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Dear Buninyong and Scotsburn Parents,

Successfully managing a classroom and meeting the needs of all students can be a real challenge, so we are always keen to have parents helping out. Each year we run a Parent Helpers Program which aims to help parents build knowledge and confidence that is useful when helping out in classrooms. The focus is on Literacy and the course is comprised of 2 sessions. Attending the program is not a pre-requisite to help out in classrooms, but it is certainly very helpful.

We would like to invite you to participate in the Classroom Helpers Program for 2016. Details are as follows:

1. **Session 1** — This session has a focus on home reading and sight words as is useful for parents wanting to support their child’s reading at home. This session will be run on Wednesday March 16th from 2:00 - 3:15pm and repeated on Thursday 17th of March from 9:00 - 10:15am.

2. **Session 2** — This session has a focus on being a helper with literacy in the classroom and is to be run on Tuesday 22nd March from 2:00 - 3:15pm and repeated on Wednesday 23rd March from 9:00 - 10:15am.

All sessions to be held at our Buninyong Campus in the meeting room which is located in the admin block.

If you would like to participate please, email young.david.d@edumail.vic.gov.au, or, ring the school office on 5341 3560, or, complete and return the slip below to the office.

Thank you

David Young (T & LAP)

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Please tick your preference

I will attend:

- **Session One**
  - Wed 16th March 9:00 - 10:00am or
  - Thursday 17th March 2:00 - 3:00pm

- **Session two**
  - Tuesday 22nd March 2:00 - 3:00pm or
  - Wednesday 23rd March 9:00 - 10:15am

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

With the School Council election process complete, we can now announce that the following parents and teachers have been elected to join School Council for the coming 2 years:

**Parent Representatives** – Chris McQuie, Catriona Fox, Nadine Miller & Darren Holland

**Teacher Representatives** - Paul Wilson & Nanette Jackson

They join Gareth Smith, Mick Durham, Pauline Rogers, Ange Stock, Cindy Armstrong, Jarrod Sing and Bernie Conlan in making up our School Council for the coming 12 months.

A big thank you to our retiring School Councillors, those being Peter Mees, Michael Till, Melanie Coffey, Steve Skilbeck & Wendy Hines.
Curriculum Day – TUESDAY 15th MARCH 2016

Next Tuesday 15th March both Buninyong and Scotsburn campuses will be closed in order for staff to attend a day of learning based on our new writing model, VCOP.

VCOP is designed to bring the fun back into writing, to make the children want to write and to be continuously challenged throughout the writing journey. Through games, activities, writing tasks, conversations and discussions, students will learn not only where their abilities lie in a fun and engaging way, but also the steps they need to take, in order to continue to improve.

Big Write and VCOP is a methodology for raising the standards in writing across all ages and ability levels. Based on the premise that ‘if they can't say it, they can't write it’, we scaffold the learning to allow children to become articulate thinkers and speakers, who will then become articulate writers. It is a differentiated approach suitable for pre-writers, all the way through secondary school. Underpinning the progress the students will achieve is the 'back to basics' approach of teaching the building blocks of writing.

We look forward to sharing the model with you over the coming months. You will hear and see some of the following in the future and we encourage you to discuss these with your children.
Buninyong Primary School Sports

STANDARD ATHLETICS SPORTS LLANBERRIS RESERVE,
YORK STREET, BALLARAT
YEARS 3 - 6
Friday 11th MARCH, 2016

HOUSE TEACHERS

INGLIS (GREEN) 3-6  Rebecca Gaylard, Jason Bahr,Daniel Spalding, Jessica Germain,

SCOTT (GOLD) 3-6  Ness Scoleri, Shaun O’Loughlin, Kelly Geddes, Narelle Sullivan, Jess Thornton, Steven Skilbeck

CORNISH (WHITE) 3-6  Sally Davis, Aaron Coulter, Jarrod Sing, Paula Dekok, Mark Muldoon, Katie Adamson

SIMPSON (BLUE) 3-6  Paul Wilson, Barb Brokenshire, Claire Morris, Zane Bannister, Vanessa Belsar

House Teams Reps

Green (Inglis)
Josh Matheson, Rachel DeVries, Ben Retallick, Charlie Schaper

White (Cornish)
Aysha Brown, Jayva Goriss-Dazeley, Hayden Carlyle-Marks, Macy Forbes

Blue (Simpson)
Georgina Mees, Maddison White, Jack Cornish, Lochie Oellering

Gold (Scott)
Scarlett Eason, Miranda Bunting, Bailey Ryan, Andy Campbell

FIRST AID
Noelene Vagg

TRACK EVENTS
Starter Zane Bannister
Starter’s Marshals (Start) Fed Uni students
Timekeepers Fed Uni Students
Finish Marshals (Finish) Fed Uni Students
Judges (Finish) Fed Uni Students
Recorders Fed Uni students
Announcer Fed Uni students
PROGRAM OF EVENTS
Friday 13th March, 2015
@ LLANBERRIS RESERVE

9:00AM: Buses depart

9:30AM: Arrive at track, place bags in house bays and go to first rotation

9:40AM: Start field events rotations (15 mins at each rotation)

12:15PM: Lunch

12:30PM: Sprints (12-8yr)
Championship Sprints (Boys / Girls – medal)
Relays (to be completed in grade levels)

2:15PM: Presentations / Ribbons (Sport captains to hand out ribbons)

2:45pm: Back to School

Sprints Lanes: Inglis 1 and 2
Simpson 3 and 4
Scott 5 and 6
Cornish 7 and 8

REMINDER TO CHILDREN TO WEAR A HAT AND SUNSCREEN!!
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HOW CAN I HELP?

Over the next few months we will be sharing some tips and tricks to help with learning at home in the areas of literacy and numeracy. These will by no means be a definitive list but lots of ideas of how modelling through action and word at home can help support learning.

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ, WRITE, SPEAK AND LISTEN

In the early years of primary school, students learn to read through rhymes, storytelling and following along with their favourite book. Learning to write begins with scribble and drawings. The activities below will help your child develop these skills.

1. Share rhymes and songs and encourage your child to join in.
2. Save safe cardboard and household items for your child to build with. Ask your child to describe what they are building.
3. Have a dress-up box for your child to use for imaginative play.
4. Listen to your child and respond to their ideas with questions and ask for more information.
5. Write down your child’s stories as they tell you and encourage him or her to read it back to you.
6. Point out and talk about letters and words all around you. For example, on cereal boxes, car number plates, signs.
7. Cook simple things together. Read out the recipe, talk through what you are doing.
8. Join a toy library and choose toys together.
9. Look at junk mail and talk about the things for sale.
10. Provide materials and create a writing/drawing table or area.
11. Talk about family photos and histories.
WE WILL NOT BE SELLING FROZEN TREATS THIS FRIDAY 11TH MARCH DUE TO THE 3-6 SPORTS

Thank you to everyone for their support this term...we have been very busy in the canteen on Tuesdays and Fridays. Only a few more days left this term. In term 2 & 3 we will be doing some other food due to the cooler weather. Frozen treats will be back again in Term 4.

Stay tuned...we will soon be announcing the school based project and local community group we will share the term one profits between.

PREP—3 DISCO

On Wednesday 23rd March the Grade 6 Disco team will be running our first Prep to 3 Disco for 2016.

Where – In the Gym
When — Lunch time. Wed 23-3-16
Why – To raise money for the Grade 6 Graduation night and to have fun!

Dress up Theme – Animals. Dress up if you want to.
* Please bring a gold coin.

Japanese Question of the Week:
What is the word for ART in Japanese?

Nihon de no bujitsu no tame no kotoba wa nan desu ka

Last Week’s Winner:
Abby Crawley 4JT

Q. What is the word for Music in Japanese?
Correct Answer: ONGAKU
This week I’ve found an amazing website and feel that I should share. It’s www.lemonlimeadventures.com … check it out! It has amazing articles, great ideas and can provide some much needed reassurance that you’re not alone or doing the right thing.

If there’s something you know works at home for your child, does your child’s teacher know about it? If we have a very positive collaborative approach to your child’s education just imagine the possibilities.

**Family Time Questions**

When was the last time you sat and read with your child? Check this link out! https://www.earlymoments.com/promoting-literacy-and-a-love-of-reading/why-reading-to-children-is-important/

What do you do to relax? After talking to a number of parents since I’ve started I’ve noticed that a fast paced life, kids, work and family can take it’s toll. As a parent you need to take care of yourself, because without you your kids lose out! Think about your goals, your ‘YOU’ time and most of all how to maintain control. There is a lot of support out there … if you look!!

HELP!!

Do you have **old sand pit equipment** that we could use in our school sandpits? Please bring into to school asap and we can upgrade the sandpit area and allow the kids some more

**25 Ways to Develop a Growth Mindset**


**SCHOOL CANTEEN**

After a busy Term 1 learning how to run the school canteen Melinda Tant (who’s doing an amazing job!!!) still needs weekly support. If you’re a PLP or a parent willing to volunteer your time for a fast paced hour and half each Thursday from 11.30—1pm please let us know.

Without your support our school canteen may not run!
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**UK Pre-Service Teachers**

This term we have been lucky enough to have 6 fantastic Pre-Service Teachers from the University of Chester in England working within our school. Olivia, Katie, Scarlet, Lauren, Josie and Sarah have been absolutely fantastic to have around.

They've all been working hard in supporting children with their learning, taking small groups and classes and participating in a variety of excursions around Ballarat and the surrounding areas. We'd just like to thank them for the support, professionalism and energy they brought to our great school, it has been an amazing experience for all of us.

Thankyou

**Act of Kindness**

Going above and beyond and presenting a gift to a student to help their learning. Well done on showing kindness and compassion Mia!
SCOTSBURN COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE

Following the recent Finns Road fire, a committee has been formed to help with the recovery. If you would like to become involved as a representative of the Scotsburn campus, please see Shaun ASAP.

GR 3-6 SCHOOL SPORTS

This Friday is the Grade 3-6 School Sports. All Scotsburn Grade 3-6’s will start and finish the day at the Buninyong campus. Please all meet Ms Morris and Ms Hunter in the courtyard.

SPELLING MASTERY

There will be no Spelling Mastery on Friday 11th due to the Grade 3-6 sports day.

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

A reminder that there is no school on Monday 14th March.

PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder that Tuesday 15th March is also a pupil free day. The staff on this day will be involved in a PD focusing on the new VCOP writing program.

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Last week, the students participated in National Ride to School Day. The kids brought their bikes to school and had a wonderful time riding them during PE. Ms Hunter focused on bike safety and various other bike skills and even set up a brilliant obstacle course to ride along at recess and lunchtime. We would also like to thank Richard Chibnall who assisted Deb on the day.

FIRST AID COURSE FOR KIDS

On Friday, the students were visited by a representative from St John’s Hospital. The students learnt some valuable first aid skills which was great.

Clean Up Australia Day

The students did a brilliant job cleaning up the area around the Scotsburn campus last Friday. Well done everyone.

WELL DONE DYLAN

We would like to congratulate Dylan Lyons who is taking part in the World’s Greatest Shave this Thursday. Please drop into Ms Morris’ classroom where a donation box can be found if you would like to support this great cause.

ZOOPER DOOPERS FOR SALE

Dylan will be selling Zooper Doopers on Wednesday for $1. All monies raised will be donated to the World’s Greatest Shave charity.

SHUTTING THE GATE

Could everyone try extra hard to remember to shut the gate when they come in and out as we have quite a few younger siblings of our students who have a tendency to go for a run!

WELCOME LAUREN & OLIVIA

This week we have another 2 visiting student teachers from Chester (UK). The students are enjoying working in all of our classrooms.

SPECIALIST AWARD – Amelia Plier

TERM 1 – LUNCH ORDER ROSTER

Lunch orders need to be collected from The Buninyong campus at 12.40pm.

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TERM 2 PARENT HELPERS

If you would like to help at either our Monday rotations or Thursday lunch order pick up, please see Shaun ASAP.

TERM 1 – IMPORTANT DATES & EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS

- 11th March  Gr 3-6 Sports Day
- 14th March  Labour Day Holiday
- 15th March  Gr 3-6 District School Sports / Pupil Free Day
- 24th March  Term 1 Finishes
- 11th April  Term 2 Starts
Hi everyone,

As you can see by the poster on this page, we have an exciting new event coming up for the school and extended community. Music on the Mount will be an evening that celebrates and highlights the value of music and the performing arts in schools and provides students with another opportunity to showcase their skills.

The night also offers an opportunity for parents and other members of the community to have an enjoyable night out, with all funds raised targeting music and performing arts initiatives across our school.

We are asking parents to encourage children to become involved by auditioning to perform on the night. Auditions will be held in the coming weeks, the details of which are set out below.

Please consider coming along... Should be a great night out.

Bernie Conlan

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**Who is the New Palm Court Orchestra?**

Australian pianist/composer Gemma Turvey formed The New Palm Court Orchestra (NPCO) in 2011, bringing together some of Melbourne's best jazz, classical and improvising musicians to perform her compositions which combine a classical aesthetic with jazz and world influences.

The NPCO is a chamber jazz ensemble with a core of nine players led by Gemma Turvey at the piano and featuring double bass, drum kit, string quartet, clarinet and French horn. Additional instrumentalists also join from time to time.


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**AUDITIONS!**

We are conducting auditions for children who would like to perform in Music on the Mount.

- We are looking for any musical act
- Singing, acting, dancing or playing an instrument
- No longer than 5 minutes in length
- Solo or Group performances welcome

Auditions will be held at lunchtime on:
- **Monday 21 March**
- **Tuesday 22 March**
- **Wednesday 23 March**