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School Assemblies

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SOMERS CAMP 2016

Somers Camp has been operating since 1959 as a residential outdoor school that aims to develop students’ confidence and independence, enhance their awareness of self, others and the environment. The camp promotes respect, cooperation and tolerance and provides leadership in outdoor education.

The camp has both indoor and outdoor activities all run by specialist permanent teaching staff with the assistance of nine local teachers who will accompany the children to and from the camp.

The activities are mainly physical and outdoor and include High and Low Ropes Courses, Boating, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Challenge Swing and Initiative Activities which require a reasonable level of physical fitness. All children are required to take part in activities such as Archery, Art, Drama, Environmental Studies, Bush Cooking, Orienteering, Bike Education, Flying Fox, Bush Dancing, Disco Night, Singing and Diary Writing.

Every 2nd year the Ballarat region is invited to send grade 5 & 6 students and later this year is our next turn. The camp will run from November 1-9. The cost for this year is $250 and must be paid in full before children can attend. The fee includes transport, accommodation, meals and pocket money. At this stage we don’t know if any of our staff will be attending.

Our school (including Scotsburn) is usually allocated 6-7 places for girls and the same for boys. In previous years, expressions of interest from Buninyong PS students has exceeded the number of places allocated, so selections are based on the following criteria.

- Students who would most benefit from the boost in self-esteem that is likely to result from attending Somers Camp.
- Students who always give their best and are willing to give anything a try.
- Students who have a reasonable level of physical fitness which is required for the outdoor activities.
- Children who are tolerant, get along with others and are most likely to make the best of the many group activities and challenges that come with Somers Camp.
- Children who are resilient, will cope with being away from home for 9 days and will cope with living in a large dormitory environment.
- Children who are good role models and are seen upholding our values of Compassion, Honesty, Commitment, Optimism & Respect.
- Children who are most likely to embrace the guiding principles of Somers Camp, those being Living Sustainably, Challenge, Making Friends, Learning About Yourself & Reflection.
- Students who attended Woorabinda Camp as a grade 5 in 2015 are not eligible to attend Somers Camp in 2016.

There is nothing you need to do at this early stage. This information has been provided in advance to give you the opportunity to consider whether you would like your child to attend. Once our school’s allocation has been confirmed, we will send home a note seeking expressions of interest.

2017 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are now open for 2017. If your child has a younger sibling that you wish to enrol for 2017, please call into the office for an enrolment form.

Enrolments close on June 24th.
**Reporting and Parent Teacher Interviews Process – Term 2, 2016**

At the conclusion of Term 2 all students will receive a written report on achievement followed by an opportunity for families to be involved in a 3 Way Conversation for students in Yrs 3-6 and Parent Teacher Interviews for students in Foundation – Yr 2, which provides a chance to reflect on learning goals and plan for the future.

*Reports go Home* – Thursday 9th June

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**3 Way Conversations & Parent – Teacher Interviews**

On June 14th and 15th our 3 Way Conversations will be held for students in years 3-6 and parent-teacher interviews for students in F-2. Thanks to all those parents who have already booked in through our online booking system. We encourage all families to be prompt in making bookings to avoid disappointment as interview slots fill up.

Although Parent-Teacher Interviews have been an integral part of a school’s reporting and communication process over many years, the 3 Way Conversations are relatively new to Buninyong P.S. The following information may help with making the most of these sessions:

**3 Way Conversations:**

The structure includes:
- 5 minutes student led (Including, Reviewing student goals)
- 10 minutes teacher led
- 5 minutes for parents to ask questions.

This conversation provides students with the opportunity to connect further with their learning by prompting them to reflect on their goals and their learning in general.

**Parent – Teacher Interview:**

This interview will:
- Provide further explanation on reports
- Elaborate on level of growth and achievement
- Elaborate on effort/work habits
- Elaborate on social/emotional aspects
- Provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

If you would like to meet with our specialist team, please use the same online booking process and choose the appropriate teacher.

Physical Education: Jarrod Morgan
Art: Vanessa Belsar
Music: Steve Skilbeck
Japanese: Narelle Sullivan
Scotsburn Specialist – Deb Hunter.
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on 14th June at 1:45pm - 6pm and 15th Jun 4pm - 6pm
You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN Friday 27th May at 9am
BOOKINGS CLOSE Friday 10th June at 9pm

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.
and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, use of a classroom computer will be available, so that parents can still make their own bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 5341 3560. Interviews are strictly 15mins and spaces are limited.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 5341 3560
**Buninyong Kinder Visits**

We have enjoyed having the 4 year old kinder groups from the Buninyong Kinder join us at Scotsburn this week. It has been great to see so many happy kids enjoying their time. The kids participated in lots of farmyard activities as well as having a great play outside in the playground. A big well done to Mrs Murphy for organising the visit and the fun activities for the kids.

**Casserole Dinner – Save the Date**

We would like to invite all families to bring along a casserole to share on Tuesday 21st June from 5.30pm. These nights are always supported wonderfully well and enjoyed by all. This evening will also be a great opportunity to wish Mrs Murphy well as she makes her way towards motherhood.

**Quantum Excursion**

Our excursion to Quantum is on this Friday June 3rd. As we are required to be there by 10am, the bus will be leaving at 8am. We will be returning to school by 3.15pm.

**Grade 2/3 Hobbies & Interests Presentations**

Last week, the Grade 2/3 students presented their hobbies and interests projects. They all did a wonderful job and showed great confidence and enthusiasm for the task. Special thanks to the many parents that came along to support the kids.

**Grade 4–6 Climate Change Posters**

This week students undertook a slightly different Big Write in SC3 and created a poster on Climate Change after a week’s worth of research and preparation. A lot of time and effort went into these posters and the students should be very impressed with what they produced. Thanks to all the parental help too!

**ABC Awards**

P/1 – Jacob Hicks  
2/3 – Indi Durham  
Specialist Award – Pat Scuffins

**Auskick & Net Set Go BBQ Fundraiser**

Last Friday we again cooked the BBQ at the Buninyong Football/Cricket ground for the Auskick and Net Set Go. Laura Conroy has organised this event for us during the past month or so and has done a wonderful job. Special thanks to the parents that have come along to help out. We plan to direct the money raised towards our playground area.

**One Door Needed**

If anyone has a spare sturdy and lockable door that we could have to put on the rotunda it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Shaun if you do.

**Thank You Rachel**

A big thank you to Rachel Marsh from the Buninyong campus who has kindly made a set of aprons for our cooking program. The staff and students appreciate your generosity.

**Monday Rotations**

Our next rotation for the term will be on the 6th June. Our groups will be doing the following:

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**Term 2 – Lunch Order Roster**

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

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**Term 2 – Important Dates & Extra-Curricular Events**

Grade P-6 Quantum Excursion – 3rd June  
Ambulance In Schools Program – 9th June  
Reports go home – 9th June  
Queen’s Birthday Holiday – 13th June  
3 Way Conversations – 14th & 15th June  
Scotsburn Working Bee – 19th June (10am)  
Official Opening of Shed – 20th June (9am)  
Scotsburn Casserole Dinner - 21st June (5.30pm)
Reports go Home -
Thursday 9th June

Bailey showed kindness towards a group of younger students when he refereed a soccer match. He proved he was a great role model and a helpful carer when one of the students hurt themselves. Well done Bailey.
ABC's of ANXIETY

Anxiety can impact the lives of children, teens (and adults!), in the following 6 ways:

- **Affect:** Emotionally and physically—what we feel in our body
- **Behaviour:** Behaviorally—what we do or our actions, such as avoiding or seeking reassurance
- **Cognition:** Mentally—what goes through our mind like worrisome thoughts
- **Dependence:** Relying on parents—what happens over time is that children and teens depend too much on their parents
- **Excess and Extreme:** Anxiety is a problem when it is excessive and extreme in relation to the situation
- **Functioning:** How your child manages each day

**Note:** The pattern of these experiences varies in each child, and from situation to situation, but generally anxious children are impacted in in all six domains.

Community Support—Soup Van

Anyone with tinned goods please help support the Ballarat Soup Van. If you can donate tinned fruit, vegetables and/or soup with a pull ring you can leave them in Josh’s office and we will donate to the soup van for their winter appeal.

B+ Program Fortnightly Theme — PERSERVERANCE

This fortnight we will be concentrating on PERSERVERANCE. The next family group assembly on the 10th of June. *Mindfulness sessions in the BER at lunchtime Fridays everyone welcome!*
Japanese Question of the Week:
Term 2… week 8

Name the tallest mountain in Japan:

WINNER: Term 2 Week 7:
ALICE RENFREE 2JO
Alice identified the cartoon character as AN PAN MAN!
Yoku dekimashita—Well done!
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**SHARING OUR NEWSLETTER WITH EXTENDED FAMILY**

We have a large number of families who have their weekly newsletter emailed, which is excellent as this cuts our paper and copying costs and reduces the workload of our office staff.

From time to time we are asked if extended family members can have the newsletter emailed as well. The answer is yes and all you need to do is call the office or email Robyn at, batrouney.robyn.l@edumail.vic.gov.au and provide the name and email address of the new recipient along with the student name/s.

We understand that some extended family members like to keep in touch with what’s happening at school and we are happy to help out.

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**NEW BUILDING ARRIVES AT OUR BUNINYONG CAMPUS**

There was great excitement for the students at school on May 31, as a team of men and a large crane started worked on positioning 5 segments of building to construct a double portable. This building is nestling in amongst the silver birch trees in front of the BER building. This building gives us a 7th and 8th classroom for what has become the grade 5/6 precinct. Having 8 classrooms for the senior school is the number we need as we gradually have 4 classes per year level move up through the school.

The Enrolment Policy we have in place will ensure our student numbers don’t grow beyond what can be accommodated in 28 classrooms, which is now what we have in place at Buninyong. If the township of Buninyong continues to grow, this may change in the longer term but for the coming decade 28 classrooms should suffice.

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**Kid’s Play #5 by Dr Barbara Chancellor**

“Through play, children develop resilience and flexibility, contributing to their ability to cope with challenges.”

Barbara is a Lecturer and Researcher at the RMIT University School of Education specialising in early childhood education and development. You can hear her speak at the Friends of Buninyong Botanic Gardens annual Winter Luncheon on 18th June. Information and booking enquiries to info@buninyongbotanicgardensfriends.org.au or contact Karen Hulston on 5341 3947.