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ORGANISATION FOR 2017

Quite a bit has been happening behind the scenes this term as we prepare for 2017. Selection panels have been running over the past couple of weeks to fill teacher vacancies and in the coming fortnight we will be able to communicate our class structure and teacher allocations for 2017 which will be of interest for many of you. Don’t expect any surprises, as things will look very similar to this year.

Teachers have commenced the process of sorting students into class groupings for next year, ensuring we develop truly balanced classes and with student friendship groups in mind. A big thank you to parents who have been very considerate with their classroom placement requests. This makes it possible for us to meet those requests, whilst still being able to develop class groupings that will work.

Students will find out who their teacher is for 2017 and which classroom they will be in on the last Friday of term (December 16). End of year reports will go home on Thursday of this week (November 24), with the option for parents to attend Parent Teacher Interviews (without or without their child…your choice) on either November 29 or December 7….see the following page for details.

CALLER ID

For a number of years the school number has come up as private when ever calls have been made out of the school. At times this has led to problems contacting parents who don’t pick up, assuming the call is from someone trying to sell them something….that’s completely understandable.

It has been quite a process, but our caller ID status has been changed and the number will now appear if you receive a call from us. We have 3 lines, so the number will come up as 5341, 3560, 5341 3587 or 5341 3509.

Remember Disco day tomorrow!!
Come dressed as your favourite movie star or just free dress.
Don’t forget your gold coin donation.

START DATES FOR 2017

Grade 16 Wednesday February 1
Preps Thursday, February 2
BOOK PACKS COLLECTION
Friday, January 27 &
Monday, January 30
(Preps do not collect book packs)
9:00 - 3:00 pm
This Thursday 24th November students will be bringing home their end of year reports. The school report consists of many elements.

Overview of Learning Page:
The overview page gives a snapshot of your child’s learning. Closed dots represent the current achievement, open dots represent the achievement from this time last year. The dotted line shows the growth of your child over 12 months.

The general comment on this opening page mentions the highlights and achievements of your child and gives an indication of their social and personal learning abilities.

English and Numeracy Pages:
These two pages allow you to gain a clear picture of how your child is progressing in English and Mathematics. Achievement dots, work habits and comments give an indication of the learning behaviours that have influenced their level of understanding in these areas.

You will notice that the detail in these sections are focussed on your child’s learning behaviours rather than the descriptive curriculum detail. The learning behaviours give us a deeper understanding of your child as a learner. If we get the learning behaviours right the knowledge and skills will follow.

Specialist Assessments:
These pages provide an opportunity to outline achievements in Art, Music, Physical Education and Japanese. Achievement dots, work habits and comments showcase the work your child has been doing and how they apply themselves to these subject areas. Sometimes the work habits differ between specialist classes and the classroom and this can provide a great discussion point to help formulate a learning plan for the future.

Home Comments:
This comment provides advice on how you can support your child over the holiday period to help keep the brain ticking over in preparation for the 2017 school year. Research tells us that the brain is a muscle and must be continually worked to maintain effectiveness, these small but significant pieces of advice could make the start to the year that little bit more rewarding.

Student Comments:
Finally, your child has an opportunity to reflect on their year of learning to identify their successes and challenges. These comments give us great insight into the learning style of your child. It is also a great place to start your conversation about the reports. I.e. I noticed you really enjoyed the excursion to Biolab…As you can see there are many facets to a school report and, just like a jigsaw, each part plays a role in identifying the overall achievement and the future learning opportunities your child.

So I a have the report… what next?
It is very easy at this busy time of year to place the reports on the bench with the best intention to come back to them. Below are some tips to try when your child brings the reports home on Thursday.

- Show an interest in the report – Your child will often reflect your behaviour so valuing learning is one that will keep your child seeing the value in school.
- Organise a time to sit down and read the report together. A good idea is to start with a positive or pick up an idea from the Student Comment.
- Reduce the parent talk and increase your child’s talk by asking clarifying questions like:
  - How does this report make you feel?
  - What were your successes this year? How do you know that?
  - What areas do you think you need to work on? How will you do this?
  - If you had your time again this year, what would you do differently? Etc
- Work out a plan together with your child on the way forward from here.
- Write down some questions to ask at Parent-Teacher Interviews.
- Avoid the adult conversations in front of your child that might damage their attitude toward learning.
- Book an interview for the upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews.
- Celebrate the growth and positive learning behaviours.
**Parent Teacher Interviews**
To support the school reporting process each semester we offer the chance for parents to organise a meeting with their child's/children’s classroom teacher/s.

This term there are two dates available for parent-teacher interviews; **Tuesday 29th November between 1.30pm – 6pm. (Students finish at 1pm)**
**Wednesday 7th December between 4pm – 6pm.**

Bookings close on Sunday night. Please ensure your Parent-Teacher bookings are made to avoid disappointment.

*Please see attached instructions for making a booking.*

**The purpose of the Parent-Teacher Interviews are to:**
- provide further explanation on reports
- elaborate on level of achievement and level of progress
- elaborate on effort/work habits
- elaborate on social/emotional aspects
- provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

**Although we believe that students should be an important part of all Parent-Teacher Interviews, parents have the choice to as to whether or not their child attends.**

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**LIONS CLUB PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

Last night we had 4 students present their speech at the Lions Club Public Speaking competition held at the Buninyong Bowling Club. Our representatives competed against students from Emmaus Catholic P.S, and Napoleons P.S in front of a large crowd.

It was fantastic to see the high level of skills on display as students confidently and articulately delivered their speech.

Thomas, Erin, Tam and Georgina represented the school to the highest level and all showed huge growth from their first performance earlier this term. These students have researched, written and practised delivering their speech with the support of their parents and should be congratulated for the work they have put in. Having the courage to get up in front of a large audience of strangers is something that will help them in their future endeavours.

To top off the night Georgina Mees was awarded best speaker in the year 5/6 category with her sad, but inspiring story of Malala Yousafzai.

We look forward to hearing more from these students on Friday.
Ethan kindly raced to open a door for some grade 6 girls who were carrying something very heavy. Well done Ethan.

FUNDRAISER

The Oellering Children are running a fundraiser to raise money for the Carrie Bickmore Beanies for Brain Cancer Charity. Both Lachie and Chelsea organised a lovely chocolate hamper as a prize and are currently walking around the school selling raffle tickets. All proceeds will go direct to the charity and the hamper will be drawn at the whole school assembly on the 25th of November.

Tickets will also be sold at the front office if you’re interested. 1 for $2 or 5 for $3.

P-2 cross country

Thursday 24th November

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a 1km run, that encompasses the school grounds and the Botanical Gardens. Please feel free to come along!

Any Parents that would be able to help out on the day, could you please meet in the office at 1:30pm.
ANNOUNCING MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2017!

Hi Everyone

We are very excited to announce that through our Music on the Mount funds we have decided to offer three music scholarships to our students. These music scholarships will be awarded to students every year, beginning next year (2017).

We have outlined below how you can apply for the scholarships - they are open to all students in our Buninyong and Scotsburn campuses with the aim of encouraging our students to further develop or begin their passion for music.

Good luck! We look forward to reading your applications!

Mr Conlan.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

ENCOURAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS
(2 offered per year).

$1000 worth of music tuition through the school to a student who is showing potential to learn a musical instrument. The student would be offered an instrument already taught through the school and/or the scholarship would help the student who is currently learning an instrument to continue lessons or begin lessons using a hire instrument through the school.

ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP
(1 offered per year).

$1000 worth of music tuition to a student showing dedication, ability and progress with a musical instrument. The scholarship will pay for a professional musician to work with the student at school over twelve months to further develop their music ability and talent.

WHAT WE’RE LOOKING FOR

The Music on the Mount team will judge the suitable recipients of the scholarships, led by Mr Steven Skilbeck, Head of Music. Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Give their best in everything they do
2. Model Buninyong Primary School values
3. Demonstrate a keen interest in music
4. Demonstrate interest in music performance through one of more of the following:
   - Attitude shown in weekly music lessons at school
   - Participation in music performance related to extra curricular activities at school
     (eg: choir, Instrument lessons, School concert, Wakakirri, SOB performance, MOTM, Rock Band, busking at School Fete, Lunchtime Live)

For the Encouragement Scholarship – student who shows the potential to develop a passion for music and who may need a boost in self esteem to achieve this.
MUSIC ON THE MOUNT 2016
Scholarships

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APPLICATION FORM

This form is to be used by students who wish to apply for a Scholarship. When preparing your application, please keep the selection criteria in mind. See these on the reverse of this form. After completion, please hand this form to the General Office.

APPLICANT DETAILS:

Name:  
Grade:  
Teacher:  

PARENT / GUARDIAN DETAILS:

Name:  
Address:  
Mobile:  

MUSIC DETAILS:

Main Instrument:  
Teachers Name:  
(if applicable)

Type of Scholarship you are applying for (please tick appropriate box)

☐ ENCourAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP  ☐ ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

I/We acknowledge that we have read the criteria process for the scholarship and we have included the following information in our application (please tick off each one to ensure you have included everything):

☐ A personal letter from the student which outlines the student’s musical and other experiences, interest and goals and why the student believes that they should receive the scholarship
☐ A most recent school music report
☐ A short letter of reference from a current instrumental or vocal teacher (if applicable)
☐ A signed copy of the scholarship application form

Parent / Guardian:  
Student:  

(full name)  
(full name)

(signature)  
(signature)
WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
This Friday we have a whole school assembly at the Buninyong campus. Students will meet in the courtyard at the start of the day and return to Scotsburn after recess.

LIBRARY BOOKS
If any students have library books to return, could they please return them this Friday 25th November.

P-3 CROSS COUNTRY
The P-2 Cross Country is on at the Buninyong Primary School this Thursday 24th November from 2pm. The kids will start at Scotsburn and catch the bus down to the school oval during lunch. You are welcome to take your kids home at the completion of the event, but please let Ms Wood know to ensure that we have all of the kids accounted for. Otherwise, the students will need to be collected from the Buninyong campus at the end of the day.

PARENT CATCH UP
We had a parent catch up on Tuesday morning. If you were unable to attend, please drop in and see Shaun to collect a handout explaining what was discussed.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Next week we begin swimming lessons at Federation University. The students will be swimming from 11am – 11.45am each day and parents are welcome to come along and watch. Please return all white notes indicating your child’s swimming level ASAP to ensure your child is grouped appropriately.

TURNING JAPANESE
The students have been doing some wonderful work in Japanese and would like to share this with you on Wednesday 30th November from 2.30pm. We invite all parents to come along and be entertained.

WORKING BEE
A big shout out to all of our wonderful parents. We will be having our final working bee for the year on Friday 9th December from 3.30pm – 5pm. It will be a great chance for us to get the school grounds looking great in readiness for our end of year break up.

THANKS CHRIS
We would like to thank Matilda’s Dad for his hard work over the past week. Chris has been very busy cutting and shaping logs into seats for us with his chain saw. They look fantastic and will get a huge amount of use by everyone on our campus. Thanks Chris.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE
With our Christmas Concert fast approaching (Thursday 15th December), a basket has been placed in each classroom for donations for our annual Christmas Hamper Raffle. It would be great if you could pop something into the basket in the coming weeks. A friendly reminder to also place a named wrapped item in the box above the freezer in the old building!

BUNINYONG VILLAGE BBQ
On Saturday 10th December (4pm-8pm), the Scotsburn campus will be running the BBQ at the market that leads into the Christmas Carols. This is a great opportunity for us to make some money that will then go towards improving the school grounds. If you can help for an hour or so between 4pm - 8pm, please contact Laura Conroy Laura Conroy laura_conroy@bigpond.com or drop in and see Shaun.

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 naomimoore1973@yahoo.com

SPELLING MASTERY ROSTER FOR 2017
If you can help with Spelling Mastery on a Tuesday – Friday next year, please let Shaun know ASAP.

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

- 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-5pm)
- 6th December - 2017 Preps Orientation Day
- 7th December - Parent Teacher Interviews — (4pm-6pm)
- 7th December - Scotsburn Gr P-6 EarthEd Incursion
- 9th December - Working Bee – (3.30pm)
- 12th December - Scotsburn Shared Christmas Lunch
- 15th December - Scotsburn Christmas Breakup – (6pm)
- 16th Dec - Scotsburn Breakup (Buninyong Swimming Pool) –
- 19th December - Grade 6 Graduation Night
- 20th December - Term 4 Finishes – 1.30pm
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on

- **Tuesday 29th November** between 1.30pm – 6pm - *(Students finish at 1pm)* &
- **Wednesday 7th December** between 4pm – 6pm.

You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

**BOOKINGS OPEN** Tuesday 15th November at 3.30pm
**BOOKINGS CLOSE** Sunday 27th November at 9pm

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**Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au**

- Enter the school event code.
- Then follow the 3 simple steps.

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

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For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, use of a classroom computer will be available, so that parents can still make their own bookings. 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.

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
BUNINYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
WELLBEING NEWS

PLP INFORMATION
Each week we need a Parent Liaison Person to help organise support for our canteen.
Thank you to Rachael Tonkin who is taking care of this week.

PLP MEETING
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

B.P.S VOLUNTEER AFTERNOON TEA

Do you volunteer at either campus?
Are you a PLP or do you help in the classroom, on excursions, camps or in our Canteen?
All PLP’s and volunteers are invited to a thankyou afternoon tea on Friday December 9th.
Where: Buninyong P.S. Staff Room
Time: 2.30pm until 3.30pm
Hope you can all come along (Toddlers welcome)

RSVP to Josh Ebbels (Ebbels.joshua.r@edumail.vic.gov.au) by the 2nd of December

B+ THEME— SECRETS
Just a reminder that the next family group assembly will be on Friday the 25th of November. This fortnightly theme is focussed around SECRETS and how important it is to seek help from an adult if a friend tells you to keep a secret that you are concerned about.
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:

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

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

- 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

Examples below)

Sophie,
Well done for a GREAT year and for FINISHING PIE!
Have fun in Middle School,
Love
Mum, Dad, Olivia and Zac

Nick and Ben
Thank you for doing your very best this year, we are very proud of you both.
crots of love
Mum and Dad

To Mrs. Annette,
Thank you for accepting me into your FF class and teaching me so much. You’ll always be my most favorite pirate princess teacher!
Love,
Emma

Farah,
our little artist,
we are very proud of you.
you did such a good job!
Love, Mom, Dad & Yasmine
It’s Disco Time Again....

When: Wednesday 23rd November (week 8, this week)
Dress up Theme: Movies (or free dress if you prefer)
Times: Grades 4, 5 and 6 at recess.

Grades Prep, 1, 2 and 3 at lunch time.
Where: In the Gym.
Donation: Please bring a gold coin along on the day for dressing up and for going to the disco if you choose to go along.
Why?: To raise money for the Grade 6 Graduation night and TO HAVE FUN!!