TERM 3 COMES TO A CLOSE

Not sure where term 3 has gone, but we finish up at 2:30pm on Friday. As always, we managed to squeeze a lot into term 3 which is a credit to our staff and the many parents who have helped out along the way. There have been golf clinics, debating competitions, the Health & Human Relations Program, kinder visits, preparations for the Story of Buninyong, Woorabinda Camp, Jeans for Genes Day, our Whole School Science Day, our Family Maths Night, a number of excursions, lots of sporting events, the grade 2 Sleepover, the Celebration of Learning Night and of course Wakakirri. We hope you all get the opportunity to catch your breath and relax for at least some of the 2 week school break ahead.

Next term we have lots to look forward to including the P-2 Cross Country, P-2 Sports Day, our Pre-Schooler Program, the Story of Buninyong performance, swimming programs, Life Ed, more inter-school sporting events, Grade 6 Camp, Orientation Day and Grade 6 Graduation.

Attached to this newsletter is a Term 4 Events Calendar for you to pop on the fridge.

HELP NEEDED

As you may know we are renovating the “1859 Police Station” which is situated on the school grounds. We are planning to use this space in Term 1, 2016. As part of the renovation we are in need of some help in washing the inside walls of the building and also painting it. If you can spare some time on the following dates, could you let me know.

- Friday 9th October: 12:00pm-3:30pm
- Friday 16th October: 12:00pm-3:30pm
- Friday 23rd October: 12:00pm-3:30pm

Thanks Daniel O’Kelly
okelly.daniel.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL HATS

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Footy Colours Dress Up Day

To celebrate the end of term, there will be a footy colours dress up day this Friday. All students are encouraged to come in their favourite team colours. It doesn't matter what footy code you follow.

Please bring a gold coin donation. All funds raised will support the Fiona Elsey Cancer Institute.
PRE-SCHOOLER PROGRAM REMINDER:
Pre-Schooler Program – Our 4 year old kinder students are invited to come along to these sessions and will participate in a different activity each week. To work in with pre-school programs, this year’s sessions will run on Wednesdays and Fridays, with participants coming to one or the other, not both. The dates for this year’s program are:

**Buninyong Campus:**
- Session 1 – October 14th or 16th
- Session 2 – October 21st or 23rd
- Session 3 - October 28th or 30th
- Session 4 - November 4th or 6th

**Scotsburn Campus (Wednesdays only):**
- Session 1 – October 14th
- Session 2 – October 21st
- Session 3 - October 28th
- Session 4 - November 4th

Sessions 1 & 2 will run from 10 - 11am and sessions 3 & 4 from 9:30am – 11am. To enrol your child in this program, simply call the ladies in the office and register their name 5341 3560.

TRANSITION FROM KINDER TO PREP UNDERWAY
We all know that it’s a significant step from kinder to primary school, so putting things in place to take the anxiety out of that process is a good thing. For us that begins with visits from our main feeder kindergartens and this week we have 4 year old groups from Buninyong Kinder spending some time with us. As the photos suggest, our existing preps enjoy being the ‘big kids’ and relish the opportunity to make our kinder visitors feel comfortable. The next important step in the transition process is our Pre-Schooler Program, a reminder for which appears above. If you haven’t booked your 4 year old into the Pre-Schooler Program yet, now’s the time.

Next term we have our 2016 Prep transition program starting, known as the ‘Pre-Schooler Program’. This runs from week 2-6 on a Wednesday and a Friday morning. For the first two weeks we invite new parents to come along to the staff room for a cup of tea or coffee and an informal chat, which is a great chance for our new parents to meet each other.

We are seeking 3-4 volunteers to be on hand at each of those sessions to act as ‘hosts’. We are also seeking some keen bakers to send along a plate of treats for each of those morning teas also. The dates are:

- Wednesday October 14th - 10-11am
- Friday October 16th - 10-11am
- Wednesday October 21st - 10-11am
- Friday October 23rd - 10-11am

So, if you are able to volunteer your time to host or donate a plate of food, could you please email Nicole Phillips via phillips.nicole.l@edumail.vic.gov.au, drop into my classroom or simply leave a message with the ladies at the office.
P-Q CROSS COUNTRY
When: Wednesday 14th October (second week back after the holidays)
Where: Buninyong Primary School
Time: 2pm onwards

The students will be running/walking a 2km course lead by our grade 6 house representatives.
Any parents or PLP’s who wish to help, please contact your child’s classroom teacher. Parent Helpers are requested to meet with Mr Bannister in the main office at 1:30pm.
Students/Staff are encouraged to dress in house colours!!

BOOK FAIR IS COMING IN TERM 4
MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Volunteer to become a team member at our Book Under the Sea and help create a buzz around reading! We need your help to make this a Book Fair a

Become a team member and remember—“No Experience Necessary”

• Offer a helping hand with sales
• Help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book

I am always there to help you, if needed. We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes. If you can help out please :-

Contact: Kathleen Cassell on 5341 3560 or email cassell.kathleen.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

STUDENT SAFETY

As you would have seen from the note and messages sent home on Thursday, we received reports from the police and the Department of Education & Training of worrying incidents involving children and strangers in our area. We are very pleased that each of the incidents has since been investigated and found not to have occurred…that is good news.

Having said that, we will always take such reports seriously and heighten our vigilance around student supervision at these times. At these times we’ll also do our best to make sure parents are aware of the reports that have been shared with us.

These incidents do prompt us to talk to children about personal safety. Following are some messages we have chatted through with students and you might like to reinforce them at home.

• Firstly, making sure the kids know that the incidents reported last week didn’t occur.
• Reminding them that we live in a very safe community and that they have no reason to be anxious, however it’s good to remain conscious of personal safety and doing those things that keep us safe, such as:
  1. No being out and about alone and making sure you’re staying in highly visible places.
  2. Not talking to strangers, especially those who approach in cars an offer a lift.
  3. Making sure a trusted adult knows where we are and when to expect us home.
  4. Understanding when you feel uncomfortable, leaving the situation and finding a trusted adult.
• The importance of never making up stories regarding personal safety. Doing so causes others to worry, can take up a lot of peoples’ time (eg, police, teachers, parents), can be harmful to the reputation of others, but can also get the story teller in a lot of trouble.
ANOTHER TERM FINishes
The Scotsburn staff would like to thank our Scotsburn families for your ongoing support and another fantastic Term. We wish you a safe and enjoyable school holidays. This Friday is the last day of Term 3. All students will start and finish (2.30pm) at Buninyong on this day. Don’t forget that it is Footy Colours Dress Up Day too.

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R U OK DAY?
Last week, the Scotsburn students participated in R U OK Day? Mrs Murphy coordinated the day which focused on how to make friends, how to keep friends, activities and games that would be good to choose when out in the playground and how to develop greater awareness of others. The students were extremely engaged throughout and will most certainly have picked up a few strategies to help them. The following link would be a great one for you to discuss with your child to support them in this important area http://www.cyh.com/HealthTopics/HealthTopicDetailsKids.aspx?p=335&i=1705&np=286.

MS READATHON
Many of the Scotsburn students participated in the MS Readathon during August. It was great to see so many students reading so often and supporting such an important cause. We are excited to announce that we have raised $1087. Congratulations to everyone involved for such an amazing effort and to Ms Morris for guiding us throughout.

NEW SKIPPING ROPES
Thank you very much to Wendy & Clive Kirby for the generous donation of some skipping ropes. They are providing the students with lots of fun.

WILDLIFE PARK EXCURSION
Last week, our Gr P/1’s and Gr 4-6’s visited the Wildlife Park as part of our buddy program. The students had a wonderful time looking at the animals and spending time with their buddies. Special thanks also to the parents that were able to help during the day.

ATHLETICS
We had a number of our students participate in the Division Athletics Competition last Friday. Congratulations to Bianca, Amelia, Mia, Alice and Campbell who all competed very well. Thank you also to Natasha for driving the kids to Buninyong for practice. Good luck to Mia and Alice who have now qualified for the next round of competition.

NEW JUICER
We have recently received a new juicer for our cooking program courtesy of Rebecca Blackburn and her contacts at Tania Daniels. It is sure to get plenty of use with the warmer weather coming around. Thanks Rebecca.

SETTING THE GEOCACHING COURSE
WOW! After riding 14.89km in drizzle, sunshine and everything in between the Grade 4-6’s made it back to school wet, muddy and pleased as punch. The course has now been set for our Geocaching event. A big well done to all the kids. The adult team couldn’t have been more proud of your positivity, have-a-go attitude, perseverance and your continual enjoyment of what you were doing. Special thanks to Naomi & Craig Moore, Sarah Palmer, Bruce McKinnon, Sharon and Kim who supported the students along the ride.

GEOCACHING EVENT – SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER
We are looking for volunteers for the following jobs at our Geocaching fundraiser. (Please contact Ms Morris if you can help – morris.claire.l@edumail.vic.gov.au):
• BBQ helpers (chefs and money collectors) – between 11am-1pm
• Support vehicle (for bike collection if required, ute/trailer preferable) – between 9am-1pm
• Registration and money handlers

We are also seeking donations for prizes for the Geocaching event. Please see Ms Morris if you have something to donate.

Parents are also needed to ride with the senior students to two coordinates on Thursday 17th October to help set up caches for the Geocaching. You will need to provide your own bike to ride to the locations around the Scotsburn area. Please contact Ms Morris (morris.claire.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) if you are able to help.

MONDAY ROTATIONS
Our first rotation for term 4 will be on the first day back of Term 4 (5th October). Our groups will be doing the following:
• Cooking – Group 1 (Parent helper – Sharele Pilmore)
• ICT – Group 2
• Gardening – Group 3 (Parent helper – Liz Lucas)

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A week and a half ago the Grade 6 Disco Team held a Prep—3 disco which was very successful. The theme was ‘Crazy’ (crazy hair and/or crazy clothes).

Some kids at the disco won a prize because we thought it would be fun having little competitions and games. We played limbo, had the chicken dance and also the Macarena.

We would like to thank all the teachers who volunteered their time to supervise.

We all had a great time.

By Kirra and Sophie.
ENGRAVED PAVER FUNDRAISER

The original Buninyong Police Station built in 1859 which sits on the school grounds is undergoing a major internal and external facelift.

*To support this renovation, Buninyong Primary School invite you to be a part of its future by purchasing a paver to be engraved with your name and placed at the entry of the building.*

The money raised from this sponsorship initiative will be used to install new heating, new flooring and a kitchenette.

Once renovations are complete, the space will be used as for a variety of purposes including, lessons for small groups of students, a venue for historical talks from local community members and a cosy community meeting space. It will proudly display many historical images of Buninyong Primary School and surrounds.

We thank you for your anticipated support and look forward to reading the names of those who choose to be a permanent fixture at this important community building. Any enquiries please direct to Daniel O’Kelly on 5341 3560.

**Examples of the engraved pavers (Family and Business)**

**Family Paver $60**

The cost of these brick sized pavers will be $60 which includes engraving and installation.

**Business Paver $300**

A business paver spanning 300mm by 300mm will also be available and includes engraving of your business name and installation.

**HOW TO ORDER:**

Please complete and return the order form below to the office. Payment can be made via the QKR app or at the office.

Each brick may contain up to 3 lines x 15 characters.

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Extra order forms available through the office.

NOTE

If you are paying for a brick or paver through Qkr don’t forget to complete a form with the details of what you would like on the Brick\Paver
Information for parents and guardians

Walk to School this October and kick-start your child's active habits for life.

VicHealth's Walk to School month encourages primary school children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school throughout October, to help them get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.

Walking to and from school can also give you more time to connect and chat with your kids, and the opportunity to meet up with other local families along the way.

If you can't walk all the way, your child can still get involved – simply drive part way and walk the rest!

Your family can get involved

Taking part through your child's school

If your child's school is taking part in Walk to School, your child's teacher will record how many times students walk to and from school during October, using a classroom calendar. Schools with the highest participation levels in each region will be eligible for some great prizes – so each time your child walks, they'll also be increasing their school's chances!

Taking part online

If your child's school is not taking part in Walk to School, your child can still participate, and make their walking count, by signing up, with your permission, via the Walk to School app or at www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au. Your child can then keep track of their walks during October, and contribute to the state-wide effort taking place during October.

The free app includes a game that allows children to create their own imaginary Walk to School journey, and collect bonus creatures and objects for their world with each walk they record. The app is available for free from the iTunes store and Google play.

Competitions and prizes

Regardless of how many times they walk, children can enter fun walking-themed competitions each week, and have a chance of winning some fantastic prizes. Competitions will be promoted on the Walk to School website and Facebook page throughout October.

Our community partners

Walk to School 2015 is proudly supported by our Official Community Partners, Cricket Victoria and the Melbourne Stars.

Schools and students participating in Walk to School 2015 will have the chance to win fantastic prizes from our partners.

More information

walktoschool@vichealth.vic.gov.au
www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au
facebook.com/WalkToSchool
twitter.com/WalkToSchoolVic

What information will be collected?

Why does VicHealth collect information about school and student Walk to School participation?

By collecting information about participation, VicHealth will be able to work out new and better ways to encourage children to be active.

VicHealth will use the data we collect to see how much walking is happening in different parts of Victoria, and to measure the impact of Walk to School on walking behaviour. We will use aggregate data for individual schools, schools within a region, and schools in the state, so we can evaluate participation, identify walking trends and behaviour, and measure program
Classroom calendars

If your child’s walks are recorded on a Walk to School classroom calendar, your child’s teacher will record your child’s name, how many times they usually walk to and from school each week, and how many times they walk to and from school during October.

Schools will be asked to provide a summary of their aggregated participation data to VicHealth in November 2015. If schools ask VicHealth or the Walk to School coordinator at their local council for assistance, VicHealth or the local council may collect the school’s classroom calendars to summarise and report the school’s participation. VicHealth may also collect and analyse a sample of classroom calendars to understand student walking patterns.

Walk to School website and app

VicHealth administers the Walk to School website and app. If you register your child online or on the Walk to School app, you will need to provide your child’s name and user name, password, and email address (optional). We won’t ask for your child’s date of birth, phone number or address.

To collect information about your child’s walking activity, we’ll ask how often your child usually walks to and from school each week, the distance you live from school, and which days they walked during October. We will provide an online map to help you work out how far you live from school, but will automatically delete the addresses you enter on the map as soon as you close that page.

Who will have access to participation data?

Information collected on classroom calendars will only be accessed by your child, your child’s teacher and your school’s Walk to School coordinator. If schools ask VicHealth or their local council for assistance, VicHealth or the local council may collect the school’s classroom calendars to summarise and report the school’s participation. VicHealth may also collect a sample of classroom calendars to understand student walking patterns. VicHealth and local councils will securely store and destroy classroom calendars once summary data has been reported.

Information collected on the Walk to School website and app will only be accessed by your child and VicHealth. Your child’s name or user name is only collected to allow VicHealth to administer the online student portal and create aggregated participation reports. If you choose to provide an email address as part of your child’s profile, the email address will only be used to provide you with information about Walk to School 2015 and to allow your child’s user name to be recovered or their password to be reset if they are forgotten.

We may post some entries from our weekly competitions on our website and Facebook page. We will ask you directly for your permission before posting your child’s entry online.

VicHealth may share de-identified participation data with a third-party evaluator for the purposes of analysing and reporting on the outcomes of Walk to School.

VicHealth will securely store and destroy classroom calendars once analysis has been completed. Only aggregated data will be used for reporting, and no individual will be identified. All personal information about your child will be securely stored and destroyed by June 2016.

What if I don’t want my child to participate?

Participation is voluntary, as is the collection of personal information.

If your child’s school is taking part in Walk to School but you do not want your child’s teacher to record how many times your child walks to and from school during October, ask your child’s teacher not to include your child’s name on their Walk to School classroom calendar.

If your child has been registered on the website, and you want their profile deleted, you can delete it or ask VicHealth to delete it.

If you choose not to record your child’s walks, your child can still enter weekly Walk to School competitions during October. And of course, you can still walk to school as often as you like, and enjoy the benefits!

Your privacy

If you wish to gain access to, or request the correction of, your personal information held by VicHealth, or if you have any other enquiries regarding privacy, contact the VicHealth Privacy Officer at privacy@vichealth.vic.gov.au.
Saturday, 17 October, 2015.
8.30am (registration) - 1.00pm

Scotsburn Campus
Cnr Platts Rd + Midland Highway, Scotsburn.

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

Short (6km) family friendly course and longer (13km) more challenging course available.
Buninyong Cricket Club is offering free Cricket for junior Girls aged 11 to 15 and Boys aged 10 to 14 to play in the Ballarat Cricket Association Under 13 and 14 competitions.

That is no membership fees and no weekly fees, no cost for the entire season. We will even throw in a playing shirt and club cap.

We will be holding a registration day on Sunday September 20th, 10.30 to 12 noon at the Buninyong Oval. If you require more information call Chris on 0407 392037.

Buninyong Cricket Club is a Level 3 Good Sports accredited Club, and coaches are Cricket Coaches Australia accredited and have working with children checks.
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