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COMPASSION
HONESTY

8th June, 2016
Term 2, Issue 9

A reminder that the school newsletter can always be accessed from our website at www.buninyongps.vic.edu.au

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3
17-18 Aug  Gr 3 Camp - Group 1
18-19 Aug  Gr 3 Camp - Group 2
25 & 26 Aug  School Concert
9 Sept  Grandparents Day 9 - 11am

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A REMINDER TO PARENTS THAT 2017 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE DUE BY JUNE 24th, THE END OF TERM 2

2017 ENROLMENTS DUE NOW!!

3 WAY CONVERSATIONS/ PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 14th June
(1.00pm finish for students on this day)
& Wednesday 15th June

Bookings close Friday 10th June
see page 2 for details

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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

Book School Interviews Online

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.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.
3 WAY CONVERSATIONS & PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS – JUNE 14TH AND 15TH

The following information may help with making the most of these sessions:

3 WAY CONVERSATIONS: YR 3-6

The structure includes -

- 5 minutes student led (Reviewing student goals)
- 5 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: YR F-2

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.

SPECIALIST TEAM

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.

CANTEEN NOTICES

- Canteen will not be open on the last week of Term 2 and will reopen week 2 of Term 3.
- Our canteen price list will be updated and published onto Qkr during the school holidays.

Issue 4 orders have now been received and been given to the classroom teachers. If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to come and see me in the Library.

Kath Cassell—Library
**PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE**

It has been great to see so many students getting involved in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. We have already 3 students who have met the criteria set out by the challenge, which is 30 books for F-2 students and 10 books for yr 3-6 students. Well done to:

Harrison V – Yr 1 - 47 books  
Isabella P – Yr 4 - 27 books  
Amy W – Yr 6 - 31 books  
Lucas W – Yr 4 - 17 books  
Isaac G – Yr 2 - 100 books  
Sophie B – H – Yr 1 - 100 books  
Spencer S – Yr 1 - 100 books  

These students will receive a certificate from the Victorian Premier at the conclusion of the challenge.

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Across the entire school it is pleasing to see we have many students taking the reading challenge with over 1000 books being registered.

It is not too late to get involved. All classroom teachers have the details to help get you started.

**Half Year Reports**

It has certainly been a busy time for teaching staff over the past month as they have written half year reports for all of our students. Reports will go home this Thursday (June 9th) and will include assessments for each of the curriculum areas studied at school. It’s important to remember that these reports are designed to provide an overview of where your child is at, what progress has been made and plans for future learning.

Next week we have 3 Way Conversations scheduled for year 3-6 students and their parents, and we also have Parent – Teacher Interviews for parents of those in Yrs F-2. If you have not already booked in for a session please see booking details in this newsletter.

A feature of the reporting system used across the state is that progress for the 12-month period is shown by a dotted line connecting two circles. The white circle shows the level of performance 12 months ago and the black circle shows the current level of achievement. Black dots contained anywhere within the yellow band show that your child is working within the expected range for their year level. Black dots outside of the yellow band indicate the level of achievement is above or below the expected level. See the first page of your child's report for further explanation.

The present day curriculum includes a broad range of skills and abilities that may take different amounts of time to achieve. As children proceed at different rates, the report may indicate a shorter or longer dotted line. A shorter dotted line may indicate that your child is consolidating….that’s OK. Your teacher will have contacted you if that’s anything to be concerned about. A longer dotted line indicates your child has made significant growth. The rate of progress a child makes with their learning can be likened to a child having a growth spurt or remaining the same height for a while.

We encourage parents to contact their child’s classroom teacher if there is anything contained in the report requiring clarification, or follow up discussion…that’s the reason for reports going home on Thursday with the offer of a follow up Parent Teacher Interviews and 3 Way Conversations next week.
The user design experts at MasterCard have come up with a new design and parent experience within the Qkr app that all users will see with the update from Apple’s App Store or the Google Play store on or soon after the 16th of June, 2016. Your username and password will remain the same, as will any credit or debit cards already stored within Qkr, as well as your profile settings and those of your children. What will change significantly is the look and feel of the app, and the screens you will see in the process of using Qkr. Below are some of the current Qkr screens on left (as seen on an iPad today), and how they will appear with the app refresh.

Home screen: Our school will appear at the top of the home screen for currently registered users, but note some new terms like “Discover” and “Activity” as Qkr is being used increasing by non school merchants around the world, so the design has been modified to cater for users in a wide range of industry sectors.

Receipts will in future be stored under the “Activity” tab. Your old receipts will still be accessible from this area.

Product selection screen: This screen will now be more efficiently used to make scrolling through a large list of products easier.

For schools using the calendar display for food or uniforms, the same functionality is all there, just in a different layout. There is one feature we have always had but few people knew about, and that is the ability for busy parents to copy all of last week’s food orders to next week with the click of one button. This is made more visible in the new app with the words “Repeat Order”
## AMAZING BUNINYONG CHILD – AWARD

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<td>For always being an excellent listener in class and working hard in every single thing that she does!</td>
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<td>PHB</td>
<td>Amy Miller</td>
<td>Amy loves learning! She is always being a good listener and trying to do her very best!</td>
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<td>PDE</td>
<td>Chelsea Micallef</td>
<td>Chelsea has shown great grit and perseverance with her writing. Her positive, never give up attitude and use of learnt strategies has been exciting to watch.</td>
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<td>Max Griffin</td>
<td>For always trying his best and persevering with his writing to make it the best it can be!</td>
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<td>1CA</td>
<td>Flynn Almeida</td>
<td>For persisting with his writing and showing great growth.</td>
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<td>Amber Bailey</td>
<td>Amber is always striving to demonstrate a positive attitude.</td>
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<td>Elise Howard</td>
<td>Elise is always persists through challenging tasks, always trying her best until she gets it right!</td>
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<td>Milly McRitchie</td>
<td>Molly always stays with the task and never gives up. She shows commitment, pride and a positive attitude in everything she does.</td>
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<td>Hamish Brisbane</td>
<td>Hamish showed compassion when a friend was hurt.</td>
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<td>Luke Tant</td>
<td>Luke is trying his best and is optimistic when things get tricky.</td>
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<td>2NJ</td>
<td>Thomas Wardle</td>
<td>For demonstrating the school values consistently in and out of the classroom.</td>
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<td>2HA</td>
<td>Sean Mason</td>
<td>For his generous nature and inclusive behaviours.</td>
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**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

This Friday we have a whole school assembly at the Buninyong campus. Students will meet in the courtyard at the start of the day.

**QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY**

A reminder that there is no school on Monday 13th June.

**CONGRATULATIONS ALICE, FELIX & CAMPBELL**

On Monday, Alice, Felix and Campbell competed at Warrnambool in the cross Country. They all ran very well and gave it their best shot. A big thank you to their families for taking them to the event. Well done.

**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.

**KINDER TO PREP TRANSITION SURVEYS**

Thank you to the families that returned the surveys. We have now collated your responses and the results were again extremely positive.

**QUANTUM EXCURSION**

Last week, the Scotsburn students visited Quantum in Melbourne. All of the students had a wonderful time and gained plenty from the experience. If you jump onto Ms Morris’ Grade 4-6 blog at http://scotsburnsenior2016.blogspot.com.au/ you will be able to see some of the photos from the day.

**ABC AWARDS**

P/1 – Charlie Conroy & Jett Harrison  
2/3 – Axel Durham

**SPECIALIST AWARD** – Jett Harrison

**THANKS TO ISABELLA’S PA**

Thank you to Isabella’s Pa who put some gravel down at one of the entrances to the school.

**NEW CHOOKS**

Special thanks to the Plier family for the generous donation of chooks. We are pleased to say that they have settled in well.

**MONDAY ROTATIONS**

There are no rotations on Monday due to the Queen’s Birthday Holiday.

**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**

Ambulance In Schools Program – 9th June  
Reports go home – 9th June  
Queen’s Birthday Holiday – 13th June  
3 Way Conversations – 14th & 15th June  
Grade 3-6 Fact or Fiction – 16th June  
Scotsburn Working Bee – 19th June (10am)  
Official Opening of Shed – 20th June (9am)  
Scotsburn Casserole Dinner - 21st June (5:30pm)  
Term 2 Finishes – 24th June 2:30 Dismissal  
Term 3 Starts – 11th July
Lincoln shared his cars with a student who didn’t have anyone to play with. Thanks for being so kind Lincoln.

Grade 6 Canteen Team
CAN-TEAM

HOT MILO
Every Tuesday recess at the canteen during Winter
$1 per cup
Starts this week!

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Whoa, what have I started? The Vegie Patch is overflowing with children wanting to grow their own Fruits & Vegies! Each team is going to have approximately 1 metre of land to plant seeds of their choice and then, at designated times each week they tend to their patch. It’s very exciting!!

Parent support is welcome on Wednesdays & Fridays at 1pm—2pm in the Patch and any mulch, fertilizer, seeds, or expertise would be fantastic!

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**Link of the week—Mindfulness**


Definition: A mental state achieved by focusing one's awareness on the present moment, while calmly acknowledging and accepting one's feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations, used as a therapeutic technique.

**Physiological Responses**

Increases focus, less emotional reactivity, increased immune function, boosts working memory, more cognitive flexibility, decrease stress response, decreased anxiety levels………..why would we not practice mindfulness.

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**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.

So far I have 2 cans of soup—please donate !!

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**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 9
Mt Fuji is Japan’s tallest mountain. How tall is it?

A: 3776m  B: 1598m  C: 7536m

WINNER:  Term 2 Week 8

ISABELLE JONES PBA

Isabelle knew that the tallest mountain in Japan is Mt Fuji.
Yoku dekimashita—Well done!

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IT’S DISCO TIME

Discos are being held in the last week of term.

- Where – In the Gym
- When — Lunch time.
- *Tuesday 21st June for Grades 4, 5 and 6 students
- *Wednesday 22nd June for Prep and Grades 1, 2 and 3 students
- Why – To raise money for the Grade 6 Graduation night and to have fun!
- Dress up Theme – Dress up as something or someone starting with the letter B, P or S. Some ideas are a butterfly, a policeman, a singer a Principal or even a Buninyong Primary School student!
- ** Please bring a gold coin.
BOOK COVERING

What can I say! Thank you so so much to these wonderful ladies who came to our Coffee and Cake morning. It was a huge success and all the books were covered. Many others offered to take books home and cover them as they couldn’t stay and those offers were gratefully accepted.

They did an amazing job and all those books are now out on the shelves for the children to enjoy.

I had boxes of books in my office that I hadn’t been able to get around to and I have now been able to unpack and catalogue all of them. I wouldn’t have been able to do this without all the invaluable help I received.

When I have finished processing all the new books I will hold another Coffee and Cake morning, so keep an eye out for the date in the newsletter. Everyone is welcome to come along no experience necessary.

Kath Cassell—Library

Kid’s Play #6 by Dr Barbara Chancellor

“Adults can have significant impacts on the quality of children’s play by the supervision strategies they use.”

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.

Learn to Swim

Now taking enrolments for Term 3!

Monday 11th July - Saturday 17th September
10 week term

Cost
Standard classes: $13.50 per week (total $135)
Infant Aquatics: $9.50 per week (total $95)

Single private, double private, adult classes and swim squad programs are also available.

Intensive School Holiday 5 Day Program.
Monday 4th July - Friday 8th July ($57.50)

Phone: (03) 5327 9689
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Web: federation.edu.au/unisports

Talk to us today about hosting your child’s next birthday party at UniSports!