It was fantastic to see so many visitors come along to join our Anzac Day Commemoration last Friday. To have so many parents and other community members come along certainly helped our students understand the importance of the occasion.

It was terrific to have Bob Bennett from the RSL come and speak and the children did a brilliant job listening intently and taking it all in. Luke Hart from 6RG again did an amazing job playing the Last Post and Reveille on his trumpet…we’re going to have get him to come back for this occasion next year.

Holding this commemoration each year presents a learning opportunity for our students, particularly with respect to history and with understanding there are no winners in war.
NIHON MATSURI (Japan Festival) 2016 - Thursday 5th May

Japan Festival Day is almost here! It promises to be another wonderful event, with a busy day full of Japanese cultural activities (see timetable below), as well as gyoza for lunch. Remember that students are encouraged to come dressed in an “Asian” inspired outfit, anything from traditional to more contemporary such as cartoon characters or modern culture and companies.

*Please note: Asian themed costume or school uniform, not free dress*

*Families who have not paid the excursion levy, please make sure that your $8 is paid to the office before Thursday in order for your child to participate*

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TERM 2 03 MAY 2016
ONLY 4 DAYS TO GO!!

**TICKETS LAST DAYS!**
A reminder to please pre-purchase your tickets for CATERING PURPOSES
As this is a catered event it is imperative we have an indication of numbers prior to the night. Only limited tickets will be available for purchase at the door.
If you are struggling to find the time to purchase your tickets but are intent on attending the evening feel free to drop us a message on Facebook or let the girls in the office know. Tickets are available at the School office, Buninyong Foodworks or the Buninyong Petrol Station.

**ONLINE SILENT AUCTION HAS ALREADY STARTED!**
Our Online Silent Auction has already started and will be running over the next couple of days then right through the duration of the evening’s proceedings and finish at 9:00pm on the night of the event!
Can’t make it on the night? Fear not! Because our Auction is entirely online not only can you start bidding NOW but you can still participate in the Auction right up until the very last bid!
So if you haven’t done so already... follow these three simple steps and get BIDDING!!

**URGENT HELP NEEDED**

**VIDEOGRAPHER!**
We urgently need a parent/friend/volunteer to help us capture the night on camera.
If you can please help and video the concert, please contact the school office ASAP.

**URGENT HELP NEEDED**

**ANY VOLUNTEERS?**
BAR STAFF NEEDED!!
We are looking for anyone with a current RSA (Responsible Serving of Alcohol) Certificate to help out on the bar at the MOTM Fundraising Event at the Buninyong Town Hall.
Anyone who is interested please leave us a message here on Facebook or contact Simon Coghlan directly on 0404 033 726.
Music on the Mount is now on Qkr.

You can buy your tickets and also pay for any silent bids you may win.

Just remember to call into the office to collect your tickets before the event.

Japanese Question of the Week:

Term 2...week 4

Which one of these is koi nobori?

A:  
B:  
C:  

WINNER: Term 2 Week 3:

ELOISE ROSEWARNE 5

Eloise correctly answered that NIHON MATSURI means JAPAN FESTIVAL.

Act of Kindness

Zane Palmer and Hayden Carlyle-Marks

Zane and Hayden ran the end of their cross country race with a classmate who was having trouble staying positive. Well done on showing compassion and kindness.

MUSIC ON THE MOUNT 2016

by MasterCard

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Like reading, mathematics is a subject that is indeed necessary for functioning adequately in society. More than that, mathematics is a subject that should be more enjoyable than it sometimes is. Building children’s confidence in their ability to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve real-life problems, is a challenge facing every parent today. Below are some ideas to help with making maths purposeful and enjoyable at home.

**WEATHER maps**


167. What is the difference between the minimum and maximum temperature for each day?

168. Find a seven-day forecast then record the actual temperature for each day and compare. Was the forecast accurate? What were the similarities and differences?

169. Use the information on the weather website to explore differences in weather from your area to others. How much rain do you get compared to others? Are there differences in temperature?

**RECIPES**

170. Collect and read recipes and discuss the use of fractions, millimetres and grams. Encourage your child to make accurate measurements using measuring cups and spoons.

171. Discuss how you would double a recipe. Encourage your child to record the new measurements for the recipe.

172. Identify the temperature and cooking time on the recipe.

173. Estimate the cost to buy all the ingredients to make the recipe.

174. Make a list of the abbreviations used in the recipe and then write them in full, for example, L for litre, mL for millilitre, tsp for teaspoon, tbs for tablespoon.

**TRAVEL timetables**

180. Can you identify your starting point on the timetable?

181. What is the earliest and latest time to travel on this route? What is the difference?

182. How long does it take to travel the entire route?

183. How many stops are there on this route?

184. What is the difference in the time travelled when not making all stops?

185. What is the cost? Is it good value compared to other travel options?

**NEWSPAPERS**

192. On the front page, estimate the percentage of picture and text. Does this vary over the first four pages?

193. Research the cost per word/line to put a classified advertisement in the newspaper. Calculate how much it would cost to put an advertisement in the classified section.

194. Find numbers in the newspaper, in digits and in words. Cut the numbers out and put them in order from smallest number to largest number.

195. Visit the section that advertises entertainment. Select an event or movie. Find out how much the tickets are. How much would it cost for your family to attend?

196. Try the number puzzles such as Sudoku, in the puzzle section of the newspaper or online.
ICAS Testing
Buninyong P.S is taking part in ICAS assessments in 2016. This testing can help benchmark, track and monitor learning progress. It can help identify potentially gifted students and allow us to work together to identify areas where your child can work to reach their full potential. Your investment in education is valuable and we want to help your child achieve the best results.

To learn more about ICAS, refer to ICAS about. Remember, ICAS have some very helpful tools to help your child prepare, take a look at ICAS preparation.

These voluntary assessments are in addition to those already offered by the school. It is a parent pay program with participating students receiving a certificate and detailed analysis of their testing which can be used by students, parents and teachers to help identify learning needs.

The process is as follows:

1. Read all documentation via ICAS website.
2. Discuss this opportunity with your child/children.
3. Fill in entry form and return to school with payment by due date (as indicated on attached entry form).
4. The school will inform you prior to the testing dates and will conduct the assessments during school.
5. In the weeks following the assessments all results will be returned to the school, which will then be passed onto parents.

Entry forms are included as attachment in this newsletter or can be picked up at the office.

ICAS DATES AND FEES - AUSTRALIA
The following summary shows the ICAS subjects available in Australia. All fees listed are inclusive of GST.

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NAPLAN
Our students in Yr 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN assessments on May 10th, 11th and 12th. In the lead up to these assessments we look at the best tips for parents to support their kids.

- Put the NAPLAN tests into perspective – they are one tool in a range of strategies used to assess your child’s progress and inform his/her learning needs.
- Read all information sent to you about the NAPLAN tests and your options.
- Try not to place too much emphasis on the testing. Treat the NAPLAN testing week as any other school week.
- Raise any issues you may have about the NAPLAN testing with your child’s teacher.
- Understand that the school utilises NAPLAN data to help plan personalised learning opportunities and identify trends to celebrate and attend to in the future.

Reporting and Parent Teacher Interviews Process – Term 2 2016
At the conclusion of Term 2 all students will receive a written report on achievement followed by an opportunity for families to be involved in a 3 Way Conversation for students in Yrs 3-6 and Parent Teacher Interviews for students in Foundation – Yr 2, which provides an chance to reflect on learning goals and plan for the future. More details will be provided as the date gets closer, however please pop these dates into your calendar.

Reports go Home – Thursday 9th June
3 Way Conversations/ Parent Teacher Interviews – Tuesday 14th (1.30pm finish for students on this day) & Wednesday 15th June
Welcome to week 4! Every day I am grateful for the opportunity to work in such a great school. This was especially so last Friday during our whole school assembly. I could not fault our students for their ability to sit, show respect, ask great questions and truly understand the ANZAC spirit. Incredibly humbling experience!

**PLP Meeting—Thursday 5th May at 2.30pm**

Please meet in the staff room. Agenda emailed and supplied on the day.

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Good friends help you to find important things when you have lost them...your smile, your hope, and your courage.

**Important Notice**

On Wednesday 4th May we have a planned whole school Lockdown Drill. Please discuss this with your child so they can remain calm, follow teachers instructions and help their classmates. If you anticipate your child will have any concerns with such a drill please Josh as soon as possible.

**B+ Program Update**

Main focus of 2016 is to implement the explicit lessons, family group activities and evaluate. We are already doing a variety of mindfulness activities with colouring and meditation activities in class which will be enhanced in 2017. Exciting times!

**Term 2: B+ Theme — Listening**
Japanese Theme Day on Thursday
This Thursday, the Scotsburn students will be spending the day at the Buninyong campus to be involved in the Japanese Theme Day. They will be divided into the various classrooms at Buninyong with some of their friends for the day. Please ensure that you drop your child off at Buninyong (we will meet in the courtyard) and pick them up at the end of the day from Buninyong too.

2017 Enrolments
If you have children commencing at Scotsburn next year, please ensure that you hand in your enrolment forms to the Buninyong office ASAP.

Auskick & Net Set Go BBQ Fundraiser
Last Friday we cooked the BBQ at the Buninyong Football/Cricket ground for the Auskick and Net Set Go. This was another great fundraising opportunity for us. Laura Conroy organised this event for us and did a wonderful job. Special thanks to the parents that came along to help out. We have another opportunity coming up soon to cook the BBQ.

NAPLAN
Next week (May 10-12) the Grade 3 and 5 students will be involved in NAPLAN testing. A note with extra information has been sent home this week with the Grade 3 and 5 students.

Parent Catch Up
Last week a number of parents caught up after school to chat further about the plans for outside the new classroom. Kelsey, Amber and Alex have taken the reigns and are putting together a final plan. Please also keep your eyes out for a list of materials that we will need donated to transform the area and also the date for our next working bee.

Reading Help
Ms Morris is looking for some adult helpers to listen to students read between 2-2.30pm, Monday to Thursday. There is no need to lock in a regular time (although that would be great). If you are free, please feel free to just pop in. Please note that you will need a Working with Children’s check.

ABC Awards
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Specialist Award – Sienna Webb

Tree Lopping
We recently had some trees examined by an arborist that are considered unsafe. This week, those trees will be cut down. Please ensure if you are visiting the school that you stay away from these areas while work is in progress.

Feeding Pip
Anyone who can find some garden snails (in areas that are free of pesticides and poisons), we would appreciate these for Pip. Please deliver them to Mrs Murphy.

District Cross Country
Congratulations to Alice Lepair, Felix Moore, Campbell Palmer and Scarlett Menhenett who participated in the District Cross Country last week. The kids all gave it their best shot and performed very well.

Cooking Donations
If anyone has any of the following items that they no longer require, our cooking program would benefit greatly from them. Electric frypan, tea towels, aprons, cutlery or tupperware containers.

Monday Rotations
Our next rotation for the term will be on the 9th May. Our groups will be doing the following:

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Lunch orders need to be collected from The Buninyong campus at 12.40pm.

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SCHOOL PAYMENTS

We are in the process of sending out statements to our families who have outstanding charges. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if think there are errors. All School Magazine outstanding charges have been deleted, only those who have paid will receive a copy at the end of the year.

Many families have as yet not paid for the Special Education items which include subscriptions to many of the computer programs used in our curriculum. Without your payments we may not be able to continue to provide these. Therefore we ask that payments be made as soon as possible. If there are financial reasons you have not been able to pay please contact the office to make arrangements.

You can make small payments either through or

On Qkr you just go to School Payments, Fees and Levies and you will see an item “Account Payment” this allows you to pay whatever amount. There is also room for you to add additional comments.

OUR "MONSTER" BOOK FAIR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Once again our parents have got behind this and we have taken over $6000 of which we get a percentage in both books and cash. I have taken some books but hope to use the cash to purchase additional shelves for the library as we are fast running out of room.

A huge thank you to Owen, April and Naomi for their help with the sales, their assistance made my job so much easier and I can't thank them enough for their help.

Kath Cassell—Library

Kid’s Play at the Buninyong Botanic Gardens

In fostering the new partnership with Buninyong Primary School via the Old Police Station restoration, Friends of Buninyong Botanic Gardens are presenting a special guest speaker at the Annual Winter luncheon on 18th June at the Buninyong Town Hall. Dr Barbara Chancellor is a Lecturer and Researcher at the RMIT University School of Education specialising in early childhood education and development and will speak on the topic “Letting Children out of the Bubblewrap – Children and Nature Connections”.

Over the next six weeks, under the heading of “Kid’s Play”, the Newsletter will be introducing some of the themes to be presented at the Winter Luncheon.

Kid’s Play #1 by Dr Barbara Chancellor

“For healthy development, children need and want to create challenge and uncertainty in their play.”

Barbara is a Lecturer and Researcher at the RMIT University School of Education specialising in early childhood education and development. You can hear her speak at the Friends of Buninyong Botanic Gardens annual Winter Luncheon on 18th June. Information and booking enquiries to info@buninyongbotanicgardensfriends.org.au or contact Karen Hulston on 5341 3947.
Nihon Matsuri
Thursday 5th May 2016

Japan Festival is COMING!
Come dressed in an Asian inspired costume.

There are many Japanese cultural activities happening throughout the day, including:

TAIKO DRUMMING, KENDO, MANGA DRAWING, UNDOUKAI (SPORTS FESTIVAL), MOKUHANGA PRINTING, KABUKI MASKS, HACHI MAKI, KITES...AND MORE!

So much to look forward to!