ENROLMENT POLICY

Due to limited space at both campuses, we are now in the position where an enrolment policy is required to regulate enrolments.

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Up until now, we've been able to cater for any preps that come along to Buninyong and on a few occasions have been close to creating a 5th prep class. From 2016 and beyond, there will be no space for a 5th prep classroom, so we need to keep the enrolments down to a manageable number for 4 classes.

At last night's School Council Meeting an Enrolment Policy was endorsed that will guide enrolment processes for the coming 12 months. This policy will be reviewed annually. A key element of this policy is the criteria that determines who has priority for enrolment. This is as follows:

- Those families who reside in the 'neighbourhood' as defined in the Government school's Reference Guide (i.e. the nearest school to their permanent place of residence, in a straight line). Note that each campus has its own 'neighbourhood'.

- Those families with sibling claims currently enrolled. Sibling claims are campus specific.

- Those families who have a parent employed by the school.

**Note:**
- Priority for enrolment conditions are the same for each campus and apply independently at each campus.
- Consideration of special circumstances is at the discretion of the principal.

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A full copy of that policy will be added to our website soon.

All families receiving this newsletter already have children at the school, so will have no problems enrolling children at our school in the future, however these changes will impact on new families.

How will families know if they are in the designated neighbourhood for our school? We will put together a map showing the school neighbourhood, but families simply need to determine whether our school is the closest state primary school to their primary residence…. as a straight line on a map, not by road. Google maps is a useful means of determining the distances needed. When applying this test, families need to know that our nearest state primary schools are Napoleons, Lal Lal, Magpie, Meredith and Mt Clear Primary Schools.

To make this new policy work, we need to have new prep enrolments in by the end of term 2.

It is very important that existing families help us out with this and make sure they have any prep enrolments in for 2016 by June 26th.

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**GRANDPARENTS AND FRIENDS DAY**

Grandparents’ and Friends’ Day is fast approaching….. scheduled for May 25th. As is always the case, children without grandparents who can make it on this day are welcome to invite someone else along. Our visitors are invited to spend time with the children between 9-11am and then to stay for morning tea in the BER building.

This is a big event on our annual calendar and we are very much looking forward to hosting lots of visitors once again.

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**VOTS: GOLD COIN DONATION**

This Friday the VOTS (Voice of the Students) team are collecting gold coin donations to support the ‘Help Nepal’ set up by Jody Dontje. (See link about her commitment). Please give generously, as the team sees this as a good opportunity for the students to develop their growing sense of global awareness and compassion for others.

In addition they are running a free colouring ‘Walk to School Safely Day’ competition due this Thursday 21st May returned back to their child’s VOTS representative. Please label with their name and class. Extra copies can be found at the front office.

The winners will be announced on 22nd Friday our ‘Walk to School Safely Day’. The prize will be a healthy breakfast with Mr Conlan on Monday 25th at 8am in the staff room at school.

WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

GRADE 5 AND 6 H&HR

The Grade 6 H&HR sessions for our Buninyong campus students have been scheduled for the last 3 Tuesdays of this term and the first 3 Tuesdays of term 3.

Dates for our Grade 5 Girls have not yet been locked in, but they will probably be early in term 3.

We will arrange a parent information session, which be held at school, so please be sure to keep an eye out in our school newsletters for the date and time.

Thank you to Trudy and Sarah (nurses) who give up their time to run these very important sessions.

Once again we are hosting “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea”

Thursday 4th June
11.00am
Staffroom

Come along and enjoy a cuppa and cake and participate in this worthy cause, meet new people and chat to the staff.

Everyone is welcome
The winners for this week are:

- PBA: Oscar Smyth
- PEB: Harry Vrettas
- PNP: Felix Worland
- PNS: Oliver Berndoorn
- BM SCOT: Sadie Jones
- 1CA: Milla Vermeend
- 1SC: Max Gamble
- 1HM: Chloe Lancey
- 1RS: Lachlan McVeigh
- 2PG: Bella Allgood
- 2NJ: Rachel Gerada
- 2JO: Ella Bunting
- 3HA: Jarrod Joyce
- 3JB: Isabella Pearce
- 3DS: Angus Bruhn
- SO SCOT: Axel Durham
- 4AC: Seth McKenzie
- 4SD: Poppy Boucher
- 4JT: Ryan Handley
- 5SM: Kate Merygold
- 5JS: Abby Vamplew
- 6RG: Nash Allgood
- 6KG: Casey Gordijn
- 6MM: Joel Smith
- 6PW: Millie Wood
- CM SCOT: Drew Smith
- Specialist: Ben Retallick

Cyrus Walter included a student who had no one to play with. He invited the student to be on his team to play football.

LOST PROPERTY

We are getting a lot of lost property handed in to the office each week. Unfortunately a lot of it is unnamed. All the named lost property gets handed back to the child or to their teacher.

Unfortunately, if it is unnamed we have no way of returning it to the right child.

Please clearly name all your children’s school uniform and if it gets lost, it will be returned to your child.
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SURVEY FORMS
A survey has been sent home for parents to fill in regarding achievement, wellbeing and engagement. The purpose behind this is to review our practises over the last 4 years and then to establish a plan of improvement for the next 4 years. Your feedback will be of great importance to us so please return it to your child’s teacher this week. The prep transition survey also went home last week. Any remaining forms need to be returned to Mrs Murphy by Friday at the latest.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
This Friday is Walk Safely to School Day. This is a great opportunity to be active and practice crossing the road safely. We encourage you to get involved on Friday by walking to Buninyong.

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY
Grandparents & Special Friends Day is coming up on Monday 25th May. This is always a great day for our students as they love showing off our wonderful campus. Please keep this date free as we would love to see as many grandparents up at Scotsburn between 9am – 11am as possible. There will be a morning tea in the old building to follow. It would be great if parents could all send along a plate of food to share for our Grandparents & Special Friends.

BUNNINGS BBQ
Our Bunnings BBQ is coming up on Sunday the 31st May. Special thanks to Marita Williams who has organised the BBQ and the wonderful parents who have volunteered their time to help. Let’s hope it is as successful as last year. The roster for helpers is as follows:

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SMOKING SIGN
You may have noticed the smoking sign that is now on the front fence. Schools must erect no-smoking signs and enforce the ban to prohibit smoking on school grounds and within 4m of school entrances.

CROSS COUNTRY
Last week, Mia, Alice and Campbell competed in the Division Cross Country. They all ran extremely well and have now made it into the Regional level to be held at Warrnambool in June. This is a fantastic effort. Good luck to you all.

GR 6 EARTHED
Last week, our Gr 6’s visited EarthEd with the Gr 6’s from Buninyong. They participated in a range of activities to do with Natural Disasters. They had an awesome day.

LUNCH ORDER ROSTER
Thank you to the parents that have offered to bring lunch orders up to Scotsburn each Thursday by 1pm. We also have Marita, Marg and Sarah helping in the canteen during Term 4 but still need 3 more. Please let Shaun know ASAP if you can help on the days that are not as yet filled in as otherwise we may need to cancel lunch orders at Scotsburn on those days.

Monday Rotations
Our next rotation for the term will be on the 25th May, our groups will be doing the following:
- Cooking – Group 2 (Parent helper – Jodie Menhenett)
- ICT – Group 3
- Gardening – Group 1 (Parent helper – Vicki Plier)
A friendly reminder to bring along your gum boots if you are helping out with the gardening.

VISITOR BOOK
Please remember to sign the visitor book and put on a visitor badge when you are volunteering at Scotsburn. The Department of Education requires that as a minimum all visitors arriving and departing during school hours use a visitors’ book.

IMPORTANT DATES
- 25th May - Grandparents Day - 9am-11am
- 28th May - Report Writing Day - No School
- 31st May - Bunnings BBQ
- 2nd June - Gr P-6 Ecolinc
- 8th June - Queen’s Birthday Holiday - No School
- 16th June - Ecolinc Outreach Program
- 17th June - Pupil Free Day - No School
- 25th June - Gr P-6 Responsible Pet Talk
- 26th June - Term 2 Finishes
Can two parents set up an account for the same student?

Qkr!™ offers the ability for two parents to set up an account for the same student if needed. However, please note that the two accounts are independent and no details are shared between them.

HEAD OF ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS TO TALK IN BUNINYONG

The 2015 Friends of the Buninyong Botanic Gardens annual winter luncheon is scheduled for Saturday 13 June and will be celebrating the fifth year of the event with a special presentation by Dr Tim Entwisle, Director and Chief Executive of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. A two-course lunch with wine will be served in the Buninyong Town Hall, including the opportunity to win raffle prizes and hear Dr Entwisle present his talk that will focus on the management of trees, which are the major component of the Buninyong Gardens, the school’s next door neighbour.

The talk will be especially timely for our Buninyong Gardens as it addresses the challenges in dealing with ageing trees and community responses when old trees have to be put to the axe. There are currently nine poplars sectioned-off in the Buninyong Gardens that Council has to remove and a number of other stately trees that are 100+ years old that will require removal in years to come. So whilst all trees have their use-by date, Dr Entwisle will be looking ahead to strategies for replacing trees and keeping the Gardens dynamic and pleasurable.

Tickets for this event have been a sell-out each year so, if you are interested, further information and booking details are available via Karen Hulston, FBBG Secretary on 5341 3947 or wk.hulston@bigpond.com