COTTAGE OPENING

We officially open the cottage on Friday at 10am and everyone is welcome to come along. There will be a morning tea afterwards, which presents a good opportunity to step inside the building and check out the work that has been done.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

As always, our School Captains will attend the Buninyong ANZAC Day service and lay a wreath on behalf of the school community. We’ll also have an ANZAC focus at our assembly later that week (April 29) and everyone is invited to come along.

NO CANTEEN THURSDAY 5TH MAY

Please note: There will be no school canteen on Japanese Day; students have the opportunity to order a Japanese gyoza lunch instead.

PREP OPEN MORNINGS

Monday 16th May &
Tuesday 17th May
9:00 - 1:00pm each day
Children welcome

2017 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are now open for 2017.
If you child has a sibling and you wish to enrol for 2017, please call into the office for an enrolment form.
Enrolments close on June 24th.
This month’s meeting of School Council consisted of the Annual General Meeting (AGM), followed by an ordinary business meeting.

The AGM primarily concerned approval of the School’s 2015 Annual Report which will be available on the web at www.buninyongps.vic.edu.au very soon. The AGM also included the appointment of office bearers for the coming year. Teacher representative Jarrod Sing will continue as Secretary, Nadine Miller takes up the role of Treasurer, Gareth Smith moves from Treasurer to Vice-President and I will continue as President for another term. Bernie provided an induction and refresher session for new and continuing members of Council before the close of the AGM and commencement of the ordinary meeting.

Being a shortened ordinary meeting there was a contracted agenda in which Council began consideration of a range of financial management and control polices, received a report on the Quicksmart numeracy support program - which is clearly yielding strong results and considered the standing report from Bernie, Josh, Dave and Shaun that ensures we are all well across developments at both the Buninyong and Scotsburn campuses.

Darren Holland
darrenc.holland@gmail.com
School Council President.

Our “Monster” Book Fair is coming

It will commence on Thursday 21st April and continue through to Friday 29th April.
 Held in the School Library
 Between 8.30am & 9.30am and 3.30pm & 4.00pm

Our children just love the Book Fairs and can’t get enough of the books. We try to ensure that a great selection is sent to us by Scholastic
If you can assist with the selling of the books please contact Kath in the Library.

Handling sales will be even easier as Scholastic are providing EFTPOS machines with PayPass, enabling customers to tap and go.

No experience is necessary and training will be given on the job. Any help is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions whatsoever please don’t hesitate to contact Kath in the Library.
Georgia showed kindness and empathy by looking after one of her friends who was feeling super sad. Well done on being so compassionate Georgia.

Japanese Question of the Week:
Term 2...week 2
なんですか？What is it?
In Japan, what is it called when you go to view the Cherry Blossoms, and have a special picnic?

WINNER: Term 2 Week 1:
CHARLOTTE CRIMEEN 3JB
Charlotte correctly identified the picture as SAKURA, or Cherry Blossoms.

MUSIC ON THE MOUNT 2016
SAT 7 MAY
MUSIC ON THE MOUNT IS NOW ON QKR.

You can buy your tickets and also pay for any silent bids you may win.

Just remember to call into the office to collect your tickets before the event.

Needed: Old Tee-Shirts (Adult & Children’s sizes)
Why: Mothers Day Activity
Where: There will be a drop off box in the office foyer

All Donations are greatly appreciated!

Thank you, Joy Hoey.

Act of Kindness
Georgia Deeble

Georgia showed kindness and empathy by looking after one of her friends who was feeling super sad. Well done on being so compassionate Georgia.
Helping Your Child to Read, Write and View.

Over the past several weeks this support page on the newsletter has focussed primarily on students in years P-2. Over the coming weeks the focus will shift to those students in yrs 3-6 and how we, as parents can support literacy learning at home.

In the middle to upper years of primary school students use reading and writing to learn and explore other learning areas, and to seek out information for themselves as active learners. Often supporting your child through providing the environment that is conducive to reading and writing will promote an engagement in learning.

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ, WRITE AND VIEW

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Creating reading and writing opportunities at home

As readers and writers, children explore their world everyday beyond school and home.

It’s important at home that you:

99. Show a genuine interest in your child’s reading and writing and viewing of all different types of texts.
100. Let them see you read and write and tell them why you are reading and writing.
101. Talk to your child about their understanding and encourage their reading and writing efforts.
102. Share family histories and stories through talking and encourage your child to talk to older family members.
103. Discuss television shows or films that you have watched together.
104. Encourage your child to develop their own library of books.
105. Talk about world events and encourage your child to look at the different sides of the story to form their own opinions.

SUPPORTING your child’s reading and writing at home

Create a routine for learning and provide materials to motivate writing such as:

106. Notebooks to write their ideas and feelings.
107. Computers and/or netbooks.
108. Markers, pencils, highlighters and pens.
109. Dictionaries and thesauruses as references. These can be books or found online.
110. Online resources such as online maps, encyclopaedias, weather sites.

NAPLAN 2016

In 2016, NAPLAN tests will be held on 10-12 May. Each year students in years 3 and 5 from across Australia participate in the assessments.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

NAPLAN results

Schools will receive NAPLAN reports for their students from mid-August to mid-September. We will notify you when the reports are being sent home. The same report format is used for every student in Australia.

Preparation for NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you are encouraged to make a time to speak with their teacher.
LUNCH ORDER FORM: 餃子 GYOZA (Dumplings)

This year students have the option to purchase delicious “Gyoza” (Japanese dumplings) for lunch. Gyoza are dumplings filled with minced meat and vegetables wrapped in a thin dough. They are usually steamed or pan fried. Also known as pot stickers, they are a very popular dish in Japan...and are really yummy. If you’ve never tried them...here’s your chance!

Students can choose either a serve of chicken or pork gyoza for $4.80 (3 dumplings per serve). Dumplings are being supplied and cooked on site by the Wun Hung Lo Dumpling Co.

Order forms (with correct money enclosed) are due back at school by FRIDAY 29th APRIL.
One form per student please. Arigatou 😊

Narelle Sullivan & Paula Dekok (Japanese Teachers)

Please note: There will be no school canteen on Japanese Day; students have the opportunity to order a Japanese lunch instead.

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Nihon Matsuri (Japanese Day) – GYOZA LUNCH ORDER – Thursday 5th May
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Nihon Matsuri
Thursday 5th May 2016

Japan Festival is COMING!
Come dressed in an Asian inspired costume.
Order GYOZA for lunch!

There are many Japanese cultural activities happening throughout the day, including:

TAIKO DRUMMING, KENDO, MANGA DRAWING, UNDOUKAI (SPORTS FESTIVAL), MOKUHANGA PRINTING, KABUKI MASKS, HACHI MAKI, KITES...AND MORE!
Welcome to week 2! After a fantastic presentation of The Resilience Project at Mt Clear S.C last Tuesday night it’s now time to start the ball rolling. As you can see below there are some very basic questions to ask your children, regularly, to promote a positive mindset. We are doing this to not only make your child / you bulletproof but also to improve the ability to bounce back when serious life events occur. See below for more.....

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS.....

1. WHAT ACT OF KINDNESS DID YOU DO TODAY? FOR WHOM? HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL?

2. WHAT 3 THINGS WENT WELL AT SCHOOL TODAY? TELL ME ABOUT THEM?

3. WHAT MINDFULNESS ACTIVITIES DID YOU DO TODAY—COLOURING, MEDITATION / SMILING MIND?

B+ PROGRAM UPDATE

So far we have been explicitly teaching your child / children lessons like; Playing by the rules, respect and personal best. In our family groups we have developed names for each class and undertaken activities along those explicit lessons. Soon we will be adding in more mindfulness activities, a greater emphasis on gratitude and empathy and some theme days each term. The program and the B+ students are really starting to have an impact on the already very positive culture of our school and I am very excited about where we are heading.

ANZAC DAY

Buninyong RSL service is 10.15am on the 25th of April. We are also holding a special whole school assembly on the 29th of April with a guest speaker, followed by a walk to the Gallipoli Oak that we planted last year for the minutes silence and the ode. All welcome!

Link of the Term
http://theresilienceproject.com.au

Term 2: First B+ Theme — Personal Best
Please keep an eye out for the weekly newsletter. The Scotsburn section will regularly have important dates and information. Please contact the office at Buninyong if you are not receiving it by email or would like it as a hard copy.

Thank you again to the wonderful group of volunteers that assisted on Sunday with the Bunnings BBQ. As a result of your commitment to the Scotsburn campus, we were able to raise a substantial amount of money that will continue to go to the beautification of our school grounds. Special thanks to Marita who again led the charge with the organising of this event to ensure it ran extremely smoothly.

We are thrilled that our new building is nearing completion. The grade 2/3 students will soon be moving across so that we can use their current room as a dedicated Art and Japanese room. This will be wonderful for both the students and staff.

A reminder that next Monday is ANZAC Day. We would encourage all families to attend one of the many services as a great learning opportunity for your children.

To compliment the new building, we have had a number of parents combining their creative ideas so that the area outside the new building can be transformed into a great play space. This Thursday straight after school, we will be catching up to make some decisions on what this area may look like. All interested are welcome to attend.

We have the chance to be involved in a great opportunity called the ‘Read to Dog’ Program. The program is designed to support our students with their reading. To run the program we would need a willing parent and their dog to attend the school for an hour every week for two terms.

Mentors and their dog would be required to firstly go through certification (2 days), the costs of which would be covered by School Focused Youth Service. Please see Shaun if you would like more information.

A number of orange permission notes have been sent home recently. Please ensure that they are returned as soon as possible. There will be opportunities for parents to join us on some of these excursions too. Please drop in and see your child’s teacher if you are interested. As is always the case, we will endeavour to share these opportunities for parents as best we can.

The gymnastics program will commence this Wednesday 20th April at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre. Parents are most welcome to come along to watch.

P/1 – Jack Plier
2/3 – Bella Hilton
Specialist Award - Drew Smith

Our next rotation for the term will not be until Monday the 2nd May as we have ANZAC Day this Monday. Please ensure that you arrange any swaps if you are unavailable.

Below is the table for Term 2 - Important Dates & Extra Curricular Events:

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20-18th May - Grade P-2 Gymnastics @ 2pm – 3pm
25th April - ANZAC Day
5th May - Japanese Theme Day at Buninyong
6th May - Grade P-6 Ecoclinic Excursion
10-12th May - NAPLAN Gr 3 & Gr 5
13th May - School Photos
16 - 17th May - Open Mornings (9:00 - 11:00am)
24th May - Report Writing Day
3rd June - Grade P-6 Quantum Excursion
9th June - Reports go home
13th June - Queen’s Birthday Holiday
14-15th June - 3 Way Conversations
24th June - Term 2 Finishes
11th July - Term 3 Starts
Pinarc Parent Information Sessions
and Support Groups

Centrelink Information for families of children with disabilities
Presented by James Everard of Centrelink Ballarat.
Monday 18th of April, 6.45pm - 8.30pm
Pinarc Disability Support, 1828 Sturt St Alfredton
A DVD for children will be showing in another room with supervision by Pinarc Recreation staff for families unable to find childcare for that evening. Please confirm numbers at time of registration.
Register at Pinarc Reception: Ph: 5329 1300
Email: Admin@pinarc.org.au

Pinarc Free NDIS Pre-Planning Information Sessions.
• Learn about the steps you need to take
• Receive Handbooks to guide you through the process
• Speak directly to a Pinarc Planner who can answer your questions.

Ballarat - 1828 Sturt Street Alfredton
Wednesday 27th April, 7.30-8.30pm.
Tuesday 10th of May, 9.30am.

Other locations
Bacchus Marsh, Thursday 21st April 10.00am
Daylesford, Thursday 28th April, 10.00am
Bannockburn, Monday 2nd May, 7.00pm
Bannockburn, Tuesday 3rd May, 10.00am
Creswick, Thursday 5 May, 10.00a.m.
Ararat, Tuesday 10th May, 11.00am

Phone Pinarc on 5329 1300 to book your place.

Individual Pre-Planning Sessions.
• Meet with a qualified and experienced Pinarc planner
• Identify the supports you are receiving now and any additional support you need.
• Prepare your participant or carer statement
• Learn about the language the NDIS uses

Book a time to suit you. Phone Pinarc Central Intake: 53291398

Ballarat MyTime group
This group is for parents and carers of young children with disabilities or chronic illness. MyTime sessions provide opportunities to connect with others whilst an experienced Play Helper provides activities for children who attend. My Time runs at Pinarc, 1828 Sturt St, 10am - 12pm on alternate Wednesdays during school terms.
April topics: 13 April - Bedtime and sleep issues
27 April - NDIS update

Ballarat Autism Parent Connection
This social group meets at The Robin Hood Hotel, 33 Peel St Nth, Ballarat on the second or third Monday of the month, 10am – 12pm. The next meeting will be Monday 16th May at 10am. New members always welcome.

ADHD/ADD/ODD Parent Connection
This social group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting for this group will be Tuesday April 26th, 10am at Ballarat Yacht Club. New members more than welcome.

Blokes Brigade
This is a group for fathers of children with disabilities. New members welcome.
Contact: Matthew Smith Ph: 0497 587 285, blokesbrigade@hotmail.com

Down Syndrome Parent Support Group
The Ballarat Down Syndrome Support Group meet regularly for a meal or a coffee. Contact Wendy on charingal.park@bigpond.com for more information.
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- Grade 6 Earth Ed (incursion)  | 12<sup>th</sup> | 13<sup>th</sup> April  
- Grade 6 HHR  | 14th  | 15<sup>th</sup>  
- 3 - 6 Assembly  |
| 2    | 18<sup>th</sup>  
- Story of Buninyong Rehearsal  
- Grade 3 Earth Ed (NS & JB)  | 19<sup>th</sup>  
- Grade 6 HHR  
- 3 - 6 Cross Country (2pm-3:30pm)  | 20<sup>th</sup>  
- STOB Workshops  
- Scotsburn P-2 Gymnastics (2.3:30pm)  | 21<sup>st</sup>  
- Grade 3 Earth Ed (JB & KA) & JB  
- Book Fair  | 22<sup>nd</sup>  
- No Assembly  
- Book Fair  
- BPS Cottage Opening at 10am  |
| 3    | 25<sup>th</sup>  
- **ANZAC DAY**  
- **PUPIL FREE**  
- 10:15am Service Buninyong RSL  | 26<sup>th</sup>  
- Grade 6 Earth Ed  
- Grade 6 HHR  
- Book Fair  | 27<sup>th</sup>  
- STOB Workshops  
- Prep – Wildlife Park  
- Book Fair  
- Scotsburn P-2 Gymnastics (2.3:30pm)  | 28<sup>th</sup>  
- Grade 6 Earth Ed  
- Book Fair  | 29<sup>th</sup>  
- Whole School Assembly  
- Grade 1 Fizzics Incursion  
- Preps – Wildlife Park  
- Book Fair  |
| 4    | 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
- STOB Rehearsal  | 3<sup>rd</sup>  
- Grade 6 HHR  | 4<sup>th</sup>  
- STOB Workshops  
- Scotsburn P-2 Gymnastics (2.3:30pm)  | 5<sup>th</sup>  
- PLP Meeting #3  
- Japanese Day  | 6<sup>th</sup>  
- P-2 Assembly  
- Scotsburn P-6 Ecolink  |
| 5    | 9<sup>th</sup>  
- STOB Rehearsal  | 10<sup>th</sup>  
- NAPLAN  
- Grade 6 HHR  | 11<sup>th</sup>  
- NAPLAN  
- Scotsburn P-2 Gymnastics (2.3:30pm)  | 12<sup>th</sup>  
- SCHOOL PHOTOS  | 13<sup>th</sup>  
- Whole School Assembly  
- SCHOOL PHOTOS  |
| 6    | 16<sup>th</sup>  
- School Council  
- STOB Rehearsal  
- Grade 5 Camp 5JS &5JG to 18th May  | 17<sup>th</sup>  
- Grade 6 HHR  | 18<sup>th</sup>  
- Scotsburn P-2 Gymnastics (2.3:30pm)  
- Grade 5 Camp 5MD & SCB to 20th May  | 19<sup>th</sup>  | 20<sup>th</sup>  
- 3 - 6 Assembly  |
| 7    | 23<sup>rd</sup>  
- STOB Rehearsal  | 24<sup>th</sup>  
- REPORT WRITING DAY – **PUPIL FREE**  | 25<sup>th</sup>  
- **P-2 Assembly**  
- Scotsburn Quantum  | 26<sup>th</sup>  | 27<sup>th</sup>  
- Whole School Assembly  |
| 8    | 30<sup>th</sup>  
- STOB Rehearsal  | 31<sup>st</sup> May  
- Grandparents Day  | 1<sup>st</sup> June  | 2<sup>nd</sup>  
- 3 - 6 Assembly  |
| 9    | **QUEENS B’DAY HOLIDAY**  
- **PUPIL FREE**  | 6<sup>th</sup>  
- Grade 6 Earth Ed (incursion)  | 7<sup>th</sup>  
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- Reports sent home  |
| 10   | 13<sup>th</sup>  
- 1PM FINISH for 3 way conversations & PTI’s  | 14<sup>th</sup>  
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- Scotsburn Quantum  | 16<sup>th</sup>  
- **PLP Meeting #4**  | 17<sup>th</sup>  
- 3 - 6 Assembly  |
| 11   | 20<sup>th</sup>  
- School Council  | 21<sup>st</sup>  
- **STOB Performance**  | 22<sup>nd</sup>  
- **P-2 Assembly**  
- Final Day Term 2  | 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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- Whole School Assembly  
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