



12 February 2021

Bunyip Primary School

Term 1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

Mon 15

School Council Meeting
7.00pm

Mon 15

CHIPS Excursion—
Selected Students

Wed 17

Prep Parent Dinner

Wed 24

District Swimming
Sports - Selected
Students

Wed 24

Bus Forms Due

March

Mon 8

Public Holiday

Tues 9

Proposed Curriculum
Day

Wed 10

ROAR Parent Session

Thurs 11 & Fri 12

Student ROAR
Sessions

Tues 30

School Athletics Day

April

Thurs 1





























































End Term 1 - 2.30pm
Finish

Junior Team

Miss Withers, Mr Kent, Mrs Guy, Mrs Wahl and Tamara

This week in our rooms we have been learning how to use our THRASS chart which is part of our new Spelling program. Ask your child which sound box they are in charge of. We have also been working on our writing with seeds (ideas) to help students think about their written work. In Maths this week we learnt about months of the year and in Reading we have been learning how to choose a 'good fit' book, our classroom libraries and reading for enjoyment. Please remember to have a named Art smock for Art as we may be getting a little messy at times! The Preps had a fantastic time with their Grade 6 buddies on Friday for their first Buddy session. These sessions build friendships between the age groups and help the Preps settle into school, getting to know friends who can help them in the yard if needed.

Please pack a complete change of clothes for your child in case of 'little accidents' and when it gets cold, wet and muddy later in the year.

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Principal Report:

High 5 Strategy:

Our students are taught to use the High 5 Strategy when sorting out issues with their peers. Parents can support this process by encouraging their children to talk through the steps with them and identify which steps they used and if they could have done anything differently. At school it is never acceptable to use violence to resolve conflict, even if the other child is in the wrong and our students are always expected to find responsible ways to sort out problems.

The High 5 steps are:

1. Ignore
2. Talk Friendly
3. Walk Away
4. Talk Firmly
5. Report

Our Grade 6 leaders will be teaching the High 5 Strategy with the student groups they lead today. Please ask your children about this and help them to role play using the strategy.

Parent Communication:

Just a reminder that all families are welcome to make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher if they have any concerns or would like to have a conversation about their child's learning. A positive partnership and good communication between home and school helps to support your child's learning. Thank you to the parents who had time to call in last night and introduce themselves to their child's teacher.

School Council Elections:

Nominations for School Council are now being called for and will be due Monday the 22nd of February. Further information will be sent out separately on Monday explaining the process for School Council vacancies, nominations and elections.



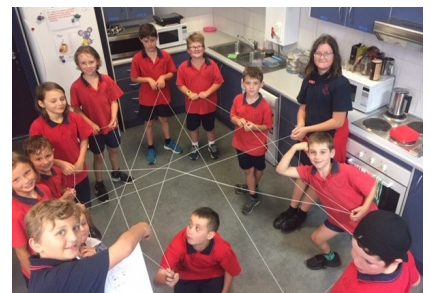
Student Leadership:

Each week, senior students have the opportunity to run an activity with a group of children from Prep to Grade 5. We have divided the students between 14 different groups. Each group has 2 or 3 Grade 6 leaders and a staff member for support. In these groups, our grade 6 students will be running activities which encourage Positive Behaviour choices that support our expected

behaviours matrix. Last week was a getting to know you activity and this week, the groups will be looking at the High 5 strategy.

Welcome BBQ:

It was fantastic to see so many families attend our open classrooms and school BBQ last night. A huge thank you to P&F for providing a free sausage sizzle and cooking in the heat.

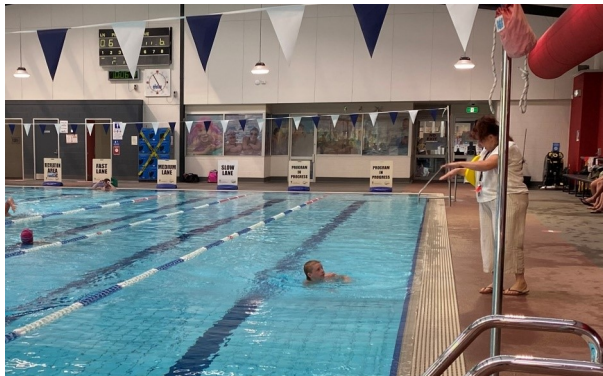


Odd Jobs:

If any parents have some spare time it would be helpful to have the mulch spread on the playgrounds and the agapanthus in the gardens trimmed. I'm not much of a gardener, but I have been let know that it is time to trim the flowering parts of the plants before the seeds drop and spread.

Swimming Trials:

This week, Mr Craig, Ms Munday, Chaplain Donna and I had the pleasure of taking 18 students to the Warragul Pool to participate in Swimming Trials. We have some awesome up and coming swimmers. Thank you to our students who were extremely well behaved and co-operative at the pool. You can see from the pictures how much fun they had. We even managed to squeeze in a free time swim and snack in the local park. Some of our students will be participating in the District Swimming Sports on the 24th February.



Nuisance Damage:

We like to be able to share our school facilities, even though generally schools are not open for public use. We have recently had a few problems with unnecessary damage eg; taps turned on over the weekend (This ran up a bill of \$400 water usage) and damage to playgrounds and locks. If you happen to be around the school after hours and on the weekends, it would be great if you could report any misuse to the local police.

Assembly Highlights:

We were disappointed to have to cancel parent attendance at our first assembly. Here are a couple of highlights:



PBS Captains being presented with their badges.



JSC being presented with their badges.



Student Achievers.

Jenny Dowsett
Principal

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Congratulations **Charlie Huston**
for being selected into the **Victorian
High Ability Program** this term!

WELL DONE & GOOD LUCK CHARLIE!

This week's Student Achievers!



2/3 Berry/Beilby

Ryder H

Responsible

He got this achievement award for always listening to his friends and teachers, and for being a leader by following our schools expectations.

3/4 Pratt

Tyson F

Responsible

He got this achievement award for always following instructions the first time and treating everyone with respect. Keep up the great work, Tyson.

3/4 Munday/Lewis

Naomi B

Responsible

She got this achievement award for always showing kindness to others, as well as her excellent hard work and effort both in the classroom and specialist. Well done, Naomi.

1/2 Guy

Oliver

Responsible, Resilience & Respect

Congratulations to Oliver this week. Here are a few of the things students said about Ollie.

Oliver is kind and he cares for his friends. Oliver is a good friend to play with. Oliver tries hard with his learning. Oliver is resilient because he keeps trying.

Prep Withers

Addison

Responsible, Resilience & Respect

She got this achievement award for being very proud of her rainbow and kind. She was very proud of herself.

Brandon

Responsible, Resilience & Respect

He got this achievement award for doing a great job with his learning tasks. He even tried the challenges.



Congratulations





SENIOR TEAM

Mrs Howard, Mr Craig, Miss Maxine and Leanne

Congratulations to everyone who nominated themselves as a candidate for House Captain. We are excited to find out who our 2021 leaders will be this week at assembly.

In writing this week we are refreshing ourselves about the structure of several writing genres as well as continuing to build up a selection of writing seeds. Reading lessons have introduced students to some elements of the Literacy Circle program as well as practising taking notes and recording our thinking. These skills will be important during the year. Students are expected to read at home and record this in their diaries. Diaries will be viewed weekly and signed by teachers.

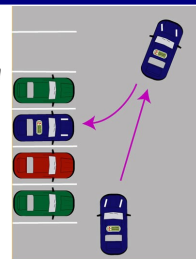
Our mathematics lessons are focussed on Place value and the skills of ordering large numbers, prime and composite numbers.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the family BBQ Thursday evening. Please call into the classroom for a look around and a chat!



Parking During School Pickup and Drop Off

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that when parking in our car parks **you must reverse in**. Also please park in a sensible manner. Leave a car door width between the cars when parking. This is in our car park policy and is there to keep all of our students safe. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Bus Forms



Every year we require parents of students who travel on the Bus to fill out new forms.

This year they are **Blue. Iona Run - Bus supplied by Warragul Bus Lines & Tonimbuk Run - Bus supplies by Simcocks Bus Services**

They are due back to the School Office by Wednesday February 24th.

Legally your child can not travel without the school having these forms on file.

If your child is having a friend over for a play date they are now no longer permitted to travel on the bus even if they have a note from the parent.

Please see the Office for these Bus Forms if you have not received one.

Conveyance Allowance

To be eligible for a Conveyance Allowance a student must live more than 4.8 km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school or your nearest bus stop where your school provides a bus. You can not claim a Conveyance Allowance if you bypass another school.

For more information please speak to Ms Dowsett (Principal).

Just come to the General Office for the forms.



Medical Forms



If your child suffers from asthma, allergies or another medical condition they should have received new medical form/s in the mail out during the holidays. **(Asthma=Pink , Allergies =Bright Green and Medical Conditions=Lemon)**

Please take the time to fill out as conditions can change over time and we need to keep our records up to date.



Student Details

Every child in the school should have been mailed a four page document (**Purple**) regarding all of their details that have been placed on the computer system in the Office. Please read it carefully and change any details on the pages and return to school as soon as possible.

If there are no changes required just make a note and also return as they are filed in the students file. **Due back to the Office by Friday 12th February.**

Parent Details



Every family received a page asking for parent information (**Salmon**). Please take the time to fill out the form and **return it back to the school Office by Friday February 12th .**

This will help us keep your child's records up to date as circumstances can change at times.

Library Lingo!



Welcome back to our lovely Library for 2021!

- 📖 Students in Grade Prep – are able to borrow 1 book.
- 📖 Students in Grades 1 – 2 are able to borrow 2 books
- 📖 Students in Grades 3 – 4 are able to borrow up to 3 books.
- 📖 Students in Grades 5 – 6 are able to borrow up to 4 books.
- 📖 Students in Grades Prep – 2 usually select books to be read with a parent. These books are not required to be matched to their reading level.
- 📖 Students in Grades 3 – 6 are required to borrow some books that match their reading level. These are used in their classroom reading programs. Students select their books using a recommended procedure. Please note that it does take some students time to select their books with accuracy. Students are also able to borrow books to be read with a parent. All students at this level are expected to borrow books from the Library on a regular basis.
- 📖 All students in Grades Prep – 6 should read at home every night.
- 📖 Books may be borrowed for 2 weeks.
- 📖 After 2 weeks, students can re-borrow their books or return them to the Library.

Each classroom has a special box where books needing to be returned to the Library are placed. Students can also return their books directly to the Library.

📖 Students in Grades Prep – 4 are required to use the Bunyip Primary School navy blue book bag when they are transporting books to and from school. This helps to protect books from food and drinks.

📖 If books are damaged, the Library needs to be notified. If books need to be replaced a donation of \$10 towards the new book is required.

📖 If books are lost, a donation of \$10 is required. Please note this policy is endorsed by School Council. As a government school we always operate on a tight budget so these \$10 donations are necessary.

Please contact me if you have any queries or concerns about our Library. procedures.

Mrs Gatti
Librarian



THANK YOU!



Thanks to some very generous donations from
BUNYIP RURAL SUPPLIES,
as well as **MR PRATT'S** super efforts over the holidays, we now have a beautiful extension to our chicken coop behind the veggie garden!



We are so grateful to have such amazing community support & talented staff at BPS. Make sure to give **Princess Layer & Wilson** a wave on your way into & from school.

😊🐔👋 *Miss Lewis*

Home Reading Champions

At Bunyip Primary School, all teachers set Reading as a homework task in all year levels. At school, teachers listen to your child read, record how he or she has read a book and then respond to this information by planning activities to meet his or her learning needs. Teachers send books home so children will have valuable opportunities to practise what is taught at school.



Your child may have already read the book that is sent home and be able to tell you about it. However, as with any developing skill, additional practice will help your child to improve.

As a school we want to acknowledge the extra Reading that children and families are doing at home which is why we have set up the following reward program. All you have to do is record your home reading into your Reading Diaries each day, including weekends if you wish. Teachers will collate the results and certificates and prizes will be awarded at our weekly assembly on Friday afternoon.



<i>If you read for...</i>	<i>You will receive...</i>
25 nights	A certificate
50 nights	A certificate and a sticker
75 nights	A certificate and a bookmark
100 nights	A certificate and extra time in the library with priority ipad time (if you wish)
125 nights	A certificate and time to read to another class or choose a book for your teacher to read
150 nights	A certificate and a pencil
175 nights	A certificate and sticky notes/notepad
200 nights	A certificate and a book
225 nights	A certificate and crazy reading glasses
250 nights	A certificate and a book bag
275 nights	A certificate and a reading cushion
300 nights	A certificate and a reading buddy toy



School Uniform



School Uniform is expected to be worn at all times.

There will be times where the students will be asked or invited to wear their house colours (Athletics/Cross County days) or free dress days (JRC fundraisers, Class Parties).

If your child is out of uniform a note is to be given to the Office to be signed and then the student is to show their teacher and carry it on them all day.

School uniform is sold at the school Monday and Thursday mornings 8:30am to 9:00am and afternoon 3:30pm to 4:00pm from the Office.

CSEF = Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund



During the holidays if your family circumstances have changed and you now have a health care card please see the Office for one of these forms.

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

A parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or Non - Government Victorian Primary or Secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term One **(27/01/2021)**,
or
- on the first day of Term Two **(19/04/2021)**;

Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder,

or

Be a temporary foster parent, and; Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered Primary or Secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

Please return the form to Office by Friday 19th February 2020.



The Strikers are back for season 2021!

One of the few clubs in all of Victoria to offer members a full refund for season 2020!

Season 2021 Update

We hope you are all well and safe.

It's wonderful to see restrictions lifting around Victoria and the gradual commencement of community sport as we begin our recovery from lockdown.

Expressions of interest for season 2021 are now open.



2021 Club Registration

Come and join us at the Bunyip Soccer Club's new pavilion for our Club Registration Day this coming **Saturday, 6th February between 2.00pm to 6.00pm.**



(If you can't make this day there will be someone available on Thursday nights from 5.30pm to talk to you)

Our Reserves and Senior teams are playing their second practice match against Fortuna so games will be in progress.

We'll have a table set up for "Expressions of Interest" and you will have the opportunity to meet Team Mates, Coaches and the Committee.

We are on the lookout for Coaches and other Volunteers!

And of course, we'll help you find out all you need to know about being a part of BSC for the 2021 season!

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AUSKICK REGISTRATIONS OPEN

[HTTPS://PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK/2021-REGISTRATION](https://play.afl/auskick/2021-registration)



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FOR COORDINATOR AND COACHES

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FREE Information Webinar

Thursday February 25th 7.30-9pm

"Explaining How to Save Money on Your Power Bills"

Learn about saving money through bulk purchasing and energy upgrades.

Learn about government rebates that are available to fund energy upgrades and roof top solar.

Have the opportunity to join BRAG in order to access bulk buys and timely information.

Have the opportunity to have YOUR questions answered.

Two expert speakers

Peter Mercouriou

Pete Mercouriou is the Senior Program Manager at the Yarra Energy Foundation. Pete has over 10 years' experience in the energy efficiency and renewables sector. Over the past 4 years, Pete has led the community solar program initiatives at YEF resulting in around 2 MW of installed solar pv across 8 Council regions impacting about 700 households."



Brett Hekman

CEC Certified Installer & Designer

Brett is the current owner of Rockys Electrical/ Rockys Solar. Rockys started installing solar more than 12 years ago. Since 2017, Rockys has had an expanding focus on designing and installing solar other energy solutions. Rockys Solar has been a Clean Energy Council Approved Solar Retailer for the past few years and has an ongoing commitment to comply with the Clean Energy Council Code of Conduct..



Peter Mercouriou, (Senior Project Officer Yarra Energy Foundation.)

LED Conversions

Heat Pump Hot Water Systems

Solar Bulk Buys

Brett Hekman (CEC Certified Installer and Designer, owner of Rocky's Solar)

How you can access government rebates for energy upgrades.

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or contact Helen at bragbunyip@gmail.com and she will send you the link electronically.