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**RESPECT**
**OPTIMISM**
**COMMITMENT**
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**REMINDERS**

- 10th March - LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL
- 19th March - 3 WAY CONVERSATIONS 1pm FINISH

**PREP SOCIAL GATHERING**

To help the adults get to know some of the other Prep parents, a play date for all the Preps and their families has been arranged for Thursday March 6th straight after school.

**When:** Thursday March 6th 3.30 – 4.30pm

**Where:** Grade 5/6 playground at front of school

**BYO:** Small plate of food to share & your own drink

**RSVP:** No need – just turn up

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**THREE WAY CONVERSATIONS**

Late Term 1 each year we hold 3 way conversations, involving parents, students and teachers. A 3 way conversation is a genuine partnership between home and school. There are no secrets, students feel empowered and respected and acknowledged contributors to their own learning. We want students to share the responsibility for their own learning consequently they need to be part of the decision making, goal setting and feedback process.

The format of this conversation is to –

- Allow the student to discuss their learning goals and display the work they have achieved so far this year.
- To provide parents with the opportunity to discuss how their child is going.
- To provide teachers with the opportunity to give an overview of your child’s progress and learning needs.

We have allowed 15 minutes for the conversation so the student, parent and teacher will have approximately 5 minutes each.

We will be holding these conversations on Wednesday 19th March and Tuesday 25th March.

Children will be dismissed from school at 1.00pm on the Wednesday only. They will not eat lunch at school on this day.

You are invited to attend a conversation with your child and teacher at a chosen time between 1.30 pm - 6.00 pm on Wednesday 19th March, or Tuesday 25th March between 4.00pm – 6.00pm.

If you have specific concerns you would like to discuss for a longer period of time please arrange a meeting time at a later date with your child’s teacher.

Specialist teachers will be available if anyone wishes to make an appointment to see them.

3 Way conversation bookings are made online. See Pg. 2 of this newsletter for instructions. If you are having any trouble at all with our online booking program please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.
Dear Parents

Our Three Way Conversations will be held at 1.30pm – 6.00pm on Wednesday 19th March and Tuesday 25th March between 4.00pm – 6.00pm.
You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, bookings can be made at School Reception from Friday onwards. Alternatively 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. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

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.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 3 WAY CONVERSATION WITH MISS ARMSTRONG AND MISS SHEEHAN**

Miss Armstrong will be attending a 2 day Literacy conference in Melbourne on the 18th and 19th of March. As the 19th is also our first session for 3 way conversations she will be running some conversations on Thursday the 20th of March instead from 1.30pm until 6pm. The second session will be the same as the rest of the school on Tuesday the 25th of March.

Miss Sheehan is unable to conduct her 3 way conversations on Tuesday 26th March so she will be conducting interviews on Wednesday 19th until 7.00pm and Wednesday 26th March from 4.00-6.00pm.

These changes are reflected in the online bookings.

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**Amazing Buninyong Child**

Our winners for this week are:

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**GRADE 1 SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION**

Last weeks newsletter printed the wrong date for this excursion. The correct date is **Thursday 13th March** not the 6th March

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**Act of Kindness**

Lucas Edmunds 5JG

Lucas very kindly picked up and recycled up to 15 bottles that he found littered on the netball court after the weekend.
Dear Buninyong and Scotsburn Parents,

Successfully managing a classroom and meeting the needs of all students can be a real challenge, so we are always keen to have parents helping out. Each year we run a Parent Helpers Program which aims to help parents build knowledge and confidence that is useful when helping out in classrooms. The focus is on Literacy and the course is comprised of 2 sessions. Attending the program is not a pre-requisite to help out in classrooms, but it is certainly very helpful.

We would like to invite you to participate in the Classroom Helpers Program for 2014. Details are as follows:

- **Session 1**—This session has a focus on home reading and sight words and is useful for parents wanting to support their child’s reading at home. This session will be run on Wednesday March 5th from 2:00 - 3:15pm and repeated on Friday 7th of March from 9:00 - 10:15am
- **Session 2**—This session has a focus on being a helper with literacy in the classroom and is to be run on Wednesday March 12th from 2:00 - 3:15pm and repeated on Friday March 14th from 9:00 - 10:15am.

All sessions to be held in the staffroom at our Buninyong Campus which is located in the admin block.

If you would like to participate please complete and return the slip below to the office.

Thank you
Joy Hoey (Literacy Intervention)

Parent: (please print) ________________________________

Signed: ________________________________

Please circle choice
I will attend:

- **Session One**
  - March 5th or
  - March 7th

- **Session two**
  - 12th March or
  - 14th March
COMMUNITY TEA

Last Friday, the Scotsburn School community enjoyed a shared tea at the school. We all enjoyed each other’s company and the delicious tea. A great game of cricket was enjoyed and the weather was perfect for us. Thank you to all those who attended.

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.

Thank you to everyone for their support with our Spelling Mastery program from Monday to Thursdays. It is great to see the students working very well in each group.

SANDPIT TOYS

If you have pre-loved sandpit buckets, spades or toys, we would love to have them for the sandpits at school.

WOODWORK PROGRAM

This week representatives from the Buninyong Men’s Shed came to Scotsburn to teach the students woodwork skills. The grade 2 and 3 students loved the opportunity to work with the men and started to make bird feeders. Thank you to the Men’s Shed for this wonderful opportunity.

IMPORTANT DATES (SO FAR)

Term 1

10th March  Labour Day Holiday
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
8th & 9th May Grade 3 Camp (Queenscliff)
13th – 15th May NAPLAN (Gr 3’s)
16th May School photos
Gymnastics
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)
FAREWELL TO JO REYNTJES AND WELCOME SUE HAYASHI

Jo Reyntjes has been successful in picking up a teaching position at MacArthur St PS in Ballarat and has her last day with us on Friday. Jo has taught Japanese at Buninyong PS for a number of years and has been instrumental in working alongside Narelle Sullivan to make Japanese a high profile and successful program in our school. Jo has also been someone who has done a great deal to support our students and the school beyond her classroom. We thank Jo for the contribution she has made to our school and wish her well.

Jo will be replaced for the remainder of this year by Sue Hayashi. Sue is an experienced teacher of Japanese and comes to us after teaching in Cohuna. We welcome Sue to our school community and know she will enjoy her time at Buninyong PS.

HELPING CHILDREN TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL SAFELY

For quite some time we have been working with the Traffic Safety branch of the local Progress Association to influence local traffic conditions and make it safer for our children to walk or ride to school. From a school perspective the focus has been on:

- Pushing for a 40kmph speed limit along Warrenheip St (for an appropriate distance either side of the crossing) during school times.
- Making the crossing on the Midland Highway safer. Parents tell us that they don’t send their children to this crossing as larger vehicles struggle to stop with the momentum built up as they come down the hill. This is understandable and something we have witnessed for ourselves. This crossing could be made safer with an extension of the 60kmph zone, or the introduction of a 40kmph zone during school times (with flashing lights preferably).

On Friday afternoon we met with our local member Geoff Howard and the opposition leader Daniel Andrews to take a look at traffic conditions and consider the proposals that had been put forward. The timing was perfect as the children had just been dismissed and we saw first hand how difficult it was for children to cross busy roads. In fact, on a number of occasions we were very nervous as we watched children who clearly were finding the conditions challenging.

This was a great reminder for all of us as parents to talk to our children about traffic safety, especially with regards to planning the safest route to and from school….some children were out of their depth trying to cross in places that weren’t the safest option. It’s fantastic that we have large numbers of children walking and riding to school and to keep them all safe we as parents need to check in from time to time to make sure that our children are making the best choices when making their way to and from school.
‘MY LIFE IN MY HAND’ – Art Activity
SWIMMING

Well done to all the children who represented Buninyong Primary School at the junior school swimming championships at the YMCA Aquatic centre last week. Thanks to all the parents and teachers who supported this event.

Thanks Daniel O’Kelly

More Active, More Often

REGISTER NOW!

This year, Premier's Active Families Challenge has a new name – Premier's Active April. We also have a new app to track your activity and the giveaways and prizes are available to every individual, so make sure you re-register all your team members from last year.

Just by registering every participant will receive*:
10 free YMCA passes
15% off at Rebel Sport
One free child pass to the National Sports Museum and MCG Tour
One free child pass to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
One free hour of tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
Regular tips and ideas on ways to keep active
Every participant will also 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 (GFAFL14/13)
Four Giant bikes and helmets
A Tennis Warehouse voucher
One GoPro camera.

How do I register?
To re-register for 2014, click the REGISTER NOW link in this email. When you type your email address and move to the next field we’ll recognise you as a past participant. Some of your details will be pre-populated, so just create a username and password for yourself, update your profile and you’re ready to start!
*Hooray!! I have found a new supplier for the flavoured water.*
Check out the new menu/price list for 2014 sent home in the newsletter week 3.
New helpers, if you have not heard from me yet please contact me, I may not have your details. Thank you, Tara on 53413799hm or 0417540095.

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|                 | *More help needed*           | *More help needed today* |
| Monday 17 wk 8  | Lisa Meade Jo Carta Tanya Burrows  | Maree Best  
|                 |                          | *More help needed* |
| Wednesday 19    | Canteen Closed          | Students finish at 1:30 |

**SAVE THE DATE**

**BUNINYONG SCHOOL CONCERT**

21ST & 22ND AUGUST