



Bute Early Learning & Primary School

Growth Respect Integrity Teamwork

Week 8 Term 3 2025

Diary Dates

Week 9

17/9 MP Excursion to Mary Mac School

17/9 Learner Conferences
18/9

Week 10

25/9 Books to Life performance

25/9 Colour Run Event

26/9 Premiers Be Active Challenge Finishes

26/9 **END OF TERM**
Early Dismissal
@ 3.15pm

Reminders

- Students are not to be on site until 8.30am. There is no supervision until then.
- **Breakfast Club** is held daily
- **Newsletters** will be fortnightly
- We are a **NUT FREE** school
- Students are required to wear **broad brimmed** when the UV rating is 3 & above.

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Premier's STEM Award Ceremony



Rupert Jak
WINNER

Nature Category, R-2



Lochie Bernhardt
Runner up
STEM Category, 3-5



Hugh Venning
Runner up

Nature Category, R-2



Eddie Trengove
Runner up

Nature Category, 3-5



Millie Bowey
Bute
Community
Choice Award



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RESILIENCE PROJECT



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Government of South Australia
Department for Education

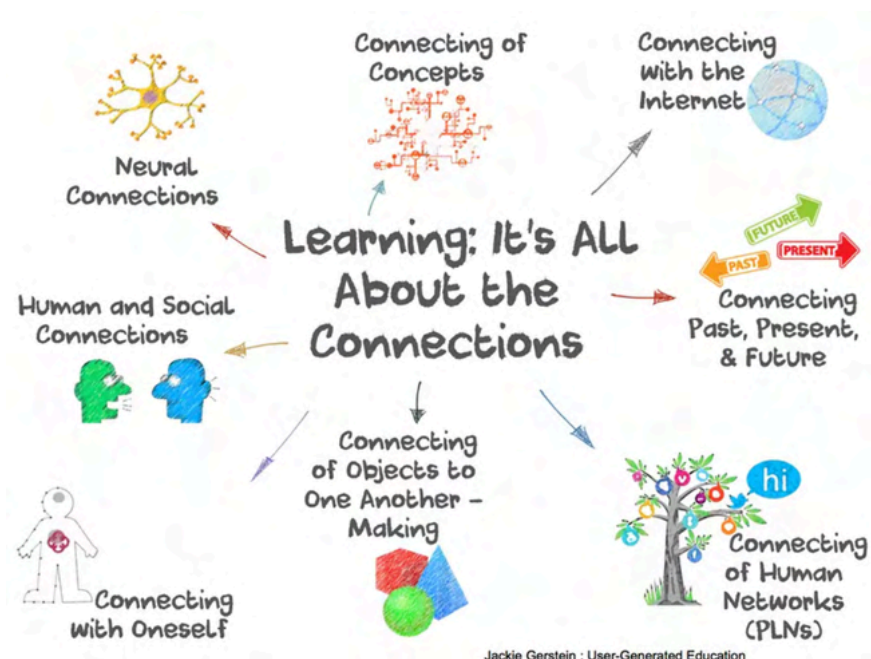


FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

CONNECTED LEARNING

Following on from the overwhelming success of our maiden involvement in the Premier's STEM Challenge, the educators have been busily planning an amazing connected learning project for Term 4. We can't wait to share the "Theme" with our families in the near future.

Connected learning brings different subject areas together so students can see how knowledge and skills overlap and apply in the real world. Instead of learning each subject in isolation, students work on projects and experiences that weave together math, science, literacy, the arts, and more. This helps them recognise meaningful connections, understand the relevance of what they're learning, and develop problem-solving and collaboration skills that prepare them for real-life challenges and future opportunities.



LEARNER CONFERENCES

Learner Conferences will occur on Wednesday (17th of Sept.) and Thursday (18th of Sept.) of Week 9. I strongly encourage all families to attend if possible. These Conferences provide an excellent opportunity to discuss the learning that has been taking place in the classroom, clarify expectations and to help build effective partnerships between home and school to support the development of students. Families should have previously received a letter with instructions regarding booking a time for an interview. As we continue to strengthen the work we are doing in relation to developing Effective Learners at BELPS, we are encouraging our learners to be involved in sharing and discussing their learning during these conferences. As this will be a new process for our site, parents/caregivers can choose whether or not they involve their learners for this round of conferences. But we believe this is an important shift in our processes to develop Effective Learners who can articulate their learning, both the successes and areas for growth.

2026 SCHOOL YEAR

As we nearly enter the final term of the school year, we are busily organising staffing and class structures, student stationery orders etc. for the 2026 school year. To help us with this process, please contact the school on 88 262 060 if your child(ren) will not be attending school at Bute next year. Please make contact by Monday, 20th of October.

RURAL CARE IN THE HOLIDAYS

It is hard to believe that the end of Term 3 is nearly upon us. Leading into the holidays, I just want to encourage families utilising the Rural Care program, to notify the Centre on (08) 88 262 230, if their care arrangements will change in the holidays. We have a significant waitlist in the Centre and families are always appreciative of being able to access extra care during these busy periods. If you will be needing your care, that is absolutely fine, no need to change anything.

GET READY FOR THE BEST SCHOOL DAY EVER!!!

Hi Bute Early Learning & Primary School families,

Our School Fun Run is coming up in just two weeks! Thank you so much for your support so far. We have already raised **\$1900** and are so excited to see the final tally that we can achieve!

It's not too late to create a profile or start fundraising. Just jump on funrun.com.au to get started.

The greatest part of the event is if you are unable to donate yourself, you can share the link with trusted family, friends and colleagues.

Event Details:

Thursday 25th of September (Term 3, Week 10)

2:30pm Start

Bute Oval

What to bring:

- White t-shirt
- Old runners
- Shorts that can be coloured
- Water bottle
- Towel
- Change of clothes

We are so excited to see all the HAPPY KIDS & PROUD PARENTS on event day!



**Thank you all in advance,
Bute Early Learning & Primary
School Staff**

SCHOOL FUN RUN





AUTISM SPOTLIGHT

With Autism Inclusion Teacher
Miss Brooke Russell

Supporting Executive Functioning

Helping Your Child Stay Organised, Focused, and Flexible

Executive functioning can be thought of as the brain's 'control centre.' These skills allow us to manage time, organise tasks, shift between activities, and regulate behaviour. Many children on the autism spectrum benefit from extra guidance and practical strategies to strengthen these skills.

What Are Executive Functioning Skills?

Executive functions are a group of mental processes that help us with working memory – remembering and using information like instructions or tasks.

Cognitive flexibility – adapting when things change or trying out different approaches.

Inhibitory control – pausing to think before acting.

Planning and organisation – setting goals and working step by step to achieve them.

Strategies to Support Executive Functioning at Home

Establish Consistent Routines

Predictability gives children a sense of security and control. Visual timetables, daily checklists, or calendars can make routines easier to follow and transitions smoother.

Break Tasks into Smaller Steps

Large jobs can feel overwhelming. Breaking them down into simple, clear steps makes them more manageable.

Encourage Flexibility

Changes to plans can be challenging. Show your child that unexpected situations are okay and provide opportunities to practice adjusting to new routines or outcomes.

Include Breaks and Movement

Using executive functioning skills requires effort. Short breaks, movement activities, or calming strategies can help children recharge and refocus.

If you'd like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me at
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UPPER PRIMARY

In our Resilience Project lessons, we've been exploring empathy and the "feel-good" hormone oxytocin.

Empathy and Oxytocin

when you show empathy:
your brain releases a positive hormone called oxytocin.

what is oxytocin?
Oxytocin, also known as the love hormone, releases a positive and kind message to our brains.

benefits of oxytocin:
higher self-esteem, levels of positivity, energy, levels of happiness.

trust happiness positivity self-esteem

By Archer and Marinda

Empathy + Oxytocin

Empathy looks like:

- Feeling and sharing emotions with other people.
- Helping others when they may not ask for it but you notice they need it.
- Telling someone a joke when they seem low or to share joy with them.

Oxytocin is a happy hormone is released in my brain. It is released when we help others

I feel loved
have good friendships

Empathy and oxytocin together make me feel:

Happy Proud Joyful

We had fun testing what we already knew about empathy by designing our own to show others what empathy is all about.

Empathy And Oxytocin

When I show empathy:

- I PUT MYSELF IN OTHERS SHOES AND ASK "ARE YOU OK?"
- I TELL A JOKE TO SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE SAME, LONELY OR STRESSED.

What is oxytocin?

OXYTOCIN IS A NATURAL HORMONE OFTEN CALLED THE "LOVE HORMONE". IT PLAYS CRUCIAL ROLES IN MAKING US CARE FOR OTHERS, BUILD FRIENDSHIPS AND FAMILY BONDS.

What happens when empathy + oxytocin come together?

IT MAKE THE ME FEEL GOOD, HAPPY JOYFUL, PROUD AND MORE OF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Now that you know some of the awesome benefits of empathy, how will you show empathy to others this week?



UPPER PRIMARY

In our reading lessons, we've been looking closely at our own reading data to celebrate how much we've grown and to set new goals. We created Proud Posters to show off our reading growth and highlight the next steps we're aiming for. It feels great to see how far we've come, and we're excited to keep challenging ourselves to grow even more as readers!



Congratulations

+57 L

i have a growth of 57 L levels in Term 2
I'm so proud of my reading growth!

By the end of the term I will jump 50 level in litpro by reading at home each night.





UPPER PRIMARY



+ 67L

I achieved a growth of 67L levels in term 2! I'm really proud of my growth!

This term my goal is to move up 30L by reading at least one book each week and passing at least one quiz by 80%.



Congratulations

+41L

I am proud of myself because my goal was 31 but I went up 41.

By the end of the term 3 I want to go up 75 lexile and read harder books.

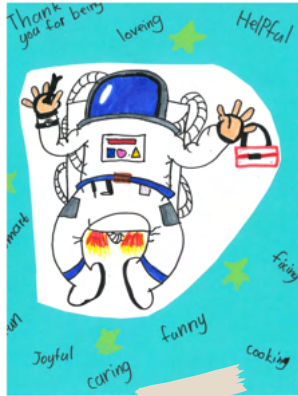


CONGRATULATIONS

I HAVE LEVELED UP 26 IM VERY PROUD IN TERM 4 I WANT TO LEVEL UP 40 BY READING HIGHER LEXILE BOOKS IN LIT PRO LESSONS.

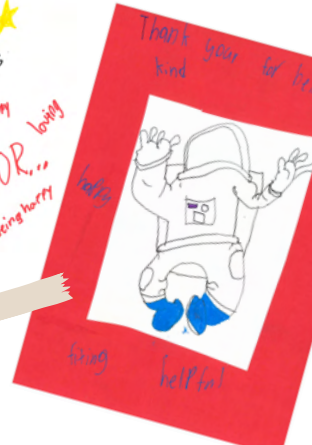
+ 26

UPPER PRIMARY



In our Father/Special Person Appreciation lessons, we've been learning about gratitude and resilience in creative ways. We used our imagination to draw our special person as an astronaut and played 'List It' to brainstorm all the ways our special person is "out of this world" and the things they do that we are grateful for.

While creating, we also practiced resilience, if we made a mistake in our drawing, we didn't give up! Instead, we accepted it and turned it into part of the portrait. To finish, we put all of our ideas together to create "Out of This World" appreciation artworks to celebrate the amazing people in our lives!





UPPER PRIMARY

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Happy Fathers Day



A warm thank you to all the dads, father figures, and male role models in our school community. Your presence, support, and everyday involvement mean more than you know.

Thank you for being strong, caring role models to our children – for showing up, lending a hand, and leading with kindness.

The time, care, and example you offer leave a lasting impression on the young lives around you!



THANK YOU!



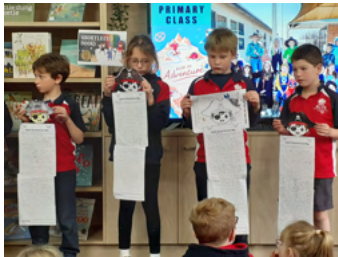
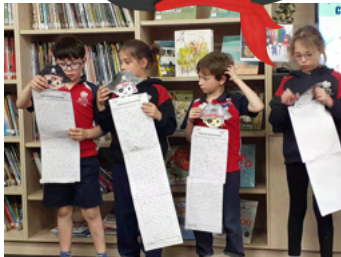
WEEK 5 ASSEMBLY

Junior Primary have recently been working on their writing. Fantastic effort JP!



Listening
Larry Award
Lara Aunger

Middle Primary shared their pirate writing with us. Keep up the great work!



Upper Primary have been having fun creating Book Week art work. Well done UP!

Growth
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Award Winners



Principal's Award - Willa Venning



JP - Harrison Gill



MP - Harry Brackstone



UP - Marinda Steyn

AWARD WINNERS



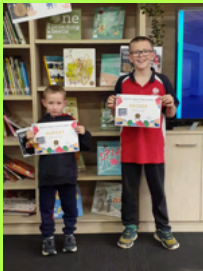
Well done to all students who participated and put in their best effort with all of our recent challenges – we're proud of each and every one of you. A special congratulations to our recent award winners. Your hard work, dedication, and achievements are truly commendable. Keep up the great work!



Science Week
Lego Challenge



Henry



Rupert, Archer



Brock



Marinda, Lottie,
Jasper

Book Week
3D Puzzle Challenge



Marinda, Margot, Hazel

Winners

Copper Coast Show
Art Work Winners



Hendrix, Florence



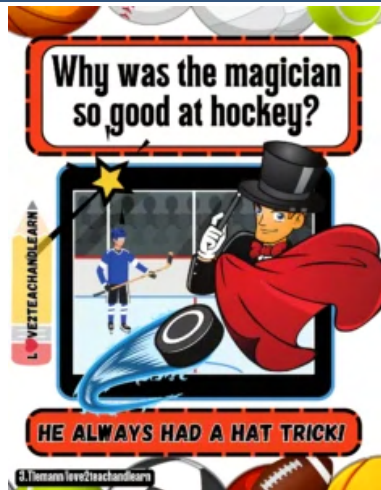
Millie

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NOTICES

Congratulations!



to
Amelie & Marinda
in their
participation in
the three day
SAPSASA Hockey
Carnival in
Adelaide!!






Fun intro to modified match play for kids aged 5+

-  3 DAY EVENT | 2 HOURS A DAY
-  SEP 29 - OCT 1 | 10:00AM - 12:00PM
-  MAKE FRIENDS AND LEARN SKILLS FOR LIFE
-  KADINA TENNIS CLUB

BEGINNERS WELCOME!



REGISTER TODAY

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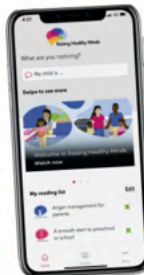
Download the app for tips to raise confident, resilient children.



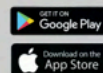
Do you have a question about your child's emotions, behaviours and wellbeing?

The Raising Healthy Minds app is a FREE, personalised pocket resource to help you raise confident, resilient children.

Co-designed with parents and experts and funded by the Australian Government, the app offers a mix of quick-read articles, videos and animations designed to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing from birth to age 12.



Download the app from Google Play or the App Store



Find out more about Raising Healthy Minds at raisingchildren.net.au/rhm


Adelaide


Christmas Pageant

We are lucky enough to have a number of tickets available for the upcoming Adelaide Christmas Pageant on Saturday, 8th November 2025. These tickets are for a designated area and are allocated specifically for our school and rural care community.

To request tickets, please contact us with the following:

- Number of tickets you require
- Names for each ticket

 Call the school on 8826 2060

 Or text 0417 841 481



Tickets will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and distributed closer to the date.

