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13th Feb   Boys Swimming Tryouts
           VOTS Meeting
14th Feb   Girls Swimming Tryouts
15th Feb   Boys Division Tennis
           Prep rest day
16th Feb   Girls Division Tennis
           Meet and Greet (1pm Finish)
           BIG Write

21st Feb   Grade 4 BYOD night
22nd Feb   Prep rest day
23rd Feb   PLP Meeting #1 - 2:30pm
24th Feb   Grade 6 Leadership Conference
           Melbourne
1st March  Final Prep Rest Day
2nd March  School Sports (Aths)
           Big Write
3rd March  Division Swimming
6th March  Preps full time
9th March  Division Basketball
           Cold Write
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           MARCH LONG WEEKEND
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15th March Grade 4 Camp #1 Return
           Grade 4 Camp #2 Depart
16th March Grade 4 Camp #2 Return

WELCOME TO THE 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to everyone and hope your family enjoyed a good break. We’ve had a lovely start to the school year, so thanks to everyone (staff, parents & students) for contributing to that. As always, we have many new families this year, with quite a few families moving into the area and of course lots with their first prep child starting….a special welcome to you all.

We had 81 preps start with us last Thursday, 70 of those at Buninyong and 11 at Scotsburn. Our preps have settled in very nicely and have been supported very well by their grade 6 buddies.

We welcome 6 new teachers to the team this year, those being Sandra Davie (prep), Anastasia Anderson (prep), Michelle Probert (grade 1), Georgia Martin (grade 1), Kate Kennedy (grade 1) and Eileen Kenny (grade 4). Each has made an excellent start to their time at Buninyong PS and look set to make a valuable contribution to our school. Many of you will have already met with the relevant classroom teachers, but if not, hopefully you will get an opportunity to come along on the ‘meet and greet’ evening next week (see details on page 4 & 5 of this newsletter).

Janine Fowler is a new addition to our front office, so you are likely to meet Janine the next time you pop into reception. Janine is working full time and is quickly learning the ins and outs of our school.

We also welcome 2 new part time maintenance workers, those being Robert McMicken and Steve Johnson. Robert and Steve will spend time at both campuses and have started by launching into some projects at our Buninyong Campus….the results of their work will be evident in the coming few weeks.

We have lots to look forward to this year and encourage parents to look for and take advantage of opportunities to get involved with the school and your child’s education.
Important Attendance Information for All Parents

This year we are introducing a management system which will assist in keeping our attendance data accurate. The following process has been put together to align with our management system and we ask all parents to read carefully.

**Attendance:**
- Everyday teachers will mark rolls to record student attendance.
- If students are away we ask that parents contact the school one of the following ways:
  - Ringing the school office 53413560.
  - Using the absence function on the school App.
  - Emailing the school on buninyong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, or
  - Dropping into see the office staff.
- If your child is marked as absent without explanation you will receive an SMS message. If you receive a message, simply contact the school in one of the ways mentioned above so absence can be properly recorded.

**Late arrivals/ Early departures:**
- If your child arrives after 9am we are asking that you sign them in at the office before going to the classroom.
- Likewise, if you are taking your child early from school, you will be required to sign them out at the office before leaving.

We would like to thankyou for your anticipated support for these changes to our attendance processes.

*The message system will begin on Monday 13th February.*

**Prep - Wednesday Testing**

On Wednesdays throughout February the Prep students have a rest day that allows them to get used to the rigours of life as a primary school student. On these days parents of Prep students have booked their child into an assessment interview during which teachers can gain valuable information about literacy and numeracy skills that will help inform their teaching and learning program.

**Spelling Mastery**

Spelling Mastery will begin in week 4 this year. There has been some excellent growth in students from this program over the past few years. Success has included:
- A large increase in the number of students who have completed the Spelling Mastery program. These students will be participating in an extension program to continue deepening their learning and application of spelling strategies.
- There are correlations between our spelling growth and grammatical skills displayed by students.
- Naplan Spelling data in years 3 and 5 are both considerably above state average. The growth students are showing between years 3 and 5 is also above state average.
This year we are excited to announce that our school is taking up ClassDojo and will run with it in every classroom across the school.

Our aim is to open up the discussions around learning at home by keeping parents and guardians up to date with what is happening in the classroom.

We have thought long and hard about the right way to do this and ClassDojo ticks the boxes. As educators, it allows us to showcase student learning and growth, share positive learning behaviour successes and open up the classroom by sharing learning intentions so child(ren) can be supported at home.

To help explain more about ClassDojo, we will have attached some additional information at the back of this newsletter.

As a parent who receives updates about my own child, I appreciate the time the educators put in to ensure I am up to date with my son’s learning. It also makes me proud seeing the great things that he does as he develops. I am sure you will feel the same when you receive the notifications from staff at Buninyong too!

During this week, you will receive a letter introducing you to ClassDojo. Please fill out the section at the bottom and return it to your class teacher. Example of this letter is attached to the back of this newsletter. You will then receive another note that will invite you to create/join your child’s class to see what your child is up to.

BYOD in Grades 4-6: Key Dates

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Grade 4 and NEW Student BYOD Registration Evening

Between 5-7pm on Tuesday the 21st of February we will be holding our compulsory BYOD registration evening. The purpose of this evening is to assist parents and carers in getting their child’s device onto the school’s network, download the applications that have been purchased and are needed for the program and to set up a school-monitored email account.

The evening is also a great chance to discuss protocols for use of the device at home and we’ll be sharing ideas on how to manage the device as a parent, including cybersafety issues.

All grade 4 and new students are expected to attend the evening with a parent/carer (and their device) before bringing their iPad to school. We look forward to seeing you and continuing our journey with a new bunch of excited children.
After positive feedback from our very first Meet and Greet sessions in 2017, this year we have organised these important communication meetings to take place in week 3.

The aim of this session is to provide teachers with an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of each child in their class and a chance for teachers and parents to develop a strong rapport. Teachers will not be providing academic data on each child but rather discussing issues that parents believe are important in helping their child settle into the year.

These sessions will be run on Thursday 16th of February from 1pm through to 6pm. Please note that students will be dismissed at 1pm on this day.

Sessions will be run as a 10 minute conversation, which you will be able to book online as per attached instructions. We encourage all parents to book a time but if this date does not suit then please talk to your teacher about arranging an alternative time.

**SOME FAQ’S: ABOUT THE BOOKING PROCESS:**

1. **What if I don’t have access to Internet?**

   **Answer:**
   a) School computers are available for you to use. Just visit your child’s classroom and the teacher can help you with access. As the booking program is web based any computer with internet will do.
   b) Smart phones can be used to make the booking. Simply follow the same process.
   c) You can ring your booking through to the school office and the staff will book your interviews for you and send home confirmation letters with your child.

2. **Do I need an email account?**

   **Answer:**
   In order to make your own bookings you will need an email account. If you don’t have one, don’t worry just visit the school office or ring and the staff will help you make a booking.

3. **What if I have more than one child?**

   **Answer:** No problem at all. You can make bookings for all your children on the one simple booking form. It really is very easy.

   We do ask that families with more than one child get in early for bookings to avoid large gaps between interviews.

4. **What if I need to change my interview time?**

   **Answer:** Simply log back on with the EVENT CODE and use your email to change your booking times. You can also ring through to the school office to make a change with office staff.

5. **What if I lose my booking times?**

   **Answer:** Simply ring up the school office and ask!
Meet and Greet Online Booking Process
FEBRUARY 16th 2017

Dear Parents,
For our Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet sessions we will be using our ONLINE BOOKING PROCESS. All the details are listed below.

BOOKINGS OPEN FROM TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY
BOOKINGS CLOSE TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY

Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet Date:
THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2017

STEP 1. Log onto http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au
STEP 2. Enter the EVENT CODE into designated box.

EVENT CODE: qfcqn

Parents...
Booking interviews is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3:

1. Enter your details
First enter your name, your student’s name(s), and your email address.

2. Choose teachers
On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet.
First select the subject or year, then choose from the list of teachers.

3. Choose times
Then you’ll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.
**Starting the Year Off on the Right Note!**

It has been great to see so many settled classrooms across the two campuses already this year. It is our goal this year to ensure we have happy, settled and well connected students that will assist with the students developing strong learning behaviors.

This year we have made it a priority to work on these areas at the start of the year:

- Developing routines and rituals within the class.
- Building effective learning behaviors that encourage students to be organised, self motivated and reflective learners.
- Creating an environment where students feel comfortable, a sense of belonging and connected to their learning.
- Building a trusting and strong relationship between students and teachers.

In order to do this, we have not jumped into a strong academic focus but rather a focus on those important capabilities and skills that will build effective learners.

Therefore our more structured learning processes will start at the following times:

**Homework**: Week 2 (this week) all students in yr1-6 will receive *Talk Homework* in preparation for the Big Write in week 3. Formal homework will begin in Week 3 with homework being sent home on Fridays in all year levels.

**Spelling Mastery**: This program will begin in week 4 with all students in years 2-6 participating in 4 sessions per week. These sessions will be Monday – Thursday at 9am – 9.25am.

**Intervention Programs**: Quicksmart, MultiLit, MiniLit and Comprehension Toolbox sessions will begin in week 4. Letters will be sent home to invited students at the end of week 3.

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**Parent Handbook**

Just a reminder to all parents that the Buninyong and Scotsburn Primary Handbooks are available on the school’s website. They are a great resource for parents.


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**Use of Email to Communicate**

For the last few years we have sought to use email more effectively as a communication tool with parents. Each year level will be sending out a class newsletter very soon which will include email addresses for the teachers in your child’s year level and the specialist teachers. Teachers will also receive email addresses for parents, which will make it easy for parents and teachers to keep in touch.

An Email Protocols Statement is attached to this mail out. Please have a read and in particular note:

- We’re not seeking to reduce face to face or over the phone communications…these forms of communication remain important to us, but we realise they’re not always possible.
- Email is terrific for some communication (eg, brief information sharing, organising things), but a poor option for others (eg, seeking to solve complex or emotive issues)…choosing the best form of communication will be important.

As always, if you have any concerns or suggestions about anything related to school, don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher, Bernie, Josh or David.
Welcome back to the Buninyong Wellbeing News. Each week there will be information for parents, children, teachers and the community relating to all things wellbeing. Our first insert is going to be based on our B+ program at Buninyong Primary School. The B+ program has now been running for 12 months and this year we are planning on making it even better. The B+ student team is planning on having a term 1 focus around Gratitude. All of our new little preppies have settled in well and all of our grade 1-6 students have started off extremely positively. One of the main components of our B+ (Buninyong Positive) program has been adapted from the Positive Education framework—seen below. Just a nice starter to talk to your kids about!

A few ideas to think about and discuss with your children at home:

1. Do you have a growth mindset? Discuss the differences between growth and fixed mindsets!
2. Discuss the power of YET!!

Parent Liaison Program

Any parent interested in becoming a PLP or continuing in their role as a PLP please contact Josh Ebbels (Ebbels.joshua.r@edumail.vic.gov.au) or your child’s classroom teacher direct. Meetings will be held, twice per term discussing many aspects of school life such as; volunteering, fundraising, general information, reporting, school data results and other important information. This year the meetings will be open to all parents interested so please keep an eye on the school newsletter.

Meetings for Term 1 – 23rd February and 30th March both at 2.30 – 3.30pm in the staff room.
It’s Great to Be Back
The staff at Scotsburn would like to welcome back all of our families and extend a big welcome to our new families. We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break. We would also like to thank the many families who watered our gardens over the break. It is greatly appreciated.

Welcome Preps of 2017
You will have noticed quite a number of preps running around the school yard. We are extremely excited to have 11 new preps joining us in 2017. They are all settling in well under the guidance of Miss Wood and can look forward to many fun times ahead.

Scotsburn Assemblies
This year, our Gr 6 students will be leading us in our weekly Monday morning assemblies from 9am. The first student led assembly will be on Monday 13th February. Families are most welcome to come along.

Welcome to 2017 Picnic
We would like to invite all of our families on Thursday 9th February from 5.30pm-7pm for our first get together of the year. Ms Hunter will be organising some fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. We invite you to bring along a picnic tea for your family to enjoy.

Parent Helper Program
On Tuesday 14th February from 9am-10am, our Parent Helper Program will be on in the Art room for anyone wishing to assist at Scotsburn this year. This includes helping in the classroom, attending excursions or camps, facilitating Spelling Mastery, assisting with our Friday rotations, etc. Important issues such as confidentially and how best to support teachers in and outside of the classroom will be covered. A morning tea will follow in the old building which will be a great chance to catch up and also chat about the upcoming fete. Please bring along a small plate of food to share. As always, toddlers are most welcome.

Spelling Mastery
Spelling Mastery will commence very soon. We only require 1 parent on a Wednesday and 1 on a Thursday @ 9am to ensure that all of our students can work at their correct level. Please contact Shaun ASAP to confirm if you are able to help.

Welcome Ms Geddes
We would like to welcome Ms Geddes into the Scotsburn community. Kelly is looking forward to teaching the Grade 4-6 class at Scotsburn and comes to us with a wealth of experience in these areas. We are sure our wonderful community will welcome Kelly and enjoy getting to know her in the coming weeks.

Fundraising in 2017
At the end of last year, we had a very successful fundraising event at the Buninyong Village BBQ. Some initial thoughts mentioned regarding how we could best utilise the money raised was to fox proof the chook shed and enhance our cooking program. If you have any further ideas, please drop in and let Shaun know ASAP. This year, we plan to take on the BBQ duties in 2 or 3 local markets, our school fete (23rd March) and a Bunnings BBQ (26th March). We are hoping that you will be able to support the campus in as many of them as you can. The first BBQ opportunity is on Sunday 26th February 2017 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Buninyong Smart Building and Living Expo (incorporating the Buninyong Village Market) at Royal Park. If we have sufficient volunteers we hope to offer food alternatives to suit all tastes! Please see Shaun or Laura if you are able to assist ASAP.

Friday Rotations
Our first rotation for Term 1 will be on the (17th February). Our groups will be doing the following:

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Term 1 - Important Dates & Extra-Curricular Events
9th Feb - Gr P-3 Earth Ed Incursion (Coding)
9th Feb - Welcome to 2017 Picnic (5.30pm – 7pm)
14th Feb - Parent Helper Program (9am)
16th Feb - Meet & Greet (1pm finish for students)
26th Feb - Buninyong Smart Building and Living Expo BBQ (incorporating the Buninyong Village Market)
1st March - Gr 4-6 EarthEd Excursion
2nd March - Gr 3-6 Athletics Sports Day
3rd March - Clean up Australia Day
13th March - Labour Day Holiday
14th & 15th March - Gr 4 Camp
23rd March - School Fete
24th March - Student Free Day
26th March - Bunnings BBQ
STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

As always at this time each year, we have been reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance cover for students. Parents also need to understand that we as a school don’t purchase cover for our students.

As such, parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Reasonably low cost student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

For Information regarding accident insurance is available at www.studentcover.com.au

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL

At this time each year it’s worth reminding everyone about the importance of road safety, both in terms of taking a few minutes to speak to our children about behaviours that will keep them safe, but also in terms of our own behaviour as drivers.

The main messages for our students are:

- Think about the safest route to and from school, using the crossings where possible. Now that we have a 40kmph speed limit and flashing lights, hopefully more students who cross the Midland Highway are using the school crossing.
- Making sure they understand how to cross a road safely, looking both ways and judging the distance of the nearest cars.
- Understanding the potential dangers and being aware at all times. This includes not being distracted by electronic devices or friends while crossing roads.

The key reminders for us as drivers are:

- Being conscious of driving slowly around schools of a morning and afternoon and obeying limits in designated school speed zones during specified times (8.00 am - 9.30 am and 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm).
- Never parking on the opposite side of the road and expecting the kids to cross the road to get to us.
- Being patient at the start at end of the school day….high volumes of traffic won’t last long.

Multi-Sports Program - Monday's (3:35pm-4:35pm) Starting 6th Feb: Cost $84 for the 7 week program

Bowl, Serve and Dribble your way into our famous Kelly Sports Multi-Sports program. This term we are running an 7 week program where we aim to introduce the kid's to the wonderful world of sports whilst improving their Fundamental Motor Skills.

Kelly Sports will be covering the following sports in Term 1: Cricket, Tennis, Frisbee and Basketball

Hip- Hop -Friday's (1:10pm-2:00pm) Starting 10th Feb: Cost $96 for the 8 week program

Students now have the opportunity to move, groove, spin and bop to the sound of hip hop beats alongside our very experienced dance instructor. Your child will have a fantastic time learning new moves in our high intensity, excitement-filled dance environment.

ENROL INTO BOTH PROGRAMS TO RECEIVE 1 HALF PRICE!

Enrol: To enrol please go to www.kellysports.com.au

Any problems/queries with enrolments please contact Zac on 0418597493
Dex Rizzoli—1GM

Dex demonstrated great respect for the Art room when he kindly volunteered to pack-up after others in his class.

MUSIC ON THE MOUNT SCHOLARSHIPS

Last year we held our first Music On the Mount event, which was an amazing experience for the students involved. The event was also a successful fundraiser and the decision was made to use funds raised to further promote music at our school. A portion of those funds is going towards:

♦ The purchase of a set of guitars.
♦ The construction of a sound installation or 2 in the school playgrounds.
♦ The Provision of 3 scholarships of $1,000 to encourage students to further develop or begin their passion for music.

Congratulations to the worthy recipients of the scholarships, those being Thomas Deans, Bessie Chadwick and Sadie Jones who are pictured with Mr Skilbeck and Gorgi Coghlan at our final assembly of last year.

SCHOOL FETE

We have our fete coming up on Thursday, March 23rd. This is always a fantastic community event that also serves as our key fundraiser for the year. As with previous years, each class will be running an event or stall and teachers will be looking for assistance….please consider offering your help.

We have an organising committee that oversees planning for the event. If you would like to join that committee please contact Bernie or just come along to our meetings. The first meeting is Wednesday, Feb 8th at 3:45pm in the meeting room (admin building).
Do you have good quality items just lying around your house?

We have the perfect solution for you.

Games you no longer play? Books you no longer read?

How about Clothes that you no longer wear, but are too good to throw away?

This school fete our VOTS (voice of the students) and ES (education support) staff are looking for good quality second hand items to sell at their stalls.

Donations of books, games, puzzles, toys, household items, children’s clothing, adult clothing, actually anything that we can re-sell would be accepted with a smile.

(Please ensure that products donated are in good working order, have all of their pieces and that clothing items are laundered and in good condition)

Items can be delivered to the school between 9am and 3:30pm, Monday to Thursday

A Drop off zone will be located in the Grade Six end of the BER building.

(there will be a sign up to identify this area)

Thank you for your support.
FINAL ASSEMBLY OF 2016

The final assembly in any given year is a big event and presents a nice way of celebrating the year and thanking everyone for helping to make Buninyong PS a special place. This always includes a focus on our grade 6 students who are heading off to secondary school. The grade 6s had a formal graduation earlier in the week, but assembly closes with the opportunity for everyone to thank them for their efforts, to say farewell and to give them a chance to say goodbye.

This assembly is also a great opportunity to say thank you and wish all the best to staff who are moving on. On this occasion that included Hannah Baker, Hannah Maloney, Vanessa Belsar, Siobhan Considine, Jarrod Sing, Jason Bahr and Celeste Vermeend.

Below are some photos which give a sense of the occasion.

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CATHERINE KING AWARD

Congratulations to the Laura Conroy who was awarded with the Catherine King Award at the final assembly of 2016. This award recognises community service that benefits the school.

Laura has been a wonderful contributor at our Scotsburn Campus. She has consistently supported the school in a wide range of roles such as at working bees, reading in the classroom, the Scotsburn cooking and gardening rotations and most noticeable, the many sausage sizzles that she has coordinated throughout the community. These fundraisers include the Auskick BBQ’s and more recently the Buninyong Village Markets. Each of these events has contributed a sizeable amount of money for the campus that has then gone back into developing and improving the school grounds for the students. Laura’s efforts are always in the best interest of the Scotsburn community, and she is to be congratulated for her dedication.....a most worthy winner of the Catherine King Community Service Award.
Welcome back everyone and I hope you had a wonderful holiday! We are looking forward to an exciting year in PE this year. A few things of note for Term 1:

**Calendar:**

6/7 Feb – Boys/Girls tennis tryouts
13 Feb – Swimming tryouts
15/16 Feb – Boys/Girls Division Tennis
2 March – School Athletics Day
3 March – Division Swimming
9 March – Division Basketball
9-30 March – Flow Motion Bike Education
22 March – District Athletics
24 March – Regional Swimming

**Volunteers Needed:**

School Athletics Day (2 March) – We are in great need of any adult volunteers who would be able to help out for all or part of our school athletics day. This could be in the form of group supervisors, stand supervisors, sunscreen distributors, bus helpers, set/pack up and running events. If you are able to assist in any way, please let Ms Morris know as soon as possible (morris.claire.l@edumail.vic.gov.au).

**Coaches/Supervisors:**
If there are any interested adults with any interest and/or expertise that might assist with any of our sporting teams (above listed activities/competitions), please let me know as we would love all the extra hands that we can get (morris.claire.l@edumail.vic.gov.au).

**Kit clothes washers:**
There are a few loads of washing needing to be done, so many that we are asking for anyone who is happy to put a load (or 10) on for us. These are the uniforms/kit that students wear in PE lessons and/or to representative activities. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please let Ms Morris know if you are able to help out (morris.claire.l@edumail.vic.gov.au).

**Class Sports Equipment:**
Excitingly enough, all the sports equipment has been handed out to each class last week. The challenge is now on to see which class keeps their complete set of equipment in tip top shape in order to get additional items from the ‘PE Shop’. A reminder that students need to return any found equipment to the teacher it belongs to to get their point (5 points = piece of additional sports equipment for your class).

**Tennis Tryouts:**
It was wonderful to see all the interested Grade 4-6 students come and join in for a lunchtime of tennis fun this week (Monday and Tuesday). There was fun had by all and some impressive skills demonstrated. Ms Thornton and Ms Morris will soon announce the six boys and six girls who will now proceed through to the District Tennis Competition next week. Congratulations to all participants!

A big thank you must go to the Buninyong Tennis Club for welcoming us to their beautifully kept courts and supporting children’s’ participation in tennis. For anyone interested in getting involved more in tennis, please visit http://www.buninyongtennis.org.au/.
A perfect Storm of Entertainment!

The Buninyong Botanic Gardens will host 8 performances of *The Tempest* opening 7pm, Friday, February 10th 2017.

Shakespeare’s original play has been edited and the language updated for a modern audience. The result is a family friendly, funny, enjoyable romp, full of music, dancing, colour and magic.

*The Tempest* is set on an enchanted island, ruled by a vengeful sorcerer, Prospero (Ian Scott), where the strange and impossible become possible. The action begins immediately, transforming the Buninyong Garden’s historic rotunda into an amazing shipwreck scene, of aural and visual fury! Along the way, we find a rebellious monster, a drunken butler mistaken for a god, mischievous spites, true love, beautiful philosophy and a great deal of comedy!

Please come along to support some of the cast members from Buninyong Primary School. Bring a picnic and something to sit on, but eat fast, our version of *The Tempest* runs a breathless 90 minutes.

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**13 & UNDER GIRLS CRICKET**

Interested in playing cricket? 13 years or under? Congratulations! There’s now a program just for you! With the continued and valued support of REBEL BALLARAT, the Ballarat Cricket Association offer a new GIRLS ONLY cricket competition beginning February 10. Across 6 weeks teams will compete in a fun, safe, inclusive environment with music, colour, ‘skills zones’, and a family atmosphere.

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TERM 1 HOLIDAYS 1st April – 17th April
How to connect with your child’s class

parents@classdojo.com

Please email the information below to get started.

- Name:
- Email:
- Phone number:

All of your child’s information is kept safe on ClassDojo. Only they, their teachers, and you see their parent can see their information.

Parents can also use any iOS device or Android, and can also be used from a computer to connect to ClassDojo.

Any device can be used.

Help everyone stay connected with your child!

Learn more about ClassDojo

Our class is using ClassDojo!

Exciting and important news!

Thank you so much.

Your child is now on ClassDojo. Our class goal is to get every student to make as many friends as possible, so we can help everyone learn.

See the story of your child’s day.

Parents Accounts

The basics

Please send me my invitation to ClassDojo.

Thank you for being a parent.

Parents are the most important role model for their children. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask us any questions.

For the first week, we will send a reminder to keep everyone on track.

Visit www.classdojo.com/parentscenter

www.classdojo.com/learnmore

This year in using ClassDojo to encourage

Hi parents,

I would like all families to join me and sign up for ClassDojo. You can use it on any device: it is a simple app for everyone.

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### Student Accounts

Everything you need to know about:

### Creating Student Accounts

1. To set up a student account, ask your child’s teacher for their student code.
2. To log in as a student, select the app, enter the student code, and then select “Sign up” to register.
3. Download the ClassDojo app from the App Store or Google Play Store.

### Using Student Codes

#### Limitations

- Student accounts can only be used by the student.
- Students can connect with multiple classes.
- Students can view feedback given by their teachers.

#### Student Ownership

- Students love using ClassDojo.
- Students can see the last two weeks of their child’s feedback points.
- Parents can see feedback points.
- Parents can send messages to their child’s teacher.

### Parent Accounts

#### Common Questions

- What if a parent was connected last year to their child’s account? They can contact their child’s teacher or the ClassDojo team.
- How do parents get notifications? ClassDojo notifies parents whenever they receive a new private message or a new class story.

#### Helpful Resources

- How do parents connect with multiple classes?
- How can parents see feedback points?
- How can parents send messages to their child’s teacher?
Get your questions answered quickly.

Get students excited about Canvas by showing the student intro video at classguides.com/resources.

Helpful Resources

Parents can view teacher comments, class story, and messages with their teacher.

Both parents and students can view feedback points given by the teacher. However, only the teacher can view teacher comments.

How are student accounts different from parent accounts?

Username and will have the option to reset their password if necessary. If a student forgets their username or password:

Information: Check out classguides.com/resources for more information.

Of course, we take privacy very seriously — we never share any of your student’s personal information.

Is student information protected?

Multiple classes? It’s simple. Students can add all of their student codes to the same account and track their progress across classes.

What if a student is in more than one class?

Download decorations for free at classguides.com/resources.

Students love Canvas classroom.