PLP Conferences
This Thursday Buninyong will be holding their Personalised Learning Plan Conferences for all students K-6. These will be held in the school hall from 3:30pm to 7:30pm. All parents should have received their interview times.
These conferences are very important for a number of reasons:
Parents are able to give teachers important background information concerning their child.
The student’s likes/dislikes and individual learning needs can be discussed.
From this information individual Literacy and Numeracy targets will be set.
Class teachers have put a lot of time into preparing for these conferences and would really appreciate your attendance. If you are unable to attend this Thursday, please call and make an alternative time. It is our goal to meet with each and every one of our parents to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.

Attendance
It is vitally important that your child/children attend school every day and on time. In New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school. Regular attendance helps your child:
- develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- make and keep friendships
If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence.

Unfortunately there are many students who are arriving late each day and missing morning routines and very important literacy learning. This can also mean that students are unsettled for the day. We are working very closely with the District Attendance Team and they will be making contact with these families in the coming days.

A Big Thank You to the Buninyong Staff
As we approach the half way mark this term, I’d like to take the opportunity to thank the staff at Buninyong who work incredibly hard to provide quality teaching and learning opportunities for your children. From the classroom teachers to all the support staff – your hard work and genuine concern for all our students do not go unnoticed. Thank you!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal (Rlg)

Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

There will be no Active After School this week due to PLP meetings. Next week, (week 8) is the last week for Active After School and Homework Centre for this term.

P&C AGM
Wednesday, 20th March at 6.30pm
SACC...ALL WELCOME!

PBL FOCUS
We Show the 6L’s at Assemblies:
- Legs crossed
- Hands in laps
- Lips closed
- Ears Listening
- Eyes Looking
Do these L’s and you will be a Safe, Respectful Learner.
Donations of Easter eggs and Easter bunnies would be greatly appreciated for our upcoming Fete. Students who donate Easter eggs will receive RIPPAS for their efforts. Students are to leave their Easter egg donations at the front office.

Let’s get donating....

Stage 2 Fete Donations
Stage 2 will be running “pick a jar”, “coin toss”, “face painting” and “lolly bags” for this year’s fete. We would love donations of:
- Empty jars
- Wrapped lollies
- Face paints
- Small toys, balloons, hair clips, erasers etc, to put in jars.
Donations can be given to the class teachers.
Thank You...Thank You...Thank You...

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink or visit your nearest Centrelink-Medicare office.

Easter Hat Parade
Easter Hat Parade will be held for Infants only in our school hall. The parade will commence at 10.30am on Thursday 28th March, 2013. BBQ lunch will be available to purchase from the P & C BBQ at 11am. The fete will follow at 12noon.

Buninyong Bucks
All students who come to school on time every day will get Buninyong Bucks on Friday. Buninyong Bucks can be spent at the school office on excursions, uniforms, sport and performances. Coming to school on time is very important. At Buninyong, the school day begins at 8.55am. It is important that all students be at school at or before this time. Over the next few weeks, the Home School Liaison Officer will be at school to interview parents of students who come to school late.
**LITERACY TIPS...**

**Play Word Games**
Use blocks or a chalkboard to play word games with your child. First write out a word like *mat*. Then change the initial sound. Have your child sound out the word when it becomes *fat* and then when it becomes *sat*. Next change the final sound, so the word changes from *sat* to *sag* to *sap*. Then change the middle sound, so the word changes from *sap* to *sip*. Make a game of it!

**I Read to You, You Read to Me.**
Once your child can read, have him or her read aloud to you every day. You can take turns — you read one page and your child the next. It's just another way to enjoy reading together.

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**Dubbo District PSSA: Touch Trials**
Dubbo District PSSA will be running Boys and Girls Touch Trials prior to the Western Area Touch Trials.

**Arrangements:**
- **Date:** Thursday 4th April
- **Where:** Katrina Gibb Oval (in front of Office Works)
- **Time:** 4.30pm-5.30pm
- **Cost:** No Cost
- **Supervising Teachers:** Shelley Darcy (Eumungerie PS) and James De Lyall (Dubbo South PS)
- **Travel:** Players are responsible for their own transport to and from the trials.
- **Equipment required:** Students are required to bring appropriate shoes, water bottle clothing with distinct marking to assist with identification.

Please Note: If your child is selected and does not attend the regional trial without a good reason your child may become ineligible for further district selections during the next year. Consent forms available in the school office.

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**Dubbo District PSSA: Boy Football (Soccer) Trials**
Dubbo District PSSA will be running Football Trials prior to the Western Area Football Trials. (Western Area trials are set for Friday 5th April 2013 at Lady Cutler Ovals.)

**Arrangements:**
- **Date:** Tuesday 19th March
- **Where:** Hans Claven Fields (behind Target)
- **Time:** 3.30pm-4.30pm
- **Cost:** No Cost
- **Supervising Teachers:** Matthew Frost (Buninyong PS)
- **Travel:** Players are responsible for their own transport to and from the trials.
- **Equipment required:** Students are required to bring their own shin guards and water bottle. Students may also bring along a ball (Size 4).

Please Note: If your child is selected and does not attend the regional trial without a good reason your child may become ineligible for further district selections during the next year. Consent forms available in the school office.

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The children of the Catholic Faith Tradition will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St. Brigid’s Parish in St. Brigid’s Church and St. Laurencés Church, Dubbo. A Welcome Sacrament evening for Parents will be held on Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm in St. Brigid’s Church, 2013. It will be necessary for Parents to attend this meeting as information and dates will be given in regard to enrolment weekend, home group meetings and dates for the reception of the Sacrament.

Contact person for further information is Mrs Katrinat Isbester, Sacramental Coordinator 6882 4233.

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On Tuesday 5th March, 16 students attended the Science & Engineering Challenge at the Dubbo Racecourse. It was a fantastic day of thinking, problem-solving and building a variety of engineering projects. All the students had a great time and got a special mention from the organisers for their excellent behaviour!
Buninyong Easter FETE

Free Entry
Thursday 28th March
School Oval
12pm - 2.45pm

Hope to see you there!

Easter Raffle to be drawn
At 2pm sharp.
