WELCOME MRS HAYASHI

We welcome Sue Hayashi to our school community. Sue will be our Japanese teacher for the remainder of this year with Mrs Reyntjes moving to MacArthur St PS. Sue has spent much of last week with us preparing to take over the role from March 11th. Pictured is Mrs Hayashi with one of her first classes.

Below is an introductory message from Mrs Hayashi.

Konnichi wa

My name is Sue Hayashi and I am very happy to be joining the Buninyong team as the new Japanese teacher. From what I have observed, the level of Japanese ability is of a high standard and the students participate enthusiastically in the classroom. I hope to continue to keep up the hard work that Jo Reyntjes & Narelle Sullivan have put in to developing a diverse and interesting Japanese curriculum.

I spent 14 years living in Japan and grew to love all things Japanese. My favourite Japanese food is chicken karaage which is a type of fried chicken. I love the Japanese natural hot spring baths and I also visit Tokyo Disneyland with my family when I get the chance to visit Japan. I hope to expose Buninyong students to authentic cultural activities and expand their language abilities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries about the Japanese curriculum or about Japan and I will be happy to do what I can to help.

Sue Hayashi

THREE WAY CONVERSATIONS

Thank you to all those parents who have already booked in to their three way conversation for Wednesday 19th March. If you have missed Wednesday don't forget that you can book in for next Tuesday 25th March. It is a great opportunity for you to develop an understanding of what your child is doing, the goals that have been set and for you to talk to the teacher. The 15 minutes goes fast so if you find you need more time another appointment will need to be made.

The website to book into 3 way conversation is www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code: VBHSM

See last weeks newsletter for full details.
Some of last weeks ABC winners

Act of Kindness
Wesley Fletcher 2JO

Wesley found $2.00 on the floor. He very honestly handed it to his teacher. It ended up belonging to someone in his grade, who was very happy to get their money back!

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### Amazing Buninyong Child

Our winners for this week are:

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On March 3rd and 5th Year 5’s took off to mars via the Space Centre in Melbourne!
5BM based themselves at Mission Control for a time and communicated to the Mars Mission Base!

5 JG conducted experiments to determine the difference between the soil on Mars & Earth!

5 KG found themselves exploring the atmospheric conditions on the planet Mars!

5 JS arrive on Mars to begin their investigations! Commander Jarrod Sing leads the way!
PARENT MEETING
On Wednesday 12th March at 8.30am a parent meeting will be held to help set up subcommittees for our upcoming fundraisers, the Bunnings Barbecue and the B.A.D bike ride sausage sizzle. Your attendance would be appreciated.

COOKING PROGRAM
Our cooking program has begun. Payment of $15 for half year or $30.00 would be appreciated. Could you ensure money is given in to the Buninyong office or your teachers A.S.A.P.

WOODWORK PROGRAM
Last week, Grades 4, 5 and 6 had a great time with the Men’s Shed personnel, making their bird feeders. They were taught how to hammer safely and line up wood carefully to ensure their bird feeders were put together properly.

BEGONIA FESTIVAL VEGGIE COMPETITION
Scotsburn entered a basket of school grown veggies in a competition. The photo today shows our entry with a group of our students.

Today we found out we received an encouragement award and have won a worm farm.

IMPORTANT DATES
Term 1
19th & 25th March 3 Way Conversations
20th March 3 - 6 Athletic Sports Day
22nd-24th April Gr. 5 camp
26th April Bunnings barbecue fundraiser

Term 2
4th May B.A.D. bike ride fundraiser
6th & 9th May Grade 3 Camp (Queenscliff)
13th – 15th May NAPLAN (Gr 3 & 5’s)
16th May School photos
10th June Earth Ed (Gr 3-6)

Term 3
27th August Ecolinc
21st & 22nd August School Concert

Term 4
14th October Quantum Victoria Science Program (Gr 3-6)

WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK
Just a reminder to all parents wishing to go on excursion that you need a current working with children's check.
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** – Peter Mees, Michael Till, Melanie Coffee, Garry Trotter & Darren Holland

**Teacher Representatives** - Steve Skilbeck & Wendy Hines

They join Jim Rodgers, Gareth Smith, Naomi Moore, April Wakefield, Shaun O’Loughlin, Beth Higgins 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 Andy Reynolds, Erik Durow, Julia Petrov, Michelle Noyce & Sue Deans, each who have done an excellent job serving their school community over the past few years.

NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY RESTRAINTS

All schools have been asked to help make parents aware of the National Guidelines for Safety Restraints which are designed to assist parents to assess whether a child is ready to use an adult seatbelt.

Children of different sizes and ages need different types of restraints. The guidelines recommend that children use a booster seat until they are too tall for the booster seat or can achieve good seatbelt fit as assessed by the 5 Step Test (see below). A good adult seatbelt fit is generally not achieved before children are approximately 145-150 cm tall or 10-12 years of age. The Child Restraint Guidelines also recommend that children under 12 years of age are safest in the rear seat.

**Is your child ready for an adult seatbelt?**
**Take the 5 Step Test today.**

Children grow at different rates. To assist parents and carers to assess when their child is ready to use an adult seatbelt, new national Child Restraint Guidelines include an easy 5 Step Test:

VicRoads recommends parents and carers use this test to ensure their children’s safety at all times.

1. Can the child sit with their back against the vehicle seat back?
2. Do the child’s knees bend in front of the edge of the seat?
3. Does the sash belt sit across the middle of the shoulder?
4. Is the lap belt sitting low across the hips touching the thighs?
5. Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

More information
- Child Restraint Evaluation Program: crep.com.au
- TAC: howsafeisyourcar.com.au
- Kidsafe: kidsafevic.com.au
- RACV: racv.com.au

keeping victorians connected
"THE NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY"

On Monday 24th February all the VOTS and the four school captains went to Melbourne for the National Young Leaders Conference. It was really fun and all the speakers were really inspiring such as Jess Fox [an Olympic champion,] Kevin Sheedy [a famous football coach,] John Marsden [an author,] and a few more.

We learnt how to be a good leader and not be afraid to be our self and use our own voice. All up it was a great day and I think we all got a lot out of it.

Annie Trotter

A couple of weeks ago some of the grade 6 leaders went to national young leaders day. We travelled by train to Melbourne and then walked to the convention center. Then we went inside and sat in a massive auditorium. We found some seats and sat down. After all the other schools arrived a person walked on stage and told us how to be a good leader. We wrote down notes as we listened. Four more speakers came on. There was an author, the brand owner of thank you water, a silver medalist, an army officer and a football coach. On the front of the books that we got it said, “I wondered why somebody didn’t do something, then I realised that I was somebody”. All the students who went there had a great time and learnt what a truly good leader is.

Cameron McDougall

On Monday the 24th of February the school captains and the grade 6 VOTS leaders went to Melbourne for a leadership conference. There were 5 speakers including Kevin Sheedy, Jess Fox, John Marsden. We learnt a lot about what it means to be a leader. All up it was a great day and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Jack Rowland
Our school has registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 21 March.

It's a day where school communities across Australia ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence.

Buninyong PS is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

We have a number of programs and initiatives in place leading up to the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. These include …

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<td><strong>Compassion:</strong> What makes a Good Friend.</td>
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<td><strong>Optimism:</strong> I can start the change by Lending a Hand. (Acts of Kindness: Do something without being asked at home and at school.)</td>
<td><strong>Respect:</strong> Harmony Day: Play by the (Code of Conduct) Rules Day.</td>
<td><strong>Commitment:</strong> School declaration at assembly to make a stand and lend a hand to be better friends.</td>
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- Daily announcements to encourage positive School Code of Conduct behaviour
- Colouring Competition
- Class Lessons

Make a Stand, Lend a Hand Declaration National Bully Stoppers Day Assembly 21/3/14 The Bullying, No Way! website has information for parents and students of all ages about the National Day of Action and how we can all help create a supportive school environment free from bullying, harassment and violence.

*Student Wellbeing Team 2014*
Grade 3-6 Athletic Sports
On Thursday March 20th we have our Grade 3-6 Athletic Sports at Llanberris reserve. This is always a highlight on the annual calendar and all parents and grandparents are welcome to come along to support the students. Below is the program for the day.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS
Thursday 20th March, 2014
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 Monday 24th March, 2014:
Triple Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, 200m and 100m.

REMINDER TO CHILDREN TO WEAR HAT AND SUNSCREEN.
Great Giveaways and Prizes
Everyone that registers will have the chance to win **four corporate tickets to the 2014 Toyota AFL Grand Final** as part of a $10,000 Major Prize package.

Every participant who registers for Active April will go in the draw to win the major registration prize valued at $10,000*:  
- Four tickets to the 2014 Toyota AFL Grand Final and Grand Final Breakfast  
- Four Giant bikes and helmets  
- A Tennis Warehouse voucher  
- One GoPro camera

When you register every individual will receive*:  
- 10 free YMCA passes  
- 15% off at Rebel Sport  
- One free child pass to National Sports Museum and MCG Tour  
- One free child pass to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium  
- One hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve

Regular tips and ideas on ways to keep active

In addition, many local councils are offering free passes to their leisure facilities. Details of these and other Special Offers are available on the website.

**All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day.**
So don't wait. Register today.  

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What can parents and carers do to help their child’s asthma at school?

- If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl) as well as a spacer while at school
- Ensure that you have provided your child’s school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan
- Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly
- Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms
- Ensure that your child’s asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child's school/preschool)

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or  
www.asthma.org.au
Flavoured water is back in stock thanks to a new supplier! Parents, please note price for flavoured drinks (milks, waters and juice) is now $1.70. Plain Milk and Plain Water are still only $1.00.

Queries, please call by canteen or contact me. Thank you, Tara on 5341 3799 or 0417 540 095.

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Alison Richardson  
Help needed from 9:30 | Sara Gardiner  
More help needed today |
| Monday 17 wk 8 | Lisa Meade  
Jo Carta  
Tanya Burrows | Maree Best  
Emma Custance  
More help needed |
| Wednesday 19 3 Way Conversation | Canteen Closed  
NO Lunch break | Students finish at 1:00 |
| Monday 24 wk 9 | Narelle Smith  
Claire Molesworth | Tanya Burrows  
12:00 Indrani Wells |
| Wednesday 26 | Shane Pearce  
Andrea Haddad  
Help needed from 10:00 | Kathryn Pegg  
Help needed from 11:30 |

SAVE THE DATE
BUNINYONG SCHOOL CONCERT  
21ST & 22ND AUGUST

Come & Try
ANZ NetSetGO

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

Wednesday 02 April, 2014
4:00pm till 5:00pm
Buninyong Recreation Reserve
cnr Cornish and Forest Street, Buninyong

REGISTER TODAY
Call Rebecca on 0407 333879
beckmourties@gmail.com