**ANZAC DAY COMMENORATION**

It was fantastic to see so many visitors come along to join our Anzac Day Commemoration last Friday. To have so many parents and other community members come along certainly helped our students understand the importance of the occasion.

Congratulations to the staff who organised the event (largely Mrs Hoey) and well done to all of the students who played a role. The grade 6s who spoke did a marvellous job and Luke Hart, who played the Last Post and Reveille is to be commended. Our grade 6 Art Team and Mrs Noyce also did an excellent job making wreaths featuring handprints with little messages. Our grade 4 classes and Mr Skillbeck did a wonderful job playing a moving rendition of ‘Lest We Forget’.

Congratulations to Shallan Pompe and Rachel Gerada who won the Anzac Day competition and the honour of planting the Gallipoli Oak with our RSL Members. We are very grateful to the RSL who were a great support as we prepared for the event. This of course includes Peter Innes who did an excellent job at our guest speaker. Special thanks also to Jed Medwell and his mum Nicki for coming along in the full uniform of a Light Horsemen, complete with their horse…this was a highlight for many of the students.

At the end of WW1, state schools were given Honour Rolls with the names of ex-students who served in that war. Over the past few weeks we have located the Honour Rolls for Buninyong, and Scotsburn Primary Schools, but also those for local schools that have been closed, those being Clarendon and Cambrian Hill Primary Schools. These rolls indicate that 201 ex-primary school students from the Buninyong district served in WW1, 45 paying the supreme sacrifice. That gives an indication as to how many of our local families were directly impacted.

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**STRANGER DANGER**

Over the course of the last week there have been reports of a suspect looking character loitering around local schools at the beginning and end of the school day. This presents a reminder for us all (teachers and parents) to speak to our children about personal safety when making our way to and from school. Local police are aware of this issue.

If you see something suspicious, please contact the school or police a.s.a.p.,
An important part of the ceremony last Friday was ‘a local story’. For the benefit of those unable to make last week’s ceremony, the story is as follows.

**Patrick Thomas McCarty**

Although his 1st name was Patrick, everyone called him Tom. Tom was born in 1892, the eldest of 9 children to Patrick and Mary Ann McCarty. They lived in Gumtree, an area west of the Buninyong Golf Club. Tom attended Buninyong State School and then went on to become a farrier. He was also active in the community playing football and serving as a member of the fire brigade.

He and his brother Edward volunteered to go to war and on the 29th of September 1915, travelled off together on board the ‘Osterley’ as part of the 24th Battalion, 5th Reinforcement. Each soldier has a registration number and his was 2414. He was aged 23 at the time.

Tom fought on the Somme in France. He was wounded by gun shot to the shoulder on January 13th, 1917 and was admitted to Brooke War hospital. He was discharged on March 2nd 1917 and returned to the war front.

Tom was again wounded by gun fire on September 1st 1918 and died in the field. He was buried in the last ravine and a cross suitably erected. This occurred during the attack on Mon St Quentin. Later his body was removed and interred in the Peronne Communal Cemetery in France. He was 26 years old. Tom’s rank at the time of his death was sergeant Major.

Tom was awarded the 1914-1915 Star Medal, which is a British War Medal.

Sent home to his family were a tunic, a brown belt and his binoculars. All families of men who died were also sent a plaque recognising their service and sacrifice. These earned the nickname of Dead Man’s Penny.

Tom was very unlucky to be killed so close to the end of the war. His name can be seen on the Buninyong State School Honour Roll.
Students are invited to wear an Asian inspired costume!

Any parents able to help sort & distribute the sushi orders at lunchtime, contact Narelle or Sue at school (53413560), or just come along to the canteen at 12.30 Friday. Arigatou!

**ACTIVITIES**

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**THIS WEEK!**

Nihon Matsuri
Friday 1st May 2015
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

On Tuesday 5th May at 11:00am our school will be holding an emergency evacuation drill. All children will be informed by their teachers prior to the event. On the day Bernie or Sue will announce the drill and sound the alarm. All teachers are aware of the procedure and will bring the children to the evacuation area as calmly as possible.

Everyone will be accounted for, the children will be addressed by Mr Oellering and then taken back to class by their teachers.

Please feel free to discuss this with your child prior to this event.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all our wonderful parents for supporting the Book Fair so well. You are all amazing!

We took $6055 which has allowed us to take $1200 worth of books with $600 in cash left over which will go into our Library Budget and enable us to purchase other resources.

COLOURING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following children who entered the colouring competition and won a book of their choice:

Harry Vrettas  Millie Young  Sadie Jones
Tarnie Goldsmith  Ella Young

CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS

It is very important that when families receive information about camps, excursions and events organised by the school, that parents/carers take special care to note the due dates for payments and notes to be returned.

Unfortunately we are unable to extend the due date for payment for school activities as this makes planning very difficult for the staff organising the event.

Families who are experiencing financial difficulty please come and see the ladies in the office to fill out a payment plan form.

If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the office on 5341 3560.

BPAY PAYMENTS

If making any BPay payments, could you please send a quick email to the school, Buninyong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au stating what you are paying for.

If you choose to pay via the QKR app you can select the excursion/camp etc.

Unfortunately this is not available on BPay

For one off payments Qkr is the preferred option.
LUNCHBOX RECIPE SWAP
Please come along for a cuppa at 9.00am on Wednesday 6th May in the Old Building to share nut and egg free baking ideas for school lunchboxes. Bring recipes to share and any ideas and experiences you have on substituting nuts and eggs for other suitable ingredients.

GRADE 3 CAMP
Camp is fast approaching (7th & 8th May). Students need to be at Buninyong by 8.45am on Thursday morning to catch the bus. They will arrive back to Buninyong by approximately 3pm.

NEW BOMBER JACKETS
The Grade 6 bomber jackets have arrived and the kids were very excited to try them on for the first time. They look great!

LUNCH ORDER ROSTER
Lunch orders are underway. Thank you to the parents that have offered to bring them up to Scotsburn each Thursday by 1pm. We also have Marita, Marg and Sarah helping in the canteen during Term 4. Please let Shaun know ASAP if you can help on the days that are not filled in yet.

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JAPANESE THEME DAY
The Japanese Theme Day is coming up this Friday. Students will join the grade that they eat their snack and lunch with each Friday. Please note that students will start and finish the day at Buninyong.

GR 3-6 CROSS COUNTRY
The Gr 3-6 students participated in the school cross country last week. All of the students gave it their best shot and competed very well. Special thanks to all of the families that came along to help and cheer on the kids. Good luck to the students that have made it through to the next round of competition on Wednesday.

NEW ADDITIONS
We have two new feathery friends who have joined us at Scotsburn. Thanks to the Plier family for giving us a new rooster and hen to join our chook family!

CHESS
This term, Liz Lucas is offering up her time at lunchtime every Monday to teach any interested children how to play chess. We thank Liz for volunteering and providing our students with yet another great opportunity.

BUNNINGS BBQ
This term we have a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday the 31st May. Last year our Bunnings BBQ raised quite a lot of money for the Scotsburn campus. We have a number of parents already putting their hand up to help out on the day which is great, but we still need more. If you can help between 8.30am – 4pm, please contact Shaun at school or Marita Williams who is organising it at wilconinfo@bigpond.com or 0457520765. A meeting to finalise plans for the day will be coming up soon.

SCOTSBURN ROLL OF HONOR
Last week, the Scotsburn students visited the Scotsburn Hall to look at the Scotsburn Roll of Honor. This was great for the students to see as part of their learning in the lead up to ANZAC Day. The students also participated in the wonderful assembly on the Friday. Well done also to Paige and Mia who spoke so brilliantly during the assembly.

POSTER TUBES
We are in need of tubes which are able to store rolled up posters (all sizes). If you have any spare lying around, they would be appreciated by Ms Morris.

MONDAY ROTATIONS
Our next rotation for the term will be on the 4th May,
Cooking – Group 2 (helper – Sarah Palmer)
ICT – Group 3
Gardening – Group 1 (helper – Richard Archer)
Please remember to pay the $15 for this semester or $30 for the year to the office at Buninyong for the cooking program.

IMPORTANT DATES
- 30th April - Gr 6 Leadership Conference (Creswick)
- 1st May - Japanese Theme Day
- 6th May - 3 way conversations (4pm - 6pm)
- 7th & 8th May - Grade 3 Camp
- 12th 13th & 14th May - NAPLAN
- 15th May - School Photos
- 18th & 19th May - Open Mornings
- 25th May - Grandparents Day (9am-11am)
**BYOD Parent Training Session**

This Thursday the 7th of May the eLearning Team at Buninyong Primary School will be holding more BYOD/iPad training sessions in the BER (new building) from 6pm-7:15pm.

The aim of these sessions is to assist in training parents with students in grades 4 and 5 at Buninyong campus in 2015 and years 4, 5 and 6 at Scotsburn campus in 2015 around parts of the BYOD Program.

At this particular night we will be holding 3 sets of 20 minute breakout sessions to help educate about the following:

- Helping your child with iMovie;
- Helping your child with Reading Rewards; and
- Cybersafety resources that are available to parents and students online.

Please bring along an iPad to the session.

We look forward to seeing as many parents (children not required at this session) as possible and are really excited beginning soon!

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**SPORT SHOES**

Just a reminder that children are to bring separate running shoes to Physical Education classes in term 2 & 3 that they can independently place on their feet.

Thanks Daniel O'Kelly
Preps reflect on ANZAC Day...

Preps shared the story of 'Simpson and His Donkey'. They were asked what kind of a person they thought Simpson was? Here is a sample of what they had to say...

Simpson and his donkey were really kind. They looked after people.

He was very nice and brave.

Simpson and his donkey were really kind. They looked after people.

They were very brave.

Simpson was a very helpful man. Even when he carried many supplies on his donkey

I will never forget the soldiers.

... and we were very brave.