DATES TO REMEMBER

March 13th  Athletic Sports Grade 3 - 6
March 16th  School Council
March 18th  District Athletics Sports
March 26th  PLP Meeting 2:30pm
March 20th  Lunchtime Live
March 23rd - 25th  Grade 5 Camp - Norval Halls Gap
March 25th  Preps Teddy Bears Picnic
March 26th  Prep - Grade 3 Disco
March 27th  Last Day Term 1 - 2:30pm Finish

School Assemblies
13th March  No Assembly
20th March  3 - 6 Assembly
27th March  Whole School Assembly

Upcoming Excursions/Incursions

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OVAL BACK IN ACTION
After 6 long weeks without access to the oval, our students were delighted to get out amongst it this week. They have been very patient and coped with the reduced play space, but they’re making up for lost time now.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
With the School Council election process complete, we can now announce that the following parents and teachers have been elected to join School Council for the coming 2 years:

Parent Representatives – Ange Stock, Gareth Smith & Mick Durham (still looking for 1 more if you’d like to put your hand up)

Teacher Representatives - Cindy Armstrong & Jarrod Sing

They join Peter Mees, Michael Till, Melanie Coffey, Darren Holland, Steve Skilbeck, Wendy Hines and Bernie Conlan in making up our School Council for the coming 12 months.

A big thank you to our retiring School Councillors, those being Gary Trotter, Jim Rodgers, Naomi Moore, April Wakefield and Beth Murphy.

Special thanks to Gary who has been School Council President for the past 5 years.
**Lucky Dip**
We would appreciate if all families could donate a small gift for the lucky dip. They will be sold for $1 so please keep them pretty simple. Boxes are now in each classroom for you to put them in.

**Midland Irrigation Water Workshops**
Last week, all of our classes undertook an irrigation workshop with Midland Irrigation. Mick did a wonderful job at both demonstrating and explaining effective and efficient watering methods. We now have some great ideas for watering and looking after our veggie patch.

**Thank you**
Thank you to Natasha and Naomi for driving our Grade 6's back from the Buninyong It's Electrifying incursion last week.

**Gr 1’s visit to Donegan’s Farm**
Last Tuesday our Grade Ones went to Donegan’s Farm with the Buninyong Grade Ones. We saw lots of animals. Some of our favourites were the horses, cows and Kevin the pig. When we arrived we fed the animals. The horse ate some hay and the pig ate some food scraps. We fed the ducks some bread and everyone fed the lamb some milk. After the animals were fed, we collected the eggs from the chooks. There was 28 eggs! In the afternoon, we dug up some potatoes and took them home to share with our families. It was a great day.

**Gr 4-6 Endangered Animals Presentations**
Congratulations to the Gr 4-6 students for the wonderful presentations that they delivered to the Scotsburn students last week. They researched and presented with great confidence which was fantastic to see. Well done.

**School Fete - 20th March**
Scotsburn will have 4 items at the fete. They are corn on the cob, frozen bananas, a wood raffle and the lucky dip. Rosters for parents to help at the fete are being circulated. Naomi Moore is arranging this so if you can help please contact her on naomimoore1973@yahoo.com.

**Monday Rotations**
Our next rotation day will be on the (16th March), our groups will be doing the following:
- Cooking – Group 3 (Parent helper – Amanda Eustice)
- ICT – Group 1
- Gardening – Group 2 (Parent helper – Sarah Palmer)

Please remember to pay the $15 for this semester or $30 for the year to the office at Buninyong for the cooking program.

**Mixed Age Catch up**
Last week the mixed age groups caught up to sit together during snack. It was so nice to see each of the groups getting along so well.

**Gr 3-6 Athletics– Friday 13th March**
The Gr 3-6 athletics are fast approaching. The following information will clarify the details:
- Gr P-2 students will have a normal Friday starting at Buninyong and return to Scotsburn at 2pm for a 3:30pm finish.
- Gr 3-6 students will start and finish their day at Buninyong. Buses will depart for Llanberris Reserve at 9am. Once the sports have finished, buses will depart at approximately 2.45pm and transport students back to Buninyong.
- If you are taking your child/children home from the sports, please let Mr O’Loughlin or Ms Morris know on the day so that they can be ticked off.

**Important Dates & Extra-Curricular Events**
- Gr 3 – 6 Athletics Day – 13th March
- School Fete – 20th March
- Gr 5 Camp (Halls Gap) – 23rd - 25th March
- Gr Prep Teddy Bear’s Picnic – 25th March
- Term 1 Finishes – 27th March
- Term 2 Starts – 13th April
### Amazing Buninyong Child

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### Act of Kindness

Ivy Kirby (S/B Grd. 1)

Showed kindness and compassion towards her friends. Comforting them during the storm at school and also on the bus during our excursion to Melbourne.

### Canteen Team Debut

The canteen team will be selling Quelch fruit sticks next Wednesday 18th March.

They will be $1 each.

Please bring your money straight to the canteen where they will be happy to serve you at recess and lunchtime.
**FETE**

Excitement is building with just a week and a half to go until our fete. Our teachers certainly have the students involved in planning their stall/activity and it’s fantastic to hear that so many parents are helping out with their time or donations.

**Guess the Number of Easter Eggs** – This year’s fete will include a Guess the Number of Easter Eggs in the Jar competition. Everyone will get a chance to have a turn on the night of the fete, but students will also get a turn at school next week. We’ll let the kids know when the jar will come around and how much money they need to bring.

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**JUMPING CASTLE PRIZE DONATIONS**

Grade 6MM & 6RG are looking for prize donations of any sort to help out with our Jumping Castles and Pedal Car Fete items. Any of the following would be greatly appreciated.

- Old/New Toys
- Food (that kids want)
- Books/stickers/stationary etc.
- Old Junk that kids would think is cool

Please drop off any donations to Mr Muldoon’s room in the Grade 6 Quad.
Come to the Prep Cake Stall!

Room 6

Whole cake - $6.00
Piece of cake - small plate of delicious - $1.50
Individually wrapped individual cake – $1.00
Individually wrapped slice – $0.50

COFFEE, SPIDERS, SWEETS, SAVORIES

4JT will be selling coffee’s spiders, sweets and savories in the canteen.

Prices start at $2.00. Be sure to come and check out what the busy 4JT families have been baking and creating!

There will also be gluten free options.

School Fete

Spinning Wheel

This year IRS & IHM are collecting donations for the School Fete Spinning Wheel.

We would greatly appreciate any donations that can be put into a hamper, or are you are a business that would be able to donate goods or a service as a Prize.

Please bring in donations big or small to the IRS & IHM’s Classroom by the 5th of March 2019. Thanks!

4SD’s

Baked Potato Stand

Come and try a delicious and nutritious baked potato from our stall.

Fillings include:

- Coleslaw
- Cheese
- Sour cream
- Butter

Only $5 each!
'What is the 'yukimatsuri'?
THE ANSWER
'Snow festival'.

THE WINNER IS
Drew Smith  SC3

BUNINYONG PRIMARY
SCHOOL FETE
MARCH 20TH

Just a reminder to all parents and staff to see Leena or Tracey in the office prior to purchasing any fete items as we cannot reimburse parents or staff. The girls can organise a purchase order for most things.

PREP - GRADE 3 DISCO
The theme is Disney, Marvel or come as you are.
Last Thursday of term (March 26th)
Gold coin donation please
Costumes may be worn to school
Dear Parent/Guardian,

Have you ever thought of your daughter playing Netball in the Ballarat Football League for Season 2015 (April 18th 2015 - August 15th 2015). Here is a great opportunity to join a great family club!

Your child has the opportunity to enrol in the 11 year old netball side with Mount Clear Junior Football/Netball Club for the 2015 season. The age appropriate years are being born in either 2004 or 2005 – (player must be 9 or 10 years of age as at 1st January, 2015).

Don’t be concerned if your daughter does not have any previous netball experience as all players will be taught the rules, positions and skills needed in a friendly, encouraging environment.

The Under 11 Squad will be capped at 20 players by the BFNL so be quick as places have now been opened up to 9 new players with the introduction of two teams in this age group in 2015. The 20 players will be divided into two teams of ten and this will be determined by the coaches collectively. The competition is on Sunday morning at 8am for the Under 11 Reserve team and 9am for the Under 11 Senior Team. There are 16 rounds in total including 8 home games at Mount Clear Recreation Reserve, 6 away games at clubs around the Ballarat Region, 1 game at Bacchus Marsh and 1 at Darley. Training for the Under 11 Squad is Wednesday 4.30-5.30pm at Mount Clear Recreation Reserve.

Mount Clear Football Netball Club is a community minded junior sporting club offering Netball and Football to children in our community. The club prides itself on its family involvement with lots of fun social events providing parents and children opportunities to meet new people and have fun including pizza/pie nights, BBQs, a trivia night and a proposed Winter Club Ball.

Training starts on Wednesday March 25th 4.30 -5.30pm. If you would like to register your daughter please contact Tania Gunn by email at tania.gunn@bigpond.com or phone 0400 670 325.

We hope you consider playing with a great club!

Yours Sincerely

Tania Gunn
Junior Coordinator
MCJFNC
Minecraft is a construction game using virtual blocks. Players find raw materials like trees, stone, sand, coal, and transform them into more refined materials like sticks, a workbench, glass, and tools. Players must quickly work out how to build torches and a shelter to protect against a mob of zombies that come out at night. As their understanding increases they can create more elaborate structures.

A modified version of Minecraft is used by some teachers to teach subjects such as physics, geography, history and biology. Players can install Mods (modifications) to enable a variety of different functions in Minecraft such as the creation of new weapons, new construction tools, transport, and decorative themes. With many players developing Mods the options are endless. These are computer, pocket, Xbox and Play Station editions available.

Is my child old enough to play Minecraft?

Minecraft is an open-ended game where children explore and create. There is some violence, with zombies and monsters attempting to kill players at night. Players need to fight them with weapons or hide from them. There is minimal gore, but young players may be scared as the creatures appear out of nowhere.

What are the risks?

Parents should be aware that if children play online they may encounter other players who may attempt to communicate and make have created suggestive or offensive structures. Talk to your children about this. Ensure your children don’t use their real names or provide any personal information like their address, their school, or your work. Sit with them for a couple of sessions to see what they are doing, and understand how it works. Anecdotally, parents say the main risk with Minecraft is their children wanting to spend too much time playing it.

Should I be setting time limits?

Setting time limits from the beginning can help. For young children a visual timer is very useful. Think about requiring your child to complete chores and homework before they can play Minecraft—and stick to it.

Keep in mind that the American Academy of Paediatrics recommends children be limited to 2 hours of total media time a day, with no media in children’s bedrooms. They discourage any media exposure for children under 2 years of age.

Why is my child obsessed with Minecraft?

Minecraft is fun and is intrinsically rewarding for children. Children feel a sense of accomplishment as they construct caves, weapons and buildings to protect themselves. Minecraft constantly hits the reward centre in children’s (and adults) brains. They feel good about what they are constructing, and it is easy to beat the baddies.

Minecraft doesn’t come with an instruction guide. Instead players share hints with each other and many have posted instructional videos on YouTube. Your child may switch between playing Minecraft and watching the instructional videos.

How do I reduce the time my child spends on Minecraft?

If you think your child is spending too much time on Minecraft and/or they are becoming aggressive when you ask them to turn it off, it may be time to restrict their use or even ban it. If Minecraft use stops children going to sleep on time, doing their chores or getting ready for school, consider turning off the WIFI in your house at certain times. Talk to your child about your concerns and introduce rules about how often and when they can use Minecraft. If your child recognises they are using Minecraft too much, they may be able to help you come up with the rules. If they deny there is a problem it will be harder to manage, but it can be done if you enforce the rules consistently.

Grade 3 - 6 Athletic Sports

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Friday 13th March, 2015
LLANBERRIS RESERVE

9:00AM: Buses depart

9:30AM: Arrive at track, place bags in house bays and go to first rotation

9:40AM: Start field events rotations (approx 15mins at each rotation)

12:15PM: Lunch

12:30PM: Sprints (12-8yo)
   Championship Sprints
   Relays (to be completed in grade levels)

2:15PM: Presentations/Ribbons (Sport captains to hand out ribbons)

2:45pm: Back to School

Sprints Lanes:
   Inglis 1 and 2
   Simpson 3 and 4
   Scott 5 and 6
   Cornish 7 and 8

The following track and field events will be timed and measured to qualify for the District sports on Wed 18th March, 2015:
Triple Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, 200m and 100m.

REMINDER TO CHILDREN TO WEAR HAT AND SUNSCREEN.