NAPLAN - Literacy & Numeracy Testing

It’s that time of year again and on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday of next week our grade 3 and grade 5 students participate in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) testing. The current areas covered will be Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

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NAPLAN test results add to the bank of knowledge developed for each child, so we encourage the participation of as many students as possible.

Students who are absent on the 13th, 14th or 15th, will be able to complete catch up tests on Friday 16th May.

Unfortunately it takes some time to get the results back, usually during August. Despite the delay, the results are useful in planning future learning.

A NAPLAN brochure was sent home to parents with children in grade 3 & 5 today. Please refer to that for more information. If you have any further queries please contact your child’s teacher, or any of our NAPLAN Coordinators (Helen Arts, Beth Murphy or Shaun O’Loughlin).

Anzac Day Competition

In the lead up to April 25th our grade 6s had been learning about the significance Anzac Day and the local RSL invited students to produce a poster or poem demonstrating what they had learnt.

The standard of work presented was very high. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as the winners of the competition, Ruby Gilroy, Nick Scheimer, Eoghan Somers, Jessica Ockwell, Kasey Vincent, Bridgett Angee and Matt Schaper.
### T-Shirts Registrations

Every student is eligible to receive a FREE Hot Shots T-shirt.


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#### Amazing Buninyong Child

Our winners for this week are:

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Lucas Wells

Lucas found a $5.00 note last term and kindly handed it in to the office.
This term the Grade 2’s are investigating then and now. We are bringing in things from the past as ‘The Olden Days’, to see what has changed over time. We are off to Sovereign Hill this Friday to look at all the old technology and how people lived and hopefully we will find some gold!
SCOTSBURN NEWS

We have another very busy week at Scotsburn campus with Grade 6 camp, Grade 3 camp AND 2 days of kinder visits. In the meantime, Grade Prep and One students thought they’d work together to ‘Write the Room’, finding words from word walls, books, lists (and even stickers!) for each letter of the alphabet. Fantastic work everyone.

CROSS COUNTRY
We are so proud of all our students who did their best at the School Cross Country last Wednesday. Four of our students went on to compete at the District Cross Country on Friday and all did very well, gaining entry to the Division competition. Particular congratulations to Campbell Palmer who came 4th, Mia Lepair 1st, Jess Ockwell 4th and Alice Lepair 10th.

B.A.D FUNDRAISER
Another huge thank you to the Scotsburn parents for your fundraising efforts at the B.A.D Bike Ride on Sunday. Although there was soup left over, please be assured it was greatly appreciated by the students as a winter warmer morning tea on Tuesday.

We will let you know details of funds raised from both the Bunnings and the B.A.D Bike Ride as soon as we have final figures.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Please note that Scotsburn photos have been scheduled for 9am on Thursday 15th May.

Students are to meet at the Buninyong Campus by 8.45am. The bus has been arranged to transport students back to Scotsburn when the photos are finished.

KINDER VISITS
Thank you again to those who volunteered their time to help us with the Kinder visits this year.

IMPORTANT DATES
7 & 8th May - Kinder Visit
8th May - PLP Meeting
8 - 9th May - Grade 3 Camp (Queenscliff)
13 -15th May - NAPLAN (Gr 3’s and 5’s)
14th May - Prep - 2 Gymnastics begin
15th May - School Photos, Buninyong Campus
16th May - P/1 Excursion to Melbourne
29th May - Report writing day
9th June - Queens Birthday Holiday
10th June - Earth Ed (Gr 3-6)
27th June - Term 2 Ends, 2.30pm
Last Wednesday we had our Senior Cross Country which was a successful event. We were a bit fortunate with the weather and were very pleased with how the students participated…all having some fun, but giving their best at the same time. A big thank you to the parents who acted as marshals and others who came along to support their children.
Students who finished in the top 4 at our Cross Country event on Wednesday qualified to compete against students from other Ballarat schools at Vic Park on Friday. Our students did us proud and 12 have qualified to compete at divisional level on May 16th. Special congratulations to Mia Lepair and Matt Schaper who came 1st in their events.
In Japanese class this term, speaking and listening assessment tasks will need to be completed to determine progress and ability. I hope that all students continue to practice their self-introductions and will be able to astonish me with their excellent fluency and pronunciation. Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will also need to be able to respond to simple questions about the content of your self-introduction. Good luck everyone.

There is a Japanese festival coming up in May. It is called ‘kodomo no hi’ which means ‘children’s day’. It is a public holiday in Japan. This holiday is set aside to celebrate children’s personalities and their happiness. Although all children are celebrated, this holiday does focus on boys and many decorations reflect this.

We have some great resources at Buninyong Primary school and I hope to search through the many boxes we have here to find some decorations to celebrate ‘kodomo no hi’.

We will be learning about food culture in Japan during term 2. This is always an interesting topic. It is a bit hard to sit in class if you’re feeling hungry though. I have lots of photos of delicious food to show you. Here are a few examples of some of my favourite Japanese dishes.

Pork cutlet with onion and cooked egg on top of rice. The seasoning is soy sauce based.

Fish egg sushi. These eggs are from salmon. Delicious.

Japan has some delicious chocolate and Meiji is one of the biggest brands. These little chocolates are called Apollo. They are a delicious mix of strawberry and milk chocolate. They were developed around the time that the Apollo spacecraft landed on the moon. They look like the little capsule that the astronauts stayed in.

Please continue to put in your entries for the weekly quiz question. This week’s question is ‘What is the capital of Japan?’ We had close to 50 entries for the previous question. When entries exceed 50, I will choose two winners instead of one. I have many cool stationery products and trinkets to give out as prizes. Just write your answer, your name and class on a piece of paper and put it in the box in the Japanese room.

Thanks to the Language team who have been doing a great job with announcements. Keep up the good work girls.
BYOD SURVEY
(BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE)

In last week’s newsletter we asked families to participate in short survey regarding BYOD at Buninyong Primary School to help us find out more information about improving student access to IT at our school.
If you haven’t yet taken the survey, we would really appreciate it if you could take 5 minutes in answering the questions at the link below:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPSBYOD
Kind Regards,
The eLearning Team

PLP Meeting
Thursday 8th May at 2.30

We will meet in the BER building just outside the Grade 6 rooms.
Scott McGlynn will begin by doing a presentation and holding a discussion on the proposed BYOD program.

BOOK FAIR

Once again we have had a very successful Book Fair. Thank you again to our very supportive school community. Because of your wonderful support we will be able to buy new resources for our Library. The final total this year is $5376.00. The children love the Book Fairs we run and there is great excitement whenever they come in to the Library and see all the great books.
Once again, Thank You for Your Support.

GUESSING COMPETITION

Congratulations to our competition winner Tom Freeman.
The answer was 1385 and Tom’s was the closest entry at 1259.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Friday 23rd May
Notes going home with each child this week.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Sorry for the mix up last week and please note that this week we will not have an assembly due to our Grade 3’s and 6’s being on camp.

REPORT WRITING DAY

NO SCHOOL
THURSDAY 29TH MAY

RESPECT  OPTIMISM  COMMITMENT  COMPASSION  HONESTY
Buninyong Primary School is once again hosting “The Biggest Morning Tea” on Thursday 22nd May in the staffroom. Come along and join us to raise funds for this very worthy cause.

Entry — $5.00 per head

**Newsletter for schools & other education settings**

**Does your staff need asthma training? Here are your options:**

- A free one hour asthma education session, which covers asthma triggers, signs, symptoms, asthma action plans and asthma first aid. Book your staff in for a free session via our [online](#) booking form.
- Complete your asthma training online. This is a relatively new option available for pre/school staff which is an alternative to the face to face session listed above. Complete the online package [here](#).
- Become accredited in Emergency Asthma Management (course code: 10392NAT). This is a three hour certified course, which is valid for three years. This course is $65pp and on completion you will receive a certificate. Book in for the accredited course [here](#).

For more information about asthma training contact 1800-ASTHMA or [schools@asthma.org.au](mailto:schools@asthma.org.au)

**Parents and Carers can now get educated in all things asthma!**

As part of our new funding agreement with the Federal Department of Health, we are able to provide free asthma education sessions to parents and carers. These sessions can be conducted either at the school or at a convenient location for a group of parents and carers. For more information, please contact us on 1800-ASTHMA or [schools@asthma.org.au](mailto:schools@asthma.org.au)

**Become an Asthma Friendly School**

The Asthma Friendly Schools Program is a strategy designed to encourage schools to develop safe, healthy and inclusive environments for students with asthma. To be recognised as an Asthma Friendly School, each school must satisfy a set of essential criteria that establishes an asthma friendly environment and meets DEECD legislation. If your school would like to become Asthma Friendly or is due to update its Asthma Friendly status, please fill out and submit the [Recognition Checklist](#).

**National Asthma Week 2014**

National Asthma Week is fast approaching and this year it will be taking place from 1 – 7 September 2014. Stay tuned for fundraising events or activities your school can get involved in.
The 2014 menu is now on the school website.
You can print your own copy or get one from the canteen or office.

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**GLUTEN FREE COMES TO SCHOOL!**

The Canteen now has some GLUTEN FREE foods to trial!
Mondays for May I will only serve Ingham GF Chicken Nuggets.
(Tell your children to let me know what they think)
Also $1- packs of Mamee “Corntos” or “Monster twist’ems” which are GF too.
Thank you, Tara 53413799hm or 0417540095.

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**Ballarat & District Multiple Birth Association**

**Infant & Child Advanced First Aid**

Designed to give parents confidence in dealing with some of the most common childhood emergencies from birth to 8 years old, the course covers:
- **Calling an emergency ambulance**
- **Managing an unconscious child**
- **Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)**
- **Choking (partial and total airway obstructions)**
- **Poisoning**
- **Burns & scalds**
- **Seizures**

**When:** Sunday 1st June, 2.00pm – 4.30pm
**Where:** Russell Square Community Sports Centre
Stawell St, Ballarat.
**Cost:** $55 BDMA members
$65 General public

Secure your place today by phoning Stephanie on 0427 817 215 or emailing bdmba@live.com.au.
***PLACES ARE LIMITED***

Please note:
- Participation in this course does not result in a formal first aid qualification however participants will receive a certificate of completion.
- Pregnant and nursing mothers are encouraged to attend.
- Babies and small children are welcome, however some topics of a sensitive nature, such as child resuscitation, are covered.