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SCHOOL CONCERT

The big day is almost here and if practise is any indication, 'Lights, Camera, Action' will be a big hit. There will be a full house on both evenings, so the atmosphere will be electric. Following are some details which will be useful for parents.

TICKETS

Please contact the ladies in the office if you have left your run late and missed out on purchasing any tickets. If there are members of your family that have not been able to secure tickets for either of the evening concerts, they are welcome to come along to the dress rehearsal (at no cost), which will take place on Thursday starting at 10:30am.

PRINTING OFF YOUR TICKETS

As with any performance/event where tickets are purchased online, we ask that you print off your tickets and present them at the door. Contact the ladies in the office if you have a question about tickets.

SEATING

Everyone who has purchased a ticket will have an allocated seat. There will be ushers in the auditorium to help you find your seat.

ARRIVAL TIMES

The doors will open for both evening concerts at 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Students need to arrive at 6:30pm or soon after. Unless organised by your child’s teacher, please don’t come earlier than 6:30…it’s a long night for the students and we don’t need to make it even longer by arriving early.

PARKING / DROPPING OFF CHILDREN

On the next few pages of this newsletter you will find information regarding parking and dropping off students. Please have a read as this will make everything straight forward on concert evenings.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Excursion to BioLab (Belmont)
6KG and 6BB - Monday 29th August
6JM and 6PW - Wednesday 31st August
** The bus will leave school at 8.45am sharp **

Due to the strict program times for the science activities there, we will not be able to hold the bus up for late comers. We are planning to be back at school at / close to 3.30 pm.

NO CANTEEN – 25TH AUGUST
DUE TO CONCERT DRESS REHEARSAL ALL DAY
**WATER AND SNACKS**
It’s a good idea for all children to attend with a named water bottle. Also, it is a long evening, so the children might like to bring a small bag with a snack while they wait. There will not be food available for purchase at Founders Hall, but coffee will be on sale in the foyer before the concert. There is no interval, so once the concert starts there will be non-stop action through to the end.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES**
The teachers are planning to take along things to help keep the students occupied while they are back stage. We have asked the children not to bring any electronic devices, as there is too much potential for them to go missing.

**CONCERT FINALE**
A few parents have asked whether there is anything in particular the children are expected to wear for the concert finale. The simple answer is no.

**PROGRAMS**
Programs will be available for purchase outside the venue. The program will include a running order for acts and a map to indicate where you need to collect your children at the end of each performance.

**PARKING**
The map of Federation University, which appears on page 4 shows where you can park and how to find your way to the concert venue.

- The building marked ‘M’ is Founders Hall (concert venue), also known as the Caro Convention Centre.
- Car parks and car park entrances can be seen on the map. Some parks are deemed permit areas up until 5pm, but most are open to the general public from 5pm onwards. **There is NO PARKING in Chancellor Drive.**
- The closest car parks are across University Drive (gravel car park) and off Chancellor Drive, but these will fill fast. Do not despair, as there will be loads of space in the Main Public Car Park, which is just a 2 or 3 minute walk from Founders Hall. There will be a trail of balloons showing the simplest walking route from the Main Public Car Park to the venue.....parking attendants will also be about to guide you.
- Beside the venue is a drive through (marked on the map), which will be useful for those dropping off the elderly or for dropping off students who are being left for the concert.
- Please don’t park on any grassed areas as we don’t want to be responsible for making a mess of these areas.

**DROPPING CHILDREN OFF**
As mentioned previously, we’d certainly like students to attend both evening concerts. We understand that quite a few parents will be dropping off and leaving their child/ren at one of the evening concerts.....that’s fine. There will be staff members in fluro vests in the drive way outside the venue ready to meet these children and escort them back stage to join the rest of their class. This means it is very easy for you to drop your child off (without having to find a park) knowing that there will be someone there to take care of them.
COLLECTING STUDENTS AT THE END OF EACH CONCERT

The concert concludes with a whole school song. The children will then go back to their change room with their teacher. We would like guests to remain seated until all children have left the stage & auditorium and returned to their change room. What will work best then is for one parent to go around and collect their child/ren while other adults & family members exit the building to leave space for those moving about collecting students. You will find a map indicating the location of your child’s dressing room on the back of the concert program. Programs will be available for purchase at the concert. There will also be signs around the building to help guide you.

At collection time:

- Preps will be in Studio 1
- Grade 1s will be in Studio 2
- Scotsburn and the grade 2s will be in Studio 3
- Grades 3s, 4s & 6s will be in the Studio Theatre
- Grade 5s will be back on stage

Classroom teachers will be ticking off children as they leave so please see your child’s teacher when you have collected your child and are heading off. We estimate that the evening concert will finish at 9:15-9:30pm.

There’s no getting around the fact that the process of collecting students at the end of each concert is a slow process…..it will take 15-20 minutes, so please be patient. If you want to avoid the crush, consider waiting in the auditorium for 10 minutes as the congestion will have reduced by then. **Making sure all the students are safely connected with their parents is the priority.**

DVD

A DVD of the concert will be on sale after the concert for $25. We are having the concert professionally recorded (the Friday night performance) and expect to have a quality product for parents to purchase. You’ll be able to place an order through Qkr or by sending in an order slip which will be available in the foyer on the night. You are welcome to take along your own video camera to get exclusive footage of the real star of the show, however we don’t want parents taking photos, as the flash will distract our performers.
I learned that when some mini beasts are frightened they squirt a liquid out of their legs.

Holy moly! That scorpion was small. I learned that mini beasts are cold blooded.

I learnt that myriapods means many legs.

Holy caboly, that was the greatest minibeast incursion ever!! We saw lots of invertebrates, I really liked holding and seeing mini beasts.
Relations two our grade 3 and 5 students completed
NAPLAN tests results for both the school as a whole and
individual students have arrived. Individual student results will
be packaged up (along with an explanation sheet that will help
you understand your child’s results) and sent home with
students today, so please keep an eye out for them.

Please feel free to make an appointment with your child’s
teacher if you would like to talk through your child’s NAPLAN
results.

We understand that one off tests such as NAPLAN can produce unexpected outcomes and our
teachers are more than happy to sit down with parents to discuss individual student results.

Whilst the results present a useful piece of information regarding the achievement levels of individual
students, they also present a useful measure of our performance as a school. As such, over the coming
few weeks we’ll be pulling the results apart and seeing what they tell us in terms of the needs of our
current grade 3s and 5s, but also what they tell us in terms of our teaching and learning programs
across the school.

ICAS TEST RESULTS

Last week at assembly we saw a number of students receive certificates for their efforts in the ICAS
assessments. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent,
skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. All students had
the opportunity to enter these assessments by submitting an entry form and paying a small fee in term
2. Congratulations to all those students listed below.

### Spelling

**High Distinction:**
- Candace M (yr 2)

**Distinction:**
- Lucy G (Yr 3)
- Hillary S (Yr 3)
- Isabella P (Yr 4)
- Ron M (Yr 5)
- Amy W (yr 6)

**Credit:**
- Jahnavi S (yr 2)
- Rachel G (yr 3)
- Matilda J (Yr 3)
- Toby T (yr 3)
- Neha K (Yr 4)

**Merit:**
- Grace S (Yr 2)

**Participation:**
- Rohit K (yr 2)
- Leo U (Yr 2)
- Erin A (Yr 4)
- Lucas W (yr 4)

### Writing

**Merit:**
- Isabella P (Yr 4)

**Participation:**
- Rachel G (Yr 3)
- Lucy G (Yr 3)
- Matilda J (Yr 3)
- Toby T (Yr 3)
- Erin A (Yr 4)
- Neha K (Yr 4)
- Lucas W (Yr 4)
- Amy W (Yr 4)
- Ron M (Yr 5)
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
On Wednesday September 14th we will be conducting our Celebration Learning evenings for all students and their families.

This evening is designed to:
- Provide students with the opportunity to connect further with their learning by prompting them to reflect on their goals and showcase work they have produced throughout the year.
- Provide an opportunity for parents to better understand the learning that is taking place in class.

During the evening, classrooms will be open for students to lead their parents through a celebration of learning. Please place this date in your calendar and stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

BOOK WEEK
This week is Book Week. The theme is Australia: Story Country
During the week we will be hearing from our very own storytellers. Students from across the school will have their chance to tell their stories (That have been written during Big Write sessions) over the P.A system during the morning announcements.

This morning we heard from Monty and Tom who told their stories about magic shoes. Well done Monty and Tom.

We will also be hearing about all the shortlisted books for the Children’s Book Council of Australia awards. These are on display in the library to read but are unfortunately not available for borrowing at this stage.

MINILIT GRADUATES
Congratulations to Emily Wilks and Lucy Kierce who recently graduated from the MiniLit Program. Emily and Lucy are pictured here with Mrs Hoey after receiving a certificate and new book at assembly on Friday.
School Council Report

Firstly I would like to say thank you to our families who have responded to our calls to bring your School Fees and Year Level Charges up to date. We now have 95% of possible receipts in and this fantastic response has taken a lot of pressure off in-classroom budgets and specialist support programs.

Dave reported the School’s results from this year’s NAPLAN testing with pleasing results compared to the State and to School targets in Reading and Writing. Spelling was a highlight with students who had attended the School from grade three through to five showing growth well above the state average – the dedicated time and exemplary teaching practice in spelling is obviously driving some great learning outcomes. Numeracy also had good results meeting or exceeding most School based targets, however, overall growth in student attainment was below the State average and Dave undertook to investigate further and report back to Council.

Josh presented the new Social Media policy for ratification. The purpose of the policy is to inform and guide the way our students, staff and parents interact with social media as part of the School community. The policy is comprehensive and well drafted and was ratified after a brief discussion.

Bernie and the team continue to develop new Child Safe policies and procedures for the School following the mandates and guidance of the State Government. It is anticipated these documents will be ready for the November School Council meeting after which both the Principal and School Council President will need to attest that the School has met the standards required by the Government.

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

On Monday the 5th of September (Week 9) is Science Day and we are running a poster competition. All students can create a poster on an A3 white sheet of paper to advertise the day and we will have prizes for the best posters. The posters can be hand drawn or computer generated.

All posters should include:

- A heading, whole school science day
- The date – 5th September
- Text saying - Dress up in science themed clothes or costume

All posters are to be handed to either Mr Spalding or Mrs Belsar by Friday the 19th Aug and will be judged by the Art Team.
RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER
If you are not receiving the newsletter by email or in hard copy, please contact the school office at Buninyong ASAP. Weekly information is included in the newsletter that will be of importance to parents.

PARENT CATCH UP
On Friday 2nd September, parents are invited to a catch up and a tea or coffee at 2.30pm in the Old Building. Please bring along a plate of food to share. Kids are most welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS CAMPBELL
Following on from the debating semi-final, Campbell Palmer has been recognised as the best male debater from the primary school participants. Well done Campbell on a wonderful achievement. We would also like to again congratulate both of the debating teams and say a HUGE thank you again for all the effort, time and expertise Natasha Adam and Sharon Davis put in with the two debating teams.

GRADE 3 CAMP
Last week, the Grade 3 students attended camp at Queenscliff with the students from Buninyong. All of the students had a wonderful time mountain biking, making pizza, playing at the beach and visiting the Marine Discovery Centre.

CONCERT NEWS
Concert preparation is progressing nicely. The note sent home from Ms Hunter at the end of last week contained information that will hopefully answer any questions.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY
This Wednesday 24th August we will be having our Book Week dress up day. It would be great if the students could all come along to school dressed up for the day. The students will be involved in a rotation of activities between recess and lunch.

MS READ-A-THON
The MS Read-a-thon is drawing to a close. This week would be a great time to start collecting any donations.

WACKY OLYMPICS
Last week, the students had a ball participating in the Wacky Olympics. They competed in games such as bocce, javelin throwing (with a swimming noodle), medal and torch making, relays and much more. There was also a race involving all staff and students which Mr O’Loughlin won narrowly!

VICTORIAN SCHOOLS CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
On Sunday, Quinn, Freya, Felix and Campbell competed in the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships at the You Yangs. They all rode very well in their age groups with Freya finishing 2nd, Quinn 3rd, Felix 4th and Campbell finished 7th after stopping to put his chain back on. Well done to you all.

ABC AWARDS
P/1 – Kara White 2/3 – Axel Durham

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

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TERM 3 – IMPORTANT DATES & EXTRAMERICAN EVENTS
- 24th August - Book Week Dress up Day
- 25th & 26th August - School Concert
- 5th September - Science Day
- 6th September - Grade 4-6 Biolab
- 8th September - Gr P-6 R.U.O.K Day
Many of you will be aware that a pedestrian crossing is to be installed in Warrenheip St close to the centre of town. At present VicRoads and local member Geoff Howard are consulting with members of the local community to determine the best location and design for this crossing.

A meeting has been arranged to gather further input on this matter at the Buninyong Town Hall on Wednesday 24th August between 11:00-1:00pm and 5:00 - 7:00pm.

Those attending will be able to view VicRoads proposals and make comments.

Can you guess what these are? Do you know what it is used for? There is one on display at the office if you’d like a closer look!

Write your answer, name & grade; put in the box at the office by Thursday 11am.

Last week’s answer was face masks!

Yoku dekimashita - よくできました
Well done to Abigail Kent 3JB for answering correctly.
Buninyong Cricket Club is looking for recruits aged 10 to 16 to play in the Ballarat Cricket Association junior competitions. Buninyong Cricket Club is a Level 3 Good Sports accredited Club, and coaches are Cricket Coaches Australia accredited and have working with children checks. With minimal fees and a vibrant club atmosphere this is a great way to get your children involved in a safe and friendly team atmosphere. We will be holding a registration day on Sunday September 18th, 11am to 12 noon at the practice nets at the Buninyong Oval.

If you require more information call Chris on 0407 392037.

Junior Tennis 2016/7

**Play tennis this summer**

Competition 9am Saturday Mornings
Commencing in Term 4
October – March

Coaching and Hot Shots
Tuesday and Thursday

All ages and abilities welcome

Come and Try Day
Sunday September 11th
3 – 5 pm
Buninyong Tennis Centre
Contact David Ebbs by September 9th
0409 577 753
djebbs@bigpond.net.au
ONE TEAM. ONE FIGHT!

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

WE’RE UNITING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER ON FRIDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2016.

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