assist us create and maintain the best culture of wellbeing and resilience that we can.



If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation in this survey project, please contact me on 88 262 060 to discuss further.

Sports Day – Friday, 8th of March

Sports Day is fast approaching and will be held on Friday, 8th of March. Our Sports Day team will again compete against Port Broughton and Snowtown at Port Broughton Area School. If the forecast is for 37 degrees or over, the event will be postponed with the rescheduled date advised if needed. Families will continue to receive information over the coming weeks regarding the details for the day, requirements etc. Included in this newsletter is a PARENT VOLUNTEER SLIP. If you are able to volunteer some time to support the running of the day, please return the attached slip by Wednesday, Week 5 (28th of February). Students will be involved in event practices leading up to the day to ensure they are able to have maximum participation and enjoyment. I have no doubt this will again be a fantastic day and our students will strive to achieve their personal bests. GO BUTE!



Thank you, Bute Lions Club

Once again, the Bute community demonstrated just how generous and supportive they are! During the holidays, the Bute Lion's Club, coordinated by our Governing Council Chairperson, Mr Aaron Jak, completed a working bee, whereby the old playground was removed and the current softfall bark collected for repurposing.

On behalf of the school community, I sincerely thank the members of the Lion's Club who so generously donated their time or provided machinery used to dismantle and remove the existing playground. This was by no means a small feat! I hope that the Bute Lions Club and members feel a terrific sense of pride in their involvement in this project.

When the playground is installed and ready to use, we will be holding an official opening of this space, coinciding with our Family Welcome night for 2024. Further details will be provided in the near future. We hope that members of the Lions Club are able to attend to celebrate this occasion with our students and families.



Student Free Day & Public Holiday



Our first Student Free Day for 2024 will be held on Tuesday, 12th of March following the Public Holiday on Monday, 11th of March (Adelaide Cup). We have aligned our Student Free Day with Kadina Memorial School to support families with children attending both sites. The Student Free will be used for staff

professional development. On this particular day, staff will engage in training in relation to our Playberry-Laser Literacy Program and the Department for Education's purpose/strategy for public education in South Australia.

Materials & Services & School Card

Invoices for Material & Services Charges for 2024 will be sent home next week. Payment can be made by cheque, cash or by Direct Deposit to the bank account.

School Card must be applied for each year. You can do this online (see flyer for details.) If you cant complete online, forms are available from the front office.

School Card Income Limits

Income limits for applications lodged in 2024 - based on the family's gross income in 2022/2023.

You will need to provide proof of income - eg. payslips or Centrelink information.

Number of dependent children	Gross annual School Card income limit	Gross weekly School Card income limit
1 child	\$70,994	\$1,365
2 children	\$72,262	\$1,390
3 children	\$73,530	\$1,414
4 children	\$74,798	\$1,439
5 children	\$76,066	\$1,463
More than five children	Add \$1,268 for each dependent child	Add \$25 for each dependent child

WHAT IS SCHOOL CARD?

School Card provides financial help to cover the cost of school fees.



WHO CAN APPLY?

To qualify for School Card, your family's income must be below a specific limit. This limit depends on how many children are in your care.

You must **also** meet at least one of the following:

- have a child or children aged four years or over who attend a school full time
- be an independent full-time student studying year 10, 11 or 12
- be an adult re-entry student undertaking subjects to complete SACE (years 11 and 12).

You can find more information and apply for School Card here:

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM APPROVED?

After you apply, you will receive a letter in the mail advising if your application has been approved. Please note, School Card is not a student identification card.

WHO CAN HELP ME APPLY?

If you would like more information or need help applying for School Card, please visit your child's school office and show this flyer.

Hi! I would like help to apply for School Card.

sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

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ANGLICARE—SCHOOL UNIFORM ASSISTANCE 2024

This is available to families who receive school card or Centrelink benefits.

There is an expression of interest form to be completed.

Once verified you will be notified of approval with an amount you can purchase uniform items. This can be our new uniforms or school pants etc.

BUTE CORNER STORE SCHOOL LUNCH ORDER MENU

88262010 (MONDAY - THURSDAY)

Fresh or Toasted Sandwiches	\$7.00
Meat & Salad Wrap	\$7.00
Cold Meat & Salad Tub	\$7.00
Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$6.00
Pizza (Ham & Cheese or Ham & Pineapple)	\$5.00
Hot Dog	\$6.00
Hot Ham & Cheese Roll	\$6.00
Pastries Pie, Pasty, Sausage Roll	\$5.50
Fruit Salad Tub	\$4.00
Pop Tops	\$2.50
Flavoured Milk 375ml	\$3.00
Water 300ml	\$3.00

PUB LUNCH CAFE 21

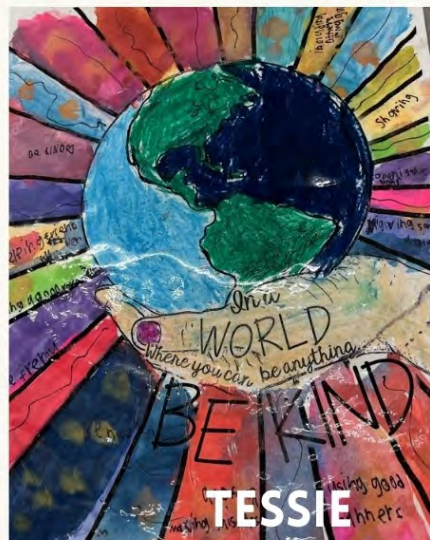
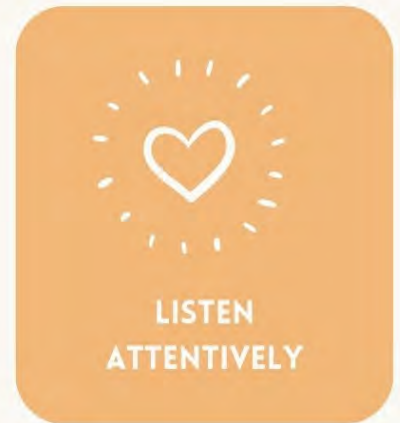
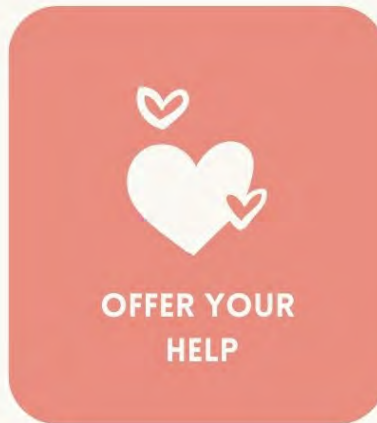
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ENVELOPES WILL BE SENT HOME EACH WEEK WITH WEEKLY SPECIALS

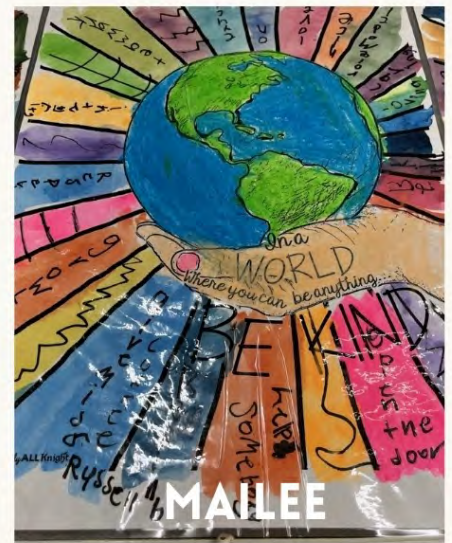
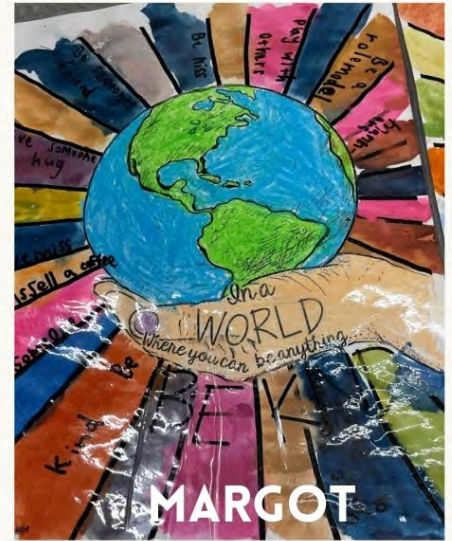
MIDDLE PRIMARY KINDNESS ART



The Middle Primary students have been participating in various activities to continue to build on our positive classroom and school culture. They have been discussing all the ways in which they can follow our school values and motto. They have been busy creating artwork that highlights various ways to show kindness. Their paintings have added a beautiful splash of colour to our classroom.



MIDDLE PRIMARY KINDNESS ART



Swimming Lessons





2023 Chairpersons Report

2023 was another successful and rewarding year for our Early Learning and Primary School. We welcomed new families to our school site and our Early Learning Space has continued to thrive and work at capacity with the kindergarten reaching Double figure numbers. The Rural Care's wonderful reputation means that there is a high demand for places with a growing wait list. Our community thanks the Staff for trying to alleviate stress for families requiring before and after school care with the consultation process that has taken place to open more out of school hours care on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Back to a "Normal Year" in 2023 with covid not bringing us the restrictions and disruptions that it had for the last couple of years. The welcoming of the new School owned bus also helped the students get out and about again.

There were a number of events and highlights throughout the year including:

- **Sports Day was another great day out but unfortunately weren't able to have the success of 2022. Maybe This Year!**
- Book Week town walk and morning tea
- **Early learning and preschool special events such as Father's Day breakfast, Mother's Day pampering, and Christmas Party**
- UP SAPSASA events
- Remembrance Day
- Book Fair
- Science week with a 3d printer, virtual reality headsets.
- Swimming Lessons
- Group leadership conference for upper primary.
- **An eventful, "Wet" Cornish festival.**
- The Big Freeze
- 20kg bread bags and got point for sports equipment
- Jetsons movie
- Good 360 library box and Christmas appeal
- **Richard's Walk for mental health, and Successful Fundraising**
- End of year presentation night which brings the community together and another successful market stall with businesses showcasing their products. The night was well attended once again.
- The MP and UP children enjoyed a camp to Nunyara and the Preschool and JP students had a great time at Handorf Farm barn. We thank the staff for making these experiences possible for our children and understand how exhausting it can be.

Thanks also to the Parent Club for helping to cook the BBQ and provide food for events and organising the Christmas raffle and Subway.

We would like to thank all staff for a wonderful year. We appreciate all your efforts to make Bute Early Learning and Primary School such an exceptional site. We also are grateful for the way you bring the wider community together, which is so important for our small, but great town and the quality education and care which you provide for our children.

Aaron Jak

Chairperson

Parent and Community Volunteers

Each year we rely on volunteers to help us manage Sports Day. We are again asking for the names of anyone interested in assisting in the following areas. Please fill out the information below and return it to the Front Office.

I am willing to help out in the following (please tick):

Age Groups (I.e. U/9, U/10 etc.)

Any specific age group? _____

Track events

Any specific job? _____

Field events

Any specific job? _____

Tablets (R-2)

You will be placed with your child's group.

Name: _____

School: _____

Please return by Wednesday, 1st of March.



are seeking applications for a Pastoral Care Worker
Applications close: Thursday 14th March 2024 at 4pm

Local Church Community.
together with

Port Broughton Combined Christian Churches

Bute Early Learning & Primary School

Pastoral Care Worker Position.

Working Hours: 9.5 hours per week
Commencing: Week 1 of Term 2 of 2024
Job Description: www.smng.net.au (under "Work with SMG*")
Visit our website at smg.net.au
or call Angelo Likouras on 0421 239 151
for more information

