We hope that 2015 has been a good year for your family and that your association with the school has been positive. Whilst we have had lots going on, it has been a very settled year and one that has been successful on a number of fronts. We have certainly achieved a great deal this year and it’s important to recognise the achievements of our school community, so I have listed some of those that are more notable on page 3 & 4 of this newsletter. It’s a credit to our staff, students and parents that so much has been achieved.

I thank everyone for their support throughout the year. We are lucky to have such a strong community that is willing to help out and support the education of its children. Whether you have helped in the classroom, with the fete, with Wakakirri or debating, with sporting teams or on camps and excursions, with the canteen or being one of our Parent Liaison Contacts, with School Council or one of our other committees, or helping out with working bees, we are very grateful. For everyone who has supported their child’s learning at home through home reading, helping with homework and just through providing encouragement, again, we are very grateful.

We wish all the best to staff who won’t be with us next year, including Wendy Hines who has picked up a Campus Head position at Woady Yalloak PS, Michelle Noyce and Leena Berlingeri who are taking a sabbatical year, Ela Bourke-Finn who is taking Family Leave, Nicole Healy, who will be working at Mt Clear PS (for terms 1 & 2 at least) and Sue Hayashi who is embarking on a career change. Each has served us well and we thank them for their contributions.

In 2016 we welcome a number of new staff, including David Young (Assistant Principal with responsibility for Teaching and Learning), Barb Brokenshire (grade 6), Jessica Germain (Grade 5), Dani Eddy (Prep), Katelyn Adamson (Grade 3), Paula Dekok (Japanese 0.2 and job sharing with Scott McGlynn in grade 5 at 0.4)

We are delighted with the staff teams we have in place across the school for next year and head into the break knowing there is much to look forward to in 2016...including a concert in August.

We wish our Grade 6 students and others moving on, all the best and hope they have fond memories of their days at Buninyong Primary. We look forward to giving them a fitting send off with the Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday evening and then the releasing of balloons at Friday's assembly.

We hope your Christmas, new year and summer break are filled with fun and look forward to working with you again in 2016.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!!**
ORIENTATION DAY

Last Tuesday we hosted our 2016 preps with an Orientation Day at both campuses. The day was very successful and our new preps were very comfortable and settled. Our grade 5 buddies certainly enjoyed the day too as you can see in the photos.
ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2015

- Our school review process was enormous this year and everyone did an amazing job getting involved and engaging in an honest appraisal of where we are at and where we’d like to head. It’s quite exciting to think of what we have achieved and where we are headed.

- We commenced a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device...ipad) program, which has opened up a range of learning opportunities for our students. As we know, next year the BYOD ipad program expands to include the grade 6s.

- It’s been another highly successful year out at Scotsburn and it continues as a popular option for a number of families. Working with the community to figure out an approach to delivering a specialist program on site was a significant task this year, but that all went very smoothly and we look forward to seeing the program take place with Deb Hunter on board.

- Our Student Wellbeing Team has done a wonderful job pulling together a whole school approach to Social Emotional Learning and we all look forward to implementing the program across the school in 2016. The introduction of Family Groups from mid-term 1 is an exciting prospect.

- The fete was an outstanding success, both as a fundraiser, but also as a community event. The kids had a ball and they will remember the event for a long time to come. The Fundraising Team did an excellent job organising the event, as did everyone organising and running their individual events. The parent support we received was amazing.

- There was a lot achieved in terms of improving our facilities. Mr O’Kelly has done a fantastic job leading the cottage and Scotsburn shed projects, which will result in 2 new outstanding teaching and learning spaces....both will be high level use spaces for many years to come. New synthetic turf out the front of our Buninyong campus has made a big difference, as has the works completed on the oval. We’ll see a similar affect with the make over of our oval at Scotsburn. A new portable is soon to arrive at Scotsburn, meaning our facilities there will very comfortably accommodate 60 students, which is what we have now.
• Providing the kids with lots of extra-curricula activities continues to be a feature of our school (eg, Wakakirri, Rock Band, Chess Club, successful Camps Program, Debating, Lunch Time Live, Out of School Sporting Teams, Story of Buninyong, camps, sleep overs, 1st aid training for students, etc). Special events such as the Japanese & Science theme days and Grandparents’ Day were very successful as always.

• The Assessment team did a brilliant job reviewing our reporting processes and staff did a great job adapting to the new report format and follow up parent teacher interviews...the feedback from parents at the end of this year has been excellent.

• Our Book Fairs this year were very successful again.

• A new partnership with the Ballarat Specialist School was forged re-supplying lunches to the canteen. This was very successful and we hope the partnership will last for many years. Our parents did a fantastic job helping make this new arrangement work…special thanks to Tracey and Helen.

• Our ANZAC Day Commemoration was memorable and has set a new precedent for the way we approach this special occasion.

As mentioned previously, it has been a very successful year and we look forward to the whole school community coming together again in 2016 for lots more of the same.
2015 Graduation Program

Wednesday 16th December, 2015

5:30pm  Guests arrive

6:00pm  Speeches from School Captains

6:10pm  Mr Ebbels to present awards

6:40pm  School Council President, Mr Holland & School Principal Mr Conlan’s speech

6.45pm  Grade 6 Teacher awards

7.00pm  Photo Story Presentation

7.10pm  Grade 6 Student Dance

7.30pm  Parents to depart

9pm finish  Parents to collect students
CHESS TOURNAMENT

On the 11th of December our school held the 11th Annual Buninyong Primary School Open Chess Tournament. We had 26 kids come along to play and all did very well.

Congratulation to Jordan who come 3rd, Tom 2nd and Will who finished in 1st place.

We would like to tanks Rob Bailey our chess teacher and Mr Wilson for organising chess this year. Look out for Chess in 2016!

A big thankyou to all the PLP’s who have assisted with a multitude of events throughout the year, including fundraisers, volunteering in classroom activities, camps and regular meetings.

Your support and feedback is greatly appreciated and incredibly important. Recently your feedback was very helpful in guiding our decisions with regards to our reporting program. Not only did you share your concerns and ideas, you also praised us for our efforts once reports were distributed.

Looking forward to 2016 I will put a sign up list in the first newsletter of Term 1 for those interested in becoming or continuing to be a PLP. Alternatively, you may communicate directly with your classroom teacher. Thankyou again and we really look forward to working with you in 2016.
FAREWELL TO THE GRADE 6’S
As the year comes to a close, we say goodbye to our 2015 Grade 6’s. They have done an exceptional job leading the school and have been wonderful role models for the younger students. We are positive that the wonderful examples they have set for our current grade 5’s will ensure the students at Scotsburn continue to be well led. All of the staff, students and families wish the Grade 6 students well as they take their next step towards Secondary school. Have fun!

2016 POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY
Over the past month we have worked our way through determining the positions of responsibility for our Grade 6’s in 2015. We are excited to announce that their roles will be: Amelia Plier (Environment), Dylan Lyons (Media), Campbell Palmer (Specialist) and Nathan Hicks (VOTS/Events). We know that these students will lead the campus in a very positive and respectful way and look forward to the many exciting opportunities that they will provide the students at Scotsburn.

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP
We are all looking forward to our Christmas Breakup this Thursday starting at 6pm. Thank you to those that placed something into the baskets for the Hamper Raffle. Don’t forget to bring along a few dollars to purchase tickets as you arrive. A friendly reminder to also remember to place a named wrapped item in the box above the freezer in the old building too! The evening will also conclude with a supper so please bring along something to share.

LAST DAY OF THE YEAR
Just a reminder that on the last day of the year (Friday 18th), the students will start at Buninyong for our final assembly. Following that, the students will catch the bus back up to Scotsburn ready for a 1.30pm finish. There will also be a dress up day on the last day. You can dress up in anything Christmas. You could come in as an elf or as Santa. You could also just wear reindeer antlers….it is up to you but remember it has to be about Christmas.

2016 PREP ORIENTATION DAY
Last week, our prep’s for 2016 had a great day for their Orientation Day. Mrs Murphy provided the students with lots of fun and entertaining activities and the students had a great time. Thanks to all of the parents that came along to the information session, and as always, the current Scotsburn parents who provided a morning tea and made them feel so welcome.

WORKING BEE
We had a productive night last Thursday tidying up the school yard. Thank you to the many parents that came along to help.

SHARED CHRISTMAS LUNCH
The students and staff enjoyed a shared Christmas feast together on Monday. We would again like to thank Cameron from Buninyong Foodworks and Ash from the Buninyong Bakery. Their generous contributions were greatly appreciated. Special thanks also to our wonderful integration staff (Kim, Claire & Sharon) for their organisation and also to the many parents that came along to help. The food was amazing!
SCOTSBURN NEWS

FEEDING & WATERING ROSTER
Thank you very much to Naomi for putting together the feeding and watering roster. We appreciate the help of our families in looking after our gardens and animals.

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COMMUNITY THANKS
Earlier this week, Gary Anderson from the Buninyong Police Station visited the students to pass on his thanks for the recent letters that we wrote to them as part of our Community Helpers Day. Gary read the students the letter that he wrote in reply which the students all thought was great. Thanks Gary and also your staff at the station for the wonderful work that you do.

IMPORTANT DATES
- 17th December (6pm) - Scotsburn Christmas Breakup
- 18th December - Term 4 Finishes
- 25th & 27th January - Book Packs available to be collected from Buninyong
- Friday 29th January - Term 1 2016 commences (Gr 1-6)
- Monday 1st February - Term 1 2016 commences (Gr Prep)

MERRY CHRISTMAS
The staff at Scotsburn would like to wish all families a safe and merry Christmas. Thank you all for your wonderful support and we look forward to seeing you again in 2016.
The Buninyong Swimming Pool are opening earlier this Friday for the students last day of the school year. The details are as follows:

- Date – Friday 19th December
- Pool Opens – 1.30pm
- Cost – Adults $4 and kids $2.50

During the school holidays, the 25 degrees solar heated pool will be open during the following times:

- Monday – Friday – 12 -7pm
- Saturday/Sunday – 10am -7pm.
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**Term 1 2016**

**Parent Events Schedule**

**Week 1**

- **Monday, 25th January**
  - Collect Book Packs
  - Pupil Free / Staff PD
  - No Assembly

- **Tuesday, 26th January**
  - Prep - Rest Day
  - Whole School Assembly

- **Wednesday, 27th January**
  - Prep - Rest Day
  - Whole School Assembly

- **Thursday, 28th January**
  - Pupil Free / Staff PD
  - Collect Book Packs

- **Friday, 29th January**
  - Grades 1-6 Start
  - No Assembly

**Week 2**

- **Monday, 1st February**
  - 1st February
  - Prep - Rest Day

- **Tuesday, 2nd February**
  - Prep - Rest Day

- **Wednesday, 3rd February**
  - Prep - Rest Day

- **Thursday, 4th February**
  - Prep - Rest Day

- **Friday, 5th February**
  - Prep - Rest Day

**Week 3**

- **Monday, 6th February**
  - Prep - Rest Day

- **Tuesday, 7th February**
  - Prep - Rest Day

- **Wednesday, 8th February**
  - Prep - Rest Day

- **Thursday, 9th February**
  - Prep - Rest Day

- **Friday, 10th February**
  - Prep - Rest Day

**Week 4**

- **Monday, 11th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Tuesday, 12th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Wednesday, 13th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Thursday, 14th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Friday, 15th February**
  - No Assembly

**Week 5**

- **Monday, 16th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Tuesday, 17th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Wednesday, 18th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Thursday, 19th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Friday, 20th February**
  - No Assembly

**Week 6**

- **Monday, 21st February**
  - No Assembly

- **Tuesday, 22nd February**
  - No Assembly

- **Wednesday, 23rd February**
  - No Assembly

- **Thursday, 24th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Friday, 25th February**
  - No Assembly

**Week 7**

- **Monday, 26th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Tuesday, 27th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Wednesday, 28th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Thursday, 29th February**
  - No Assembly

- **Friday, 1st March**
  - No Assembly

**Week 8**

- **Monday, 2nd March**
  - No Assembly

- **Tuesday, 3rd March**
  - No Assembly

- **Wednesday, 4th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Thursday, 5th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Friday, 6th March**
  - No Assembly

**Week 9**

- **Monday, 7th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Tuesday, 8th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Wednesday, 9th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Thursday, 10th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Friday, 11th March**
  - No Assembly

**Week 10**

- **Monday, 12th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Tuesday, 13th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Wednesday, 14th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Thursday, 15th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Friday, 16th March**
  - No Assembly

**Week 11**

- **Monday, 17th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Tuesday, 18th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Wednesday, 19th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Thursday, 20th March**
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- **Friday, 21st March**
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**Week 12**

- **Monday, 22nd March**
  - No Assembly

- **Tuesday, 23rd March**
  - No Assembly

- **Wednesday, 24th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Thursday, 25th March**
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- **Friday, 26th March**
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**Week 13**

- **Monday, 27th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Tuesday, 28th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Wednesday, 29th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Thursday, 30th March**
  - No Assembly

- **Friday, 31st March**
  - No Assembly