PRE-SCHOOLER PROGRAM

Our 2016 Pre-schooler program is now into its 4th week and concludes on Friday. Once again the program has been very successful in giving our pre-schoolers the opportunity to become familiar with our school setting. As always, our grade 5 & 6 students have also had a lovely time helping out as can be seen in the photos below.

Well done to our prep and specialist teachers who have done an excellent job organising and running the activities. Thanks also to the loyal band of existing mums who have looked after the new mums with some morning tea and conversation in the staff room whilst the program has been running.

All parents with preps starting in 2017 will soon receive a letter with details regarding Orientation Day, which will be held on December 6th.
This year you have the chance to leave a very special message in the school magazine to say thanks, well done, I'll miss you or even goodbye.

Have your message permanently on record in the 2016 School Magazine.

The options are only limited by your imagination. (Examples below)

What you need to do:

1. All Memory Grams must be on a Business Card sized piece of paper or card.

2. Type or write a message onto the card- don’t forget you can include a photo too.

3. Place the Memory Gram into an envelope with a $5.00 payment and pass it in at the office or to your classroom teacher

If you wish to create your Memory Gram on the computer, please ensure that it is the size of a business card (90mmx55mm) and email it to Kath in the office*

cassell.kathleen.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
**Big Writes and Cold Writes**

Over the next two weeks all students across the school will be participating in some writing experiences. The following will give you a better understanding of Big Writes and Cold Writes and better equip you to talk about these with your children.

This week is a Big Write week that we are all familiar with but next week students will be participating in a Cold Write. I can hear you ask what is the difference?

**Big Writes**
- Occur every fortnight.
- Include Talk Homework that allows students to discuss ideas at home prior to the Big Write day.
- Are used to help develop student goals for writing classes each week.
- Have a topic and genre that is similar for all students within a year level.

**Cold Writes**
- Occur in week 6 every term.
- Topic is only revealed to students at time of writing.
- Is the same topic and genre for all students across the school.
- Is formally assessed using the Writing Criterion.
- Is used to help identify growth in students writing ability.

Both of the writing experiences still engage students in an active oral warm up session based on VCOP to get the brain thinking and the same classroom conditions of soft music and dimmed lighting.

These writing experiences help us track the impact of the writing program and build very important writing behaviours that will stay with students into the future.
The junior school students should be getting very excited. Our annual P-2 sports day is fast approaching! With many FUN events planned it will be a great day for all!

- Date: Tuesday 8th November 2016
- Venue: Buninyong Community Reserve
- Time: 10.00am – approx. 2.00pm

Parents please feel free to join us and bring a picnic lunch to eat with your child/children. Lunch will be approximately 12.30pm with running races to follow.

**OCTOBER WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH**

Well done to everyone who got involved with Walk to School Month. It was fantastic to see so many children and parents get some exercise and enjoy a stroll to and from school. Hopefully we’re coming into some nice weather, which will be an added incentive for all of us to walk or ride rather than drive.

Some took the whole idea of Walk to School Month to another level……see below.

Pictured here are Jazmin, Daisy, Georgia, Harper, Angelica & Dylan. Each day through October they walked from Ogilvies Lane to Buninyong School (1.6km). They have braved both damp and cold weather and the Council were very obliging by mowing the path ensuring no further wet feet upon arrival to school. In total 33.6kms were walked through the month. Ava was a frequent visitor along with Neha who was picked up some days from home along the way. Even prep Molly-Rose walked the trek with the older kids.

The kids have enjoyed the event so much they plan to keep up the exercise. Any other kids wanting to join this walk to school are welcome to come (they are always accompanied by an adult). The group meets at 8:15am at Ogilvies Lane.

**STRANGER DANGER**

From time to time we receive a report of a stranger behaving inappropriately around kids. Yesterday there was a report made by a child from a nearby school claiming that they had been approached by a stranger and encouraged to get into their car. At this stage the report has not been substantiated, however it is better to be safe than sorry.

Today our teachers have taken some time to speak to their students about keeping themselves safe when out in the community. The key messages include:

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Walk or ride with others if possible
- Talk to mum and dad about the best route to take.....
  - stick to that route and the times your parents expect
  - Stick to highly visible areas
- Don’t ever hop into a car with a stranger
- Don’t feel obliged to hop into a car with anyone other than close family....’it’s OK to say no’.
- If you feel threatened at any stage, let others around you know or go to a house of someone you know
- Tell someone you trust if something has happened that worried you

We’d encourage all parents to take some time to chat with your children and reinforce the above messages.
The BPS School Magazine

Every year Buninyong Primary School gathers stories and pictures together to produce a magazine that celebrates a year of learning, achievement and fun.

This is your chance to make the 2016 magazine even more special by designing the front cover.

What to Do: Get out your creativity and design a front cover which captures what Buninyong P.S. is all about.

Format: You can choose how your front cover is designed – digital, pencil, pastel, paint – Tip: Sharp colours and lines look better.

Size: Complete on A4 plain paper

Closing Date: Return to office by Friday 4th Nov.

Top Tips:

- Front cover must include: School Logo, 2016, and the school motto: Dare to Learn.
- Think about what Buninyong P.S. means to you?
- Look at magazines, websites or even old year book front covers for ideas. (Your parents might have some in the cupboard from their school days.)
- Do more than one draft. Ask parents, friends or anyone that will listen for some feedback on how to make your design better.

What’s the prize?
The knowledge that you have been chosen to have your design on every school magazine printed this year… one might say you could brag about being a published illustrator!

Good Luck!!

Parent Teacher Interviews & Save the Dates

To support the school reporting process each semester we offer the chance for parents to organise a meeting with their child’s/childrens’ classroom teacher/s.

This term there are two dates available for parent-teacher interviews;

Tuesday 29th November between 1.30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 7th December between 4pm – 6pm.

Bookings will be available via our online booking system from Tuesday 15th November.
Please watch the newsletter in coming weeks for booking instructions.
ORGANISING CLASSES FOR 2016

Term 4 is slipping by and next month the process of organising students into classes for next year will begin. If there are significant issues we need to be aware of when allocating your child to a class, please make sure they have been made known to Bernie, Josh or Dave by Monday, November 14th. Teachers are meeting soon after to begin sorting children into classes.

It is not our intention to provide parents with the opportunity to select a teacher of choice. We have developed a very strong teaching team and parents can be confident the needs of their child will be met by any member of our team. Developing well-balanced classes is best for everyone and that can be made difficult if there are large numbers of requests – as such, it is important that placement requests be founded on significant reasons and not related to specific teachers.

We try to accommodate parent requests with regard to student placements, but you will understand this is not always possible.

It is also important when we come to organise classes that we know of students who will not be at our School in 2017. If your family is moving on, please let us know as soon as possible.

Ellie Bence

Ellie constantly displays kindness and compassion when she offers to give up her seat for someone else, switches lines to help even them out, works with people who don’t have a partner and explain instructions to people. Well done Ellie.

As you can see we have a huge amount of lost property. We have a couple of tables outside the office, please feel free to come and have a look. All named property is returned to the relevant children making it a good idea to check if your child’s clothing is clearly named.
Welcome to Week 5! If you haven’t had a chance to check out the events planner please do so, heaps going on! We’ve had great results with our T20 cricket, preps are still swimming, Sovereign Hill visits, our school academic academy is going gangbusters and generally our yard is feeling really settled. We’ve also had some fantastic results back from our parent opinion survey and some areas that we are looking to fine tune. Please don’t forget that Tracey needs support in the canteen each Thursday. If you’re available to help out please let Josh know. Thanks again.

**B+ THEME**

— Everyone has the right to feel safe

Just a reminder that this week we will do a single lesson on being safe and then we will follow up with our family group activity after our whole school assembly. There is a number of extra aspects to this theme that you can be completed if you chose.

Next week we are looking at Body Awareness!

**B+ THEME**

— ASSERTIVENESS

Just a reminder that the next family group assembly will be on Friday the 25th of November. This fortnightly theme is focussed around Assertiveness: Being assertive means being able to stand up for your own or other people’s rights in a calm and positive way, without being either aggressive, or passively accepting 'wrong'.

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**PLP INFORMATION**

Each week we need a Parent Liaison Person to help organise support for our canteen.

PLP's this week are from Paul Wilson’s classroom:

Thankyou to Lisa Marshall

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**PLP MEETINGS**

Week 8 Friday 25th of November from 2.30pm in the staff room.

Please email Josh if you’d like anything added to the agenda.

Ebbels.joshua.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

www.lemonlimeadventures.com check it out or subscribe on facebook (great articles, stories and ideas)
School Oval
The school oval is now back in action and being enjoyed thoroughly by many of the students. A huge well done to the students for their patience in allowing the grass time to grow and then the ground time to dry out. The considerable amount of money that we spent at the start of the year to level, re-seed and fertilise the oval has been well worth it, and will be enjoyed by the students and staff for many years to come.

P-2 Sports Day
The P-2 Sports are on at the Buninyong Football/Cricket oval on Tuesday 8th November from 10am – 2pm. The kids will start at Scotsburn and catch the bus down to the oval at 9.45am ready to start the rotation activities. You are invited to sit as a family and enjoy a picnic lunch from midday. At the completion of the sports, the students can either catch the bus back up to Scotsburn with Miss Wood or you are welcome to take your kids home. Please let Miss Wood know what you are choosing to do.

Christmas Feeding & Watering Roster
If you are able to help out with the watering and feeding of animals over the Christmas break, please contact Naomi Moore on nao-mimoore1973@yahoo.com

Scotsburn Pre-Schooler Program
Our Pre-Schooler Program has been a great success. Our preps for 2017 have had a wonderful time in the classroom with Miss Wood and our current Grade 6 students who have enjoyed helping out. In our final session, our 2017 preps spent time with Ms Hunter in the art room and participating in some PE which was lots of fun. We look forward to our Orientation Day now on December 6th when the preps for 2017 will be back to spend the day with us.

Congratulations Melody
On Monday at assembly, Melody was presented with a certificate for the great job she has been doing practising her Maths at home on Mathletics this year. Well done Melody.

Congratulations Claire
On Monday at assembly, Claire was presented with a certificate for participating in a recent Public Speaking competition. Well done Claire.

ABC Awards
P/1 – Rueban Blackburn  2/3 – Bella Hilton

STEM Program
Last Friday, the last of 4 sessions took place up at Scotsburn. The students have certainly enjoyed the extra sport sessions coordinated by the students from Fed University.

Term 4 – Rotation Roster

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Term 4 – Lunch Order Roster
Lunch orders need to be collected from The Buninyong campus at 12.40pm.

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Term 4 – Important Dates & Extra – Curricular Events
12th, 19th, 26th Oct & 2nd Nov - Scotsburn 2016 Pre-Schooler Program
4th November - Scotsburn P-2 Sleepover
8th November - Gr P-2 School Sports
11th November - Show Day Holiday
24th November -Gr P-2 Cross Country
24th November -Reports go home
28th Nov – 2nd Dec - Scotsburn Swimming Program
29th November -Parent Teacher Interviews – (1.30pm-6pm)
6th December - 2017 Preps Orientation Day
7th December - Parent Teacher Interviews – (4pm-6pm)
7th December - Scotsburn Gr P-6 EarthEd Incursion
12th December -Scotsburn Shared Christmas Lunch
15th December -Scotsburn Christmas Breakup – (6pm)
16th December -Scotsburn Breakup (Bun Swimming Pool)
19th December -Grade 6 Graduation Night
20th December -Term 4 Finishes – (1.30pm)
This term our chosen charity will be a Christmas Appeal (to be decided). The

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Grade 6 Canteen

Items for sale:

STARTING THIS FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
Sausage Sizzle
Friday 18th November
Grade 6 Fundraiser

PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED: It is a huge task to cater for a school of our size, and many hands make light work! Please email your name through to Paul Wilson on wilson.paul.j@edumail.vic.gov.au if you are able to assist on the day.

Please place order forms (one form for each student) in an envelope with correct money enclosed. Order forms must be returned by Monday 14th November.

Sausage Sizzle—Friday 18th November
(Last day for orders: Monday 14th November)

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