Welcome to Kindergarten – Buninyong Public School

“Who are the people at your primary school”

School Issues

Attendance
All children between the ages of six and fifteen years are required to attend school on each day that instruction is provided. All schools record daily attendances. It is a parent or caregiver’s duty to ensure regular school attendance. Parents should explain any absences within 7 days of the absence. Schools are required to inform parents promptly of any case of truancy or unexplained absences.

Aboriginal Education
The Aboriginal Education Policy helps schools to focus on strategies to improve the outcomes of Aboriginal students, to develop the participation of Aboriginal communities about Aboriginal Australia. Buninyong School ensures that there is an aboriginal perspective to the children’s learning and curriculum delivery.

Child Protection
The NSW Department of Education and Training has a responsibility to protect children and young people from harm while they are in the Department’s care. The department has a number of procedures and training programs in place to ensure the personal safety of all children at school. Child protection is taught as part of the PH/H/PE learning area. Child protection education teaches students when to recognise when they may be unsafe and how to seek help.

Complaints, Suggestions and Grievances
Parents have the right to register any concerns they might have about any aspect of school by approaching the staff member concerned or the principal at an appropriate time. Complains should be drawn to the attention of the Principal.

Behaviour Welfare Policy
Discipline in schools is guided by the document “Good Discipline and Effective learning”. This statement requires all schools to have a School Discipline Policy which is reviewed regularly. The schools policy is called RIPPAA – Recognition in Performance, Participation, Application and Attendance. Principals may suspend students, following Departmental Policy, from school for serious incidents – Non violence policy in place at school.

Enrolling in Kindergarten
Parents are required to ensure that their children are enrolled at school from the age of 5 to 15 years. The child must turn 5 on or before 31st July of that year.

Immunisation
Parents enrolling Kindergarten students will be asked to present the school with an Immunisation Certificate. No child will be prevented from enrolling. Under the Public Health Act 1992, children for whom immunisation forms have not been provided may be asked to stay at home whilst an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease occurs.
Key Learning Areas
The school curriculum is organised into key learning areas from K-6. The Areas are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science and technology
- Human Society in its Environment
- Creative Arts
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Learning Assistance (STLA)
Students with learning difficulties, their class teacher, school and parents are assisted by support teachers (learning difficulties). Intensive programs for students with significant reading difficulties are provided in support classes and by support teachers.

Parent participation
Children learn best when parents and teachers work together in partnership and when parents and teachers share the responsibility for this partnership. Parents are welcome to participate in school activities. The Parents and Citizen’s Association and DSP group are ways of involving yourself as parents in decision making. Buninyong Public School encourages the involvement of parents as much as possible.

Reporting to parents
Schools are expected to report students’ achievements and progress to parents at least once a year. Our reporting system indicates to parents clearly what students know, understand and can do. A portfolio goes with the written report providing the parents with examples of your child’s work. A formal interview is held around June. Parents can request interviews at any time and should.

Safety at School
The NSW Bureau of Crime has found that schools are at least 7 times safer than the general community. Buninyong has a number of policies in place to ensure that a safe learning and happy environment is provided for your children. We are committed to providing learning environment free from bullying and harassment. Parents are urges if anything is raised with you in this area to report to the Principal as soon as possible.

Sun Safety
Our school has adopted the policy NO HAT – NO PLAY IN THE SUN. This is for the protection of the children only. We hope that you will encourage this. School hats are available for purchase from the front office.

Travel to School
Please see front office for bus information. We expect our parents to be good role models for their children. Walk children safely or drop them off using safe practices.

Uniforms
The school uniform has been determined by the school community. We operate a uniform pool and some items can be purchased through the front office. While uniforms are not compulsory, I encourage strongly that they be worn by students at all times. Encouraging these good habits early on in life creates better habits for learning.

Voluntary School Contributions
This payment is not compulsory and is a matter for decision by parents. Principals will ensure that no student or family suffers any discrimination or embarrassment over voluntary contributions. Our school contribution is $20 per child or $50 per family. This money goes towards school educational and sporting programs.