**Buninyong School News**

**Building Better Futures**

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Week 11 Term 1  Tuesday, 9th April 2013

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**PSSA Sport**

Buninyong have entered teams in the rugby league, netball and lawn bowls weekly PSSA competition. Notes were sent home and need to be returned by the end of this week. PSSA sport starts on Friday of the first week, next term. Remember representing the school is a privilege not a right and only those students who are safe, respectful learners will participate in PSSA sport.

**ANZAC Day Service**

ANZAC Day falls in the school holidays this year and a service will be held on Thursday 25th April. Buninyong will be marching and we are hoping for a big roll up of students. Students are asked to meet outside Dubbo Public School at 10.15am in full school summer uniform preferably with a school hat.

**NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program - Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 on 14th - 16th May 2013.

A letter to parents of students in Years 3 and 5 accompanies the newsletter with further details. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding NAPLAN.

**Reward Parties**

Congratulations to all students who will be attending their stage reward parties this Wednesday or Thursday. You have done yourselves and the school proud. Well done on your excellent behaviour and attendance.

**Safety Before School**

Again I remind parents/carers that the school gates do not open until 8.30am when supervision begins. Students who arrive at school earlier than this are not supervised and many are riding their bikes/scooters out the front of the school. I am concerned for the students’ safety as there are buses/cars dropping children off. Please support us in keeping our students safe by not dropping them at school before 8.30am.

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn Program**

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again this year. In 2012 we received lots of reading books for our library and classroom. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8th April and Sunday 9th June 2013. We will redeem these for educational resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies or bring it back to school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, English, Science, Art, Crafts, Through to Sports gear, Library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

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**Holidays**

Term 1 concludes this Friday 12th April. School resumes for students on Wednesday 1st May. The staff will be involved in two Staff Development Days on the Monday and Tuesday.

Debbie Pritchard
Principal (Rlg)

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**Possum Magic Performance**

There are limited spaces left for the Possum Magic Performance for Stage 1 students. Please drop your note and money to the front office if you don’t want your child to miss out!

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**PBL FOCUS**

Speak Nicely. Play Safely.
Ideas for Parenting teens...focuses on how to effectively communicate and set boundaries with your teenager.

Assists parents of teenagers to:
⇒ Reduce the anxiety inherent in raising teenage children
⇒ Help understand what is normal adolescent development
⇒ Develop skills to communicate and negotiate with teenagers.

When: Thursday 18th April 2013
Time: 9.30am-12.30pm
Where: Interrelate Family Centres, 138 Darling Street
Cost: $25pp, $15 concession.
www.interrelate.org.au

For more information, please contact the Dubbo office on 6815 9650
The ARCHER Study
Buninyong Public School is proud to support this important research. With over 300 participating families across the region, the study is still open to families who wish to join before the start of Term 2. If your child is in Year 5, 6 or 7, and you have been thinking about being part of the study, please contact them by the closing date on Friday April 26th. For further information, Mrs Karen Paxton can be contacted on 6882 0288 or via email at karen.paxton@sydney.edu.au or via the website www.archerstudy.org.au

Thank You
The ARCHER Study would like to thank the Principal, staff and families of
Buninyong Public School
for supporting our recruitment over the past 2 years.

DUBBO BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Juniors Registration Dates:
Grand Final Night 5 April 4:30 – 6:30pm
Have A Go Evening 12 April 4:30 – 6:30pm
COST: $7.50 per Player
PLEASE NOTE: Registrations after these dates
WILL NOT be accepted.

Dubbo Basketball invites all children 5-18 to
“Come and Have a Go”

WHEN: Friday 12 April 4.30 – 6.30pm
WHERE: Dubbo Sportsworld, Sheraton Road
WHO: Kids aged 5-18.
• Come and learn new skills and make new friends
• Half court games with coaches in attendance
• Registration will also be held for Term 2 Comp (10 weeks). Competition is held on Friday afternoons starting at 4.00pm.
• $5 per child, includes sausage sanga
• Giveaways and prizes

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE:
Cherie Forrestor 6882 7766

Aboriginal Mens Meeting
All interested men are invited to attend a meeting to develop and establish an Aboriginal Mens Group for the local Aboriginal men of Dubbo and surrounding areas.

When: Friday 12th April 2013, 2pm
Where: Buninyong Community Centre
Further Information: Steven Wilson 0447 722 965

Raffle: Tigers, Panthers and Roosters crocheted rugs made by Aunty Pat.
$2 each or 3 for $5.

Please include your name and phone number on the tickets and the order of preference of rugs on the back. The 1st drawn ticket gets first choice of rug.

Drawn June 6th
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013
LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14-16 May 2013.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 17 May – A catch-up day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or

- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent/ carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your child’s school.

Please make an appointment with the school Principal if you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at: