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**BUNINYONG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BANK GRANT**

We are very pleased to announce that the Buninyong and District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) has provided us with a grant of $10,000 to support the restoration of our cottage...the original Buninyong Police Station. A combination of this money and the funds we have raised ourselves (through last year’s concert) is enough to get stage 1 completed, that being:

- Connection of services (water, gas, power & data into the building and connection to storm water and sewer)
- Replace the floor, some other internal works and restore the facia

We are now exploring other options to win financial support from outside of the school to then finish off the project. When completed, the cottage will be a fabulous space for our school, providing an ideal venue for break-away groups such as literacy/numeracy intervention groups, instrumental music lessons, meetings, etc. It is also good to know that we are saving an historic building that was in danger of being lost to our community.

Pictured below in front of the cottage are Greg Veal from the Buninyong & District Community Bank and Bernie Conlan.

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**Upcoming Excursions/Incursions**

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**GRADE 3 - 6 ATHLETIC SPORTS FRIDAY 13TH MARCH**

A Cost of **$4.00** is now due for those students that have **NOT** paid the excursion levy please.
**SCHOOL FETE**

Our fete is to be held from 5-8pm on Friday March 20th, which now is just a few weeks away. Planning is coming together nicely and the event is shaping up to be an entertaining evening for the whole family.

The proceeds from this fete will be used to support the provision of our IT programs across the school. In particular, this includes:

- The gradual replacement of Interactive Whiteboards with TVs in the senior school. Our Interactive Whiteboards are now 10 years old and have served us well, however they are becoming costly to maintain. An effective alternative in classrooms is a TV. These are much less expensive to purchase, are much cheaper to maintain and connect to our ipads.

- The purchase of additional devices for our P-3s to give our younger students more access to IT.

There will be no need to prepare dinner on fete night, as there will be a range of food on offer including baked potatoes, pizza, hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, and corn on the cob. If you have a sweet tooth, there will be fairy floss, a cake stall, home-made sweets and a lolly stall. You’ll also be able to get yourself a good coffee too.

There will be a range of activities & stalls to entertain the whole family with face painting, hair colouring, jumping castles, battles in sumo suits, lots of action challenges, lucky dips, busking, a Japanese stall, pony rides, spinning wheels and a haunted house.

Over the coming few weeks we will have plenty in the newsletter promoting the various stalls and activities that you can expect to see at the fete.
Full time Preps

Our preps are now at school every day during the week. A huge congratulations to Mrs Murphy who has worked tirelessly to settle the students into school life. Her efforts and commitment to the students is greatly appreciated. As you can see, they are having a great time.

PA System

You may have noticed recently that a new PA system has been installed up at Scotsburn. Although we hope that there will be minimal need to use it, knowing that we will be able to inform all students and keep them safe with a flick of a button for things such as fire drills will be a welcome relief.

School Fete - 20th March

Scotsburn will be involved with 4 items at the fete. They are corn on the cob, frozen bananas, a wood raffle and the 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. Rosters for parents to help at the fete will also be circulated shortly. Naomi Moore is arranging this so if you can help please contact her on naomimoore1973@yahoo.com.

Wood Raffle

This year at the school fete, Scotsburn will be coordinating a wood raffle. If anyone can lend us a small trailer and/or is willing to donate the wood, please contact Shaun ASAP.

Thank you Simon

Last week, Ms Morris’ partner Simon visited our school. He was interviewed by the Gr 4-6 students as part of their endangered animals research projects. Thank you very much Simon for offering your time to support the students with their learning.

Welcome home

Welcome back to the Lucas family following an extended holiday in sunny Queensland.

No school on Monday 9th

A reminder that there is no school on Monday 9th due to the Labour Day holiday. Our next Assembly will be on the 16th March.

Parent Meeting – School Fete

We will be having a parent meeting on Wednesday 11th March at 8.20am. Finalising our plans for the school fete will be the major topic for discussion. We would love to see as many at the meeting as possible.

Spelling Mastery

We are searching for one more parent for our spelling mastery program every Tuesday from 9am. Spelling mastery is easy to facilitate and only takes about 15 minutes. If you can help out please see Shaun ASAP.

Gr 5 Victorian Space & Science Excursion

Last week, the Gr 5’s visited the Space & Science Centre in Melbourne. They participated in activities such as dressing in space outfits while pretending to be astronauts, learnt about electricity and experienced a range of other science tasks in the Mars Laboratory. They found it really exciting and had a great time.

Monday Rotations

Our Monday rotations in mixed age groups have been going extremely well. Thanks so much to the parents that have been rostered on so far to help out. Due to the public holiday, 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.

Important Dates & Extra-Curricular Events

Gr P-6 Midland Irrigation Water Workshops – 5th March
Labour Day Holiday - 9th March
Gr 6 – EarthEd – 10th March
Gr 3 - 6 Sports 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

Our winners for this week are:

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Jack showed great Respect and Compassion for two of his classmates when he noticed a heated argument happening. Jack spoke to one of the boys involved and stopped the argument from getting any worse. His classmate felt good all day because of Jack’s quick actions.

### BMX SUCCESS

Congratulations Damon on winning the 10-11 yr old novice girls and boys competition in the Nationals Open for racing his BMX bike. This was held at the Sebastopol BMX track a week ago.
OVAL READY TO GO

The re-seeding of our oval has been very successful and we think it’s just about ready for the children to enjoy. The kids have done a great job coping with the reduced space and it will all be worth it in the long run, as it will be fantastic to have a quality play space all year round. A big thankyou to Mr O’Kelly who has done a fabulous job leading this project and of course to the school family that funded the project. We’ll have a grand opening of the restored oval after the long weekend…..not sure what will look like at this stage, but we’ll figure something out.

Buninyong PS on Display

Recently we were told that Buninyong Primary will be featured in a School Days: Education in Victoria exhibition in Melbourne at Old Treasury Building (weekend just gone).

Featuring nostalgic records, photographs, books and memorabilia from the Public Record Office of Victoria archives, the exhibition explored 150 years of schooling in the Victoria.

Buninyong Primary is featured amongst the photographic displays, show casing what Victorian schools looked like more than fifty years ago.

In this undated photo from the exhibition, the children of Buninyong play ‘Good King Wenceslas’ on their recorders, out in the school yard.

Do you recognise anyone from this photo? Let us know if you do, as we’d like to add names to the picture before adding it to our collection of photos on display in the admin building.
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.
Over the next few weeks our school is responsible for nominating students for state selection try-outs in the sports of AFL, Soccer, Netball and Basketball. The following explains the process we will use to select students.

When considering who to nominate, we will:

- Use our knowledge of how individual students perform in PE classes.
- Consult with coaches of our inter-school teams.
- Give parents the opportunity to nominate their own child with a supporting reference from an out of school team coach. Contact by phone will suffice.

As you would imagine, these try-outs are for our very best athletes with just a few children from the whole Ballarat Region being chosen to go on to the next level of try-outs. As such, it is expected that we only nominate our very best candidates for each sport. Where necessary, we will hold try-outs at school to help decide who will be nominated.

Parents who would like their child to be nominated need to contact me and organise a reference from an out of school team coach by Monday 9th March. Coaches can contact myself at school on 5341 3560 or send a written reference.

When selections are finalised, those nominated will take a permission note home to be completed and returned. Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

Daniel O’Kelly
Congratulations to the 12 children who represented the school at the 2015 regional tennis championships. All the children displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day and played some wonderful tennis.

Well done to all involved.

Our school is preparing to enter WAKAKIRRI 2015- Australia’s Search for the Best Story! Our Story Dance Performance will include the students from 4 – 6 who are very excited to be taking part. There will be an info session for students on Friday at lunchtime this week to gather an expression of interest.

They will be participating in an unforgettable experience; by being involved in the creating, preparing and performing of our Story-Dance item – A story told to music using creative movement, dance and drama.

This term, the students and teachers will be looking at who and how people will be involved, the Story outline and the plan for the weeks ahead before show time in Term 3.

We would love the support of parents so if you can help in any of the following ways, please contact Vanessa Belsar via email sheehan.vanessa.e@edumail.vic.gov.au In the meantime, visit the website www.wakakirri.com for more information and updates.

Perhaps you:

• Can assist with props and set making.
• Are able to arrange some catering for Rehearsals and Performance day.
• Have contacts for transport (students and/or props & sets to the venue on show day).
• Have access to great music and editing programs we can use for our soundtrack.
• Can help with fundraising & Sponsorship.
• Could encourage your child to take part, get involved and ask how it’s going.
• Stay tuned to the website www.wakakirri.com and subscribe to Wakakirri to keep updated with the Wakakirri Story.
• Purchase tickets to the Show to see your child and school perform LIVE at a Professional Theatre.
• Have skills you can offer the group; costume making, choreography, story ideas, make up and Hair designing.

We look forward to sharing our 2015 Wakakirri Story with you!
QUESTION

'What channel is Ninja Warrior on?'

THE ANSWER

SBS but also on many other channels.

THE WINNER IS

Millie Jacobs (5VB).

BUNINYONG SOCCER CLUB

“The Redbacks”

U/8, U/9, U/11 & U/13 players are invited to sign up for the 2015 season

- Sign ups and first training session:
  - Thursday 19th March 4:00 – 5:00pm
- Location: Forest St, at rear of tennis courts.
- Email: buninyong.soccer@yahoo.com.au
- More info: www.buninyongsoccer.org.au
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.

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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 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 15th of March 2015. Thanks!

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ASPIRING YOUNG FILM MAKERS

Make a short film on your smartphone, ipad or other device, and enter it in the 2015 Buninyong Film Festival Student Film Competition.

Open to all school students within 20km of Buninyong. Awesome prizes for both Primary & Secondary school entries to be received no later than Friday 1 May 2015. For information regarding entry criteria & the judging process go to www.buninyong.vic.au/filmfestival Workshop.

Finalists’ films will be screened before the opening of the festival at 5pm on Friday 22 May at the Buninyong Town Hall. Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the session.