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INSTAGRAM (13+) - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Our school recently received a report that some of our students were acting inappropriately on Instagram and we wanted to take the opportunity to point out our stance towards this App.

Firstly, Instagram (along with most other social media sites) have clear age restrictions on who should and should not be using their application. Their stance is that children under the age of 13 should not be using their site. As Instagram are well aware, students under this age can be placed at risk and unaware of the consequences of their actions (no matter how big or small). We totally agree. Our social media policy (available for anyone from the office) clearly states that we discourage the use of social media for students under the age of 13 for the reasons mentioned above.

We ask that all parents/carers who are aware of their child having an account to take the time to discuss Instagram’s age restrictions and assist their child in deleting their account(s). You can find out more by doing a quick Google search for ‘Instagram Help Centre - Tips for Parents’. We also encourage all community members to be aware of any students using Instagram that are under the age of 13 and either report this to us directly, or make use of Instagram’s reporting feature by searching ‘Report an Underage User on Instagram’ in Google.

By asking the above, our aim is to allow our children the time to grow socially in the real world without the pressures that exist on social media. We place every child’s safety and wellbeing at the centre of our hearts and as a community we need to work together to ensure each child has the chance to grow socially, learn the risks and consequences that are involved with social media and be ready before signing up to these accounts.

If you become aware of something on social media that involves our children and should not be on there, please:

- Collect as much evidence as you can (Screenshots, names of users, etc).
- Report the material directly to the social media site.
- Bring your evidence into the school to discuss. We can advise of the next steps to take.

Mr McGlynn
(On behalf of the eLearning Team)
Well done to all the students who have participated in the ICAS Testing this year. It was the first year that Buninyong has participated in these tests and we have been extremely pleased with the effort all students made by completing the tests using many of the values of the school.

The results also showed that students from Buninyong achieved generally above average for each area. A fantastic effort and a credit to the students, parents and teachers that have been involved with these students over the years.

Congratulations to all involved and below is a summary of the results for all tests this year.

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| Distinction         | Candace M     | Lucy G      | Hillary S   | Hillary S   | Toby T      |
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| High Distinction    |               | Candace M   |             |             |             |

Stay tuned for details of the 2017 ICAS testing details early next year.
Yesterday was the first session for students in yr 4-6 who were invited to be part of this Numeracy program.

Students met to discuss how this program will assist them and develop some expectations and agreements that will form the basis for this program.

Students will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays to work on challenging maths tasks to build deep knowledge of the concepts. Students will have the benefit of videos that have been created by teachers to help explain the concepts being studied.

We look forward to following closely the progress of this group of students over the next 8 weeks.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

Well done to all students who have participated in the year 3/4 and 5/6 Public Speaking Competition held in partnership with the Ballarat Lions Club.

We are encouraging public speaking to help:

- Increase self confidence
- Increase the ability to communicate to a wider audience
- Encourage students to think more widely on a range of issues, and
- Prepare students for future roles, which include speaking to an audience.

It was such a high quality field and we feel very lucky to have such confident and well spoken students. We look forward to all these students continuing to build on their skills and utilise them at assemblies and other school events.

The participants were:

Yr 3/4: Claire (SC2), Ava (4AC), Mieke (3DS), Chelsea (4RM), Isabella (4AC), Jasmine (4JT), Thomas (4MM), Erin (4MM), Tashy (4MM) and Zoe (4AC).

Yr 5/6: Talor (5MD), Kyla (5JS), Pippa (5JG), Georgina (6KG), Tam (6PW), Will (6PW) and Amelia (5JS)

**The winners are:**

Yr 3/4: Erin A and Thomas D.

Yr 5/6: Georgina and Tam

These students will move to the division final against representatives from local schools.

Thanks to all those students who participated in the Victorian Premiers’ Challenge. The details have now been verified and certificates are being delivered during Term 4. Thanks for your patience.
Georgina showed great kindness and sportsmanship when she helped up one of the other competitors in her race at the athletics last week. She stopped mid race to help this girl. Thanks for your wonderful display of compassion Georgina.

The Buninyong Primary School has entered a team into the Wednesday after school cricket competition. Games are played from 4.15pm – 6.15pm. All playing gear is provided unless students have their own. Students can also wear their school uniform unless they have a pair of cricket whites.

The season runs from Wednesday October 26th – Wednesday November 30th. The season recommences after Christmas on Wednesday February 8th – Wednesday March 1st.

If your child is interested, please let Shaun O’Loughlin know at the Scotsburn Campus or Jarrod Sing at the Buninyong Campus. If any parents would like to help supervise the students on a Wednesday night, that would also be greatly appreciated.

Shaun’s email address: oloughlin.shaun.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Jarrod’s email address: sing.jarrod.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
BUNINYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
WELLBEING NEWS

General Information
Week 2 already! This week is mental health week—please check out the link below! Just a reminder to all of our families that come to assemblies to check the events calendar. This term is very busy and the assemblies have been arranged accordingly. If there is anything your son / daughter has accomplished that you think is ‘assembly worthy’ please let me know. I love putting our kids on show! Also a reminder for all PLP’s and interested parents / grandparents that our PLP meetings will take place in Week 4 and Week 8. If you would like to include information to the agenda please email to Josh at Ebbels.joshua.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thankyou

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!

PLP INFORMATION

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

PLP’s this week are from Claire Morris’s classroom:

Thankyou to Naomi Moore

PLP MEETINGS

Week 4 Thursday 27th of October from 2.30pm in the staff room

Week 8 Friday 25th of November from 2.30pm in the staff room.
Ebbels.joshua.r@edumail.vic.gov.au
In the second last week of term 3 we ran a competition to coincide with National eSmart Week. We were so proud of all the students who entered the competition and took thinking about being safe and responsible online to another level!

After much consideration, the eLearning team had the difficult job of awarding our top 3 entries. Featured in the image above are our winners:

- **1st Place** - Tam Petrov & Emilie Robertson for their ‘Post Smart’ video
- **2nd Place** - Nheena Lubis-Wheeler for her ‘Social Media’ Poster; and
- **3rd Place** - Ben Retallick for his ‘Tips Online’ video.

Congratulations to all and to everyone who entered. We were overwhelmed by the response and thank all entrants for taking the time to reflect on what it means to have safe and positive online experiences.

Starting next week, we are launching our coding clubs for interested students at lunch times.

There will be 2 sessions:
- Year 3/4 on Thursday
- Year 5/6 on Friday

The sessions will be self-paced and enable students to not only develop their ability to create a digital game or activity through the language of coding, but also their problem solving, sequential thinking and teamwork. With such a push on having these skills in many jobs of the future, we hope to give our kids every chance of succeeding in the 21st century workforce.

If your child is interested, all they need to do is come along on the designated day with their lunch to the BER spare room at 1pm and we will take it from there.

We know that some of you will already be planning summer holidays and are keen to know school start dates for 2017.

- **Book packs** will be available for collection on Friday, January 27 & Monday, January 30 (New preps do not have to collect book packs)
- Teachers are officially back at work on Monday, January 30
- Grade 1-6 students start back on Wednesday, February 1
- Prep students start on Thursday, February 2

For those planning a little further ahead:
- Term 1 ends Friday, March 31
- Term 2 starts Tuesday April 18
Well done Claire.

Proud of her efforts. Should be very extremely well and Claire presented destination, Cairns. Presented her speech about her favourite holiday competition at the Buninyong Campus. She prepared and On Monday, Claire participated in a public speaking was thoroughly enjoyed.

University. This is a great opportunity for all involved and students from Fed coordinated by extra sport sessions provided with some students are being up at Scotsburn. The 4 sessions took place Last Friday, the first of STEM Program

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Well done Claire

On Monday, Claire participated in a public speaking competition at the Buninyong Campus. She prepared and presented her speech about her favourite holiday destination, Cairns. Claire presented extremely well and should be very proud of her efforts. Well done Claire.

SCOTSBURN NEWS

CANTENE HELP
The Scotsburn Campus are also scheduled to act as canteen helpers on the following dates (13th, 20th & 27th October). We require 2 helpers on each day from 11.45am. Please see Shaun if you can help out. Thank you to Marita & Naomi who have already volunteered their time.

PRE-SCHOOLER PROGRAM
A reminder that the Pre-Schooler program starts this week (Wednesday 12th at 10am). It would be great if some parents were available to come along at 10am to chat and have a tea or coffee with any new parents for 2017 in the old building.

RESPONSIBLE PET INCURSION
Last week, Margaret (and Jordan the Boxer) from the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program visited us and spoke to our students about being safe around dogs and understanding the importance of looking after our pets properly. It was great to see that so many of our students remembered some important information from last year’s visit.

GRADE 6 CAMP
Our Grade 6 students had a wonderful time on camp last week. The opportunity to explore the many amazing sites of Melbourne was fantastic along with the responsibility of catching public transport in the busy Melbourne streets.

T2O BLAST CRICKET
Grace from Cricket Victoria took everyone for a fun filled session of cricketing skills last week. Some challenging ball skills warmed us all up before participating in two innings of cricket. Some keen bowlers stayed back afterwards to try and bowl Grace out, but with no such luck!

STEM PROGRAM
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HATS
A reminder that all students are required to wear hats this term. Please ensure that your child/children has a hat for break times and PE.

ABC AWARDS
P/1 – Samuel 2/3 – Scarlett Menhenett

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TERM 4 - IMPORTANT DATES & EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS

7th, 14, 21st & 28th Oct - Gr P-6 Fed Uni Stem Program
12th, 19th, 26th Oct & 2nd Nov - Scotsburn 2016 Pre-Schooler Program
12th October - Gr 5 PRISEC Numeracy Challenge @ Mt Clear College
14th October - Scotsburn P/1 Sovereign Hill
16th October - Scotsburn Geocaching
18th October - Scotsburn Life Education Van
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
Before School Care Survey
Buninyong Primary

Ballarat YMCA is reaching out for expression of interest in relation to starting a before school care service located onsite at Buninyong Primary School. Before School Care helps kids off to a great start to any child’s school day. A healthy breakfast, along with fun activities are included in the program which has kids prepared and ready to go once the school day starts. If you have any further questions about Before School Care feel free to contact the Ballarat YMCA on 03 5329 2800.

The below is a quick survey to establish if the service would be beneficial to you. We kindly ask that you complete and return to the Buninyong Primary School office by Friday 21st October.

1. Would you be interested in a before school care service? (please circle) Y N
2. Would your booking likely be on a casual or permanent basis?
   (please circle) Casual Permanent
3. What days would you be likely to attend? (please circle)
   Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

ESTIMATED FEES (Note that these fees are BEFORE Centrelink benefits are applied)

Permanent Booking Casual Booking

$25     $29

Parent/Guardian Name__________________________
Contact Number_____________________________
Child/ren’s Name____________________________
Child/ren’s Age_____________________________
**Scotsburn Geocaching**

Sunday, 16 October, 2016.
8.30am (registration) - 1.00pm

**Buninyong Primary School**

**Scotsburn Campus**

Cnr Platts Rd + Midland Highway, Scotsburn.

Join us for a morning of non-motorized fun and exercise when finding an array of secret locations (caches) and codes by using maps and coordinates set out by our senior class at Scotsburn.

Short (approx. 6km) family friendly course and longer (approx. 11km) more challenging course available.

**Costs:**
- Adult—$7, Child (U/16) - $5 and
- Family (max. 2 adults and 4 children) - $15

Payments can be made at Buninyong Primary School, via the Qtr or on the day.

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**GETin2FUN GETin2CRICKET**

MILD in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 6 – 8, to Australia’s favourite sport. It’s great fun, lets learn the basic cricket skills and is available for kids of all abilities.

Where: Buninyong Primary School Oval
Time: Thurs 5pm – 6pm commencing 27th Oct to 15th Dec
Cost: $75

To Register: Visit In2Cricket.com.au, click sign up today, select Buninyong Cricket Club, then follow the prompts or contact Russell Sharp on 0437-074-547

Visit PLUCricket.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET to find out more