15 February 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Bushdance Evening

Parents & Friends Association invites all family members to attend the evening of
Friday 24th February 2017

for a family Bush Dance.  

IT IS FREE TO ATTEND

Held outside the Staffroom (if wet in the School Hall).

Come and join in the night of fun and laughter.

Bring GrandPa & GrandMa, Brothers & Sisters, Aunts & Uncles, Friends and other Family members.

TIME:-  
6:30pm - 7:00pm.

Bring a picnic (BYO everything, including chairs/rugs)
or support the P&F Sausage Sizzle.

Sausages - $2.00 each  
Drinks - $2.00 each  
7:00pm - 8:30pm.

Bush Dancing with the ‘Billy Tea Bush Band’.

We hope you can come along, learn some dances, meet some new families.

Office Organization

Wendy Whyatt and Tamara Van Wel

On Monday several Notices were sent home.

Orange - General notice regarding Office information.

Green - Bush Dance information and permission form.

White - Acceptable Use Agreement for students and parents.

Please read them carefully and return them to school ASAP.

CSEF - A lot of parents who have a current healthcare card have not come to the office to fill out the form for the government CSEF money. So if you have a current healthcare card, please come to the Office as soon as possible to get a form.

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Bunyip Primary School Active Wednesday
Term 1 2017

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When: Wednesday Morning Before School 8.45am – 9.00am
Where: Courtyard area with the coloured squares
(weather permitting)

Looking forward to seeing everyone there,
Mr. Ingram
P.E / Science Teacher

Senior Scoop
Mrs Howard, Mr Craig, Mrs Ingram and Miss Dore

All students have participated in two days of leadership training. Grade 5 students have completed the Peer Activity Leadership course which is part of their responsibilities as Senior School students. Grade 5 students will take over the organisation of our Reward Time activities in Term 4. Grade 6 students set some goals for themselves for the year and completed a range of team building activities.

Congratulations to all our new House Captains. Good luck for the year!

Junior Jargon
Miss Withers, Mr Kent and Mr Lodge

Thank you students and parents for your patience with the English Online Testing. The testing is almost completed, so we look forward to being back into the classroom.

Prep
Mrs Guy and Mrs Leatham

We had a terrific first week of school; well done everyone! Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who come in every morning to help with Reading Circles; remember everyone is welcome. This week in our rooms we are learning about the sound Kk. Please help your child to sing the song Crazy Kites k, k, k to help them remember this sound and get them to show you the sign which accompanies this sound. We will also be looking closely at the reading strategy Owl Eyes which reminds your child to look at the picture to help them work out unknown words in their readers.

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Library Lingo!

Welcome back to our lovely Library for 2017!

- 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

Uniform

Due to our uniform supplier putting up prices we have had to change the price of a couple of our uniform items. We have not had a price change since October 2015. We try and keep our uniform cost at a minimum but as you can understand sometime pricing changes. Please see the new uniform list attached to this newsletter.

Bomber Jackets - $45.00  Grade 6 Bomber Jackets - $50.00
2017 Bunyip Soccer Club Registration Day
Registration will take place at the Bunyip Soccer grounds:
Sunday 19th February, 10.00am – 12pm.
Wednesday 22nd February 4:00pm to 6pm Payment of fees is required at time of registration. Looking for Junior Coaches/Volunteer’s, please express interest if interested.

Drouin Girl Guides – Join us!
Make Friends, Have Fun, Learn new skills, Leadership, Community Service
Contact: Diane, PH: 0407 044 573
drouingirlguides@live.com
Units Meet at 4-6 Victoria St, Drouin
Mondays: 5-7yrs – 5pm – 6:30pm, Seniors: 11-15yrs – 7 - 9pm
Wednesdays: 8 – 10yrs - 6pm – 8pm OR
Join us for our Open Day – Sat March 18th between 10am-12pm

Hookin2 Hockey
West Gippsland Hockey Association
Bellbird Park, Lampards Road, Drouin
Monday 27th February 2017 at 4.30pm
Contact - Margaret Austen - 0438 251 448
margausten1965@gmail.com

HAVE YOUR SAY
Council regularly consult with the community to help inform our decisions in a range of areas.
We encourage you to have your say.
We want our community to be informed of our operations and provide input in a balanced and appropriate way.
Seeking community feedback ensures that we know what are the priorities and expectations of the community, so this can influence planning, service delivery and decision making.
Currently we are seeking feedback on the following strategies:
2017-21 Child, Youth and Family Strategy
Livability Health Plan
Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy (consultation material will become available on Monday 20 February 2017)
The link for the surveys is www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/consultations
Council will also be hosting three Open House sessions in relation to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy to provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the draft Strategy.
- 9 – 11am at the Emerald Library (400A Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald)
- 12 – 2pm at the Pakenham Library (Cnr John St & Henry St, Pakenham)
- 3 – 5pm at the Hewitt Eco House Community Room (215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup)
These drop in sessions are open to anyone and will provide you with an opportunity to ask questions. Any questions please phone 1300 787 624.
General Information

What is a school council and what does it do?
All Government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of School Council. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual School Council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.
Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.
In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the School Council encouraging another person to stand for election

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

The School Council is the governing body of the school and makes decisions at a local level within the guidelines set by the Department of Education and Training (DET).
The Bunyip Primary School Council consists of -
- 8 elected parent representatives
- 4 elected DET representatives
- 1 Principal (non-elected)
- 2 co-opted representatives
- 1 P&FA
- 1 Community Member

The annual election of half of the council membership (2 year term) occurs during February each year. The elected term of office for new Councillors is two years.

There are two separate elections- one for the election of parent members, and one for the election of DET employee members.

The maximum number of DET/parents who can be elected to the parent category at Bunyip Primary is 2 (see nomination forms for definitions). If nominations exceed vacancies an election will we required.

2016 Timeline:
Wednesday Feb 8    Call for Nominations
Friday Feb 17     Nominations close
Wednesday Feb 22 Distribute ballot papers if required
Wednesday March 1 Close of ballot
Friday March 3    Count votes and declare the poll
Monday March 13  New School Council Meeting (AGM)

Nomination forms are available from the General Office and completed forms must be returned within the 7 day timeline.

At these elections 4 parent representative’s term of office will be concluding:
- Tim Blackley
- Tracey Cooke
- Di Price
- Vacant

2 DET representatives will also be retiring:
- Louise Morten (1 year)
- Chris Kent
- April Dore

I would like to thank all School Council members for their significant contribution to our successful school, and for the work, time and effort that they have provided. School Councils play a very important role in successful schools. We need keen, interested and committed individuals who are prepared to work as a team to further develop and improve our great school.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require more information about the election process and procedures.

School Council Nomination Forms are available from the General Office.

Dale Hendrick
(Acting Principal)
## Bunyip Primary School

**Schoolwear Price List Order Form**

14 February 2017

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