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**School Assemblies**

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Upcoming Excursions / Incursions

**EXCURSION** | **AMOUNT** | **Payment and Permission slip Due Date**
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Scotsburn Wind farm | $7 | 4th November
Grade 1 Swimming | $56 | 7th November
Grade 2 Swimming | $52 | 7th November

**PREP – 2 JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS 2015**

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.

Let’s all hope for sunshine so that we can all enjoy a wonderful day!

STUDENT FREE DAY
FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

**START DATES FOR 2017**

Grade 1-6 Wednesday February 1
Preps Thursday, February 2

**BOOK PACKS COLLECTION**

Friday, January 27 & Monday & January 30 (Preps do not collect book packs)
9:00 - 3:00pm

**Walk to School**

Friday the 28th of October will be the final day of Walk to School month. To celebrate this, VOTS is welcoming all students to come and walk to school with us from Buninyong Foodworks.

We will be meeting there at 8:45 and we would love to walk with you.
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 year it is your chance to make this magazine even more special by designing the front cover.

**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 SURVEY RESULTS

Earlier in the year a number of parents were sent a Parent Survey as part of the annual process whereby all DET schools survey a sample of their parents. The response rate in the past has been quite low, so this year we contacted parents directly by phone to request that they help us out by completing and returning the survey. As a result we had close to double the response rate of previous years, which gives us more confidence that the results represent the feelings our school community. A big thank you to everyone who completed and returned the survey….much appreciated.

We understand the survey is quite repetitive, but DET tell us their surveys are more reliable if very similar questions are asked 2 or 3 times, albeit with slightly different wording each time…we'll leave that analysis to the statisticians.

We receive a set of separate results for each campus and overall both sets of results are very positive. The results have been discussed by School Council and staff in the past week and will be the main agenda at our next PLP Meeting November 27th at 2:30pm. All parents are welcome along to be part of that discussion.
A huge congratulations to all the students who participated in the first Buninyong – Lions Club Public Speaking Awards. Year 3/4 students advertised their favourite place to try and convince people to visit while the year 5/6 students made a toast to someone they admire.

A special mention to Thomas, Erin, Tam and Georgina who will go onto represent the school later in November at the Zone Public Speaking competition. Georgina will be presenting her speech at Assembly this Thursday to showcase the talent that was on display.

This group of proactive young lads decided to start a fundraiser to support all the victims of the recent hurricane Matthew in Haiti. Will Reichman, Angus Bruhn, Tyler Leehane and Jamie Wearne decided to do a guess how many jelly beans are in the jar competition with all funds raised going to needy families in Haiti. Great work to see such compassion in a group of grade 4 boys!

Hilary (3JB) was presented with her two distinctions in the recent ICAS testing. A distinction means Hilary finished in the top 3 percent of all who participated. A great result Hilary.

Congratulations to all of the ROCCH Award winners this week. Each class from Grade 3 to Grade 6 had an outstanding student demonstrating our school values. Great to see that it’s hard for our teachers to decide also, means we have a very proactive, helpful and respectful culture at Buninyong Primary.

Great to see students pushing themselves to great heights! Scarlett Eason, Lucy Richardson and Georgina Mees all made it through to the state finals with some amazing PB’s. We also had Harry Lee, Alice Le Pair and Campbell Palmer represent the school and as usual we had great feedback on their results and their attitude on the day. Fantastic effort to all!
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.

School Banking Day is Monday.

Remember, Monday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school, raising 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.
Welcome to week 4 and yet again we have a fun filled week of learning happening! The main focus of the last two weeks for the B+ program has been body awareness. It would be great if parents could discuss some of the following aspects with their children at home, such as: personal space, secrets, physical touch and what is allowed / not and personal boundaries. All very important discussions—often over looked as to the importance they have in a child’s development. As always, I would appreciate any feedback on the B+ program.

**WEEK 4— Emergency Management Drill**

Please be aware that during week 4 we routinely practice our emergency management drills. This term it will be a lockdown procedure.

If you have any concerns please contact Josh Ebbels
Ebbels.joshua.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

**B+ THEME— Body Awareness**

Just a reminder that the next family group assembly will be on Thursday, October the 27th. This fortnightly theme is focussed around Body Awareness. Body awareness is the sense that we have of our own bodies. It is an understanding of the parts that make up one's body, where they are located, how they feel, and even what they can do.

**PLP INFORMATION**

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

PLP’s this week are from

Shaun O'Loughlin’s class

Thankyou: Cathy White

**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.

Please email Josh if you have agenda items:
Ebbels.joshua.r@edumail.vic.gov.au
**SCOTSBURN NEWS**

**BUNINYONG VILLAGE BBQ**
This Sunday 30th October (9am-1pm), the Scotsburn campus will again be running the BBQ at the market. 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 between 9am-1pm, please contact Laura Conroy or drop in and see Shaun. We require 3 volunteers per hour.

**LOCKDOWN DRILL**
This week, the students and staff will be involved in a practice lockdown drill. We practice this drill so that we are prepared and can feel confident that we all know what to do just in case. Please feel free to discuss this with your children so that they don’t become anxious when the procedure takes place.

**PARENT MEETING**
Last Thursday after school we had a very productive parent meeting. Shaun talked through the recent parent opinion survey results and some organisational items were discussed for the end of the year. If you were unable to attend and would like any further details, please drop in and see Shaun for the minutes of the meeting.

**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

**LIFE EDUCATION VAN**
Last week, the Scotsburn students took part in activities facilitated by the Life Education Van. The Gr P/1’s focused on developing an awareness of staying healthy, dealing with stressful situations and the importance of healthy eating. The Gr 2/3’s learnt about how to grow good friends and the Gr 4-6’s explored the effects of smoking on the body. All of the grades will have benefited greatly from the experience. Please try to take a moment to chat to your children about it when time permits.

**SCOTSBURN PRE-SCHOOLER PROGRAM**
Our Pre-Schooler Program is going beautifully. Our preps for 2017 are having a wonderful time in the classroom with Ms Wood providing lots of fun activities. Our current Grade 6 students are also enjoying helping out our future preps and doing a brilliant job.

**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**
This week the Whole School Assembly at the Buninyong Campus is on Thursday. The Scotsburn students will not be attending the assembly.

**SPECIAL VISITOR**
Last week, Mrs Murphy dropped in with her little baby Max. All of the students and staff were so excited to see them. It was great to see that they are both doing so well, and we look forward to more visits in the future.

**ABC AWARDS**
P/1 – Amelia Huybens 2/3 – Lauren White

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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
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)