PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Presentation Day Wednesday 10th December

Don’t forget to save the date for our Presentation Day. This year Presentation day is on Wednesday the 10th December. The K-2 presentations will begin at 9.30am and finish about 11am. The K-2 students have been keenly rehearsing Christmas songs to share with their families. The Years 3 - 6 presentations will begin at 12.30pm and we look forward to seeing presentations by the choir and the senior guitar group. We hope that you are able to join us.

Year 6 Farewell Thursday 11th December

Our Year 6 Farewell is next Thursday Evening. The night begins with a presentation ceremony at 5.45pm to which parents are invited. This is followed at 6.15pm by a dinner and disco. Parents are invited to return at 8.50pm to share a dance with their child before the night ends at 9pm.

P&C Movie Night Friday 12th December

Make sure you have you have ordered your hotdogs and drinks by Tomorrow Friday the 5th. No late orders will be accepted. Hot Dogs can be collected from 5.45p.m. The movie A Muppets Christmas Carol will be shown at 6.15 p.m. Popcorn and snacks will be available to purchase on the night. Entry is a gold coin donation per person. This money will go towards the keyhole garden project.
Reports
The end of year reports will be sent home with the students next Friday 12th December.

Parent Survey
Thank you to those families that have already returned the Parent Satisfaction Survey. Please return this survey to school by Monday 8th December.

Kinder-Garden Wall
Our Kinder-garden wall has been painted and is looking fantastic! The students were so excited about placing their handprints on the wall and a special thank you needs to go to those parents who assisted with the initial background and Miss Terry and Miss O’Connell who put in hours of painting bringing the mural to life. We hope to get the seating in before the end of the year.

Kind Regards
Sue Nicholls
Relieving Principal
P&C NEWS

Movie Night
Please place your order for hot dogs and drinks at the movie night in the box in the school office by Friday 5th Dec (tomorrow). We need orders in so we can be done our ordering.

There will be no supervision provided at the event. Please ensure there is an adult responsible for your child at all times. While parents and some staff will be present, they will have other duties and cannot be responsible for individual children throughout the evening or in case of emergency.

Muster cleaning 31 Jan–1 Feb
Cleaning at the Bungendore Country Muster has become a regular and valued fundraiser for the P&C. One hour of your time is all that is required. We are looking for volunteers again for early 2015. See the note with guitars in this newsletter to sign up.

Like us on Facebook
Find us, like us and go into the draw for a free school polo. When we hit 200 likes, all our friends will go into a lucky draw in the new school year.
Bungendore Parents and Citizens Association at www.facebook.com/BungendorePandC?
ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Coming P&C events
Movie Night Friday 12 December 2014
Muster cleaning 31 Jan–1 Feb 2015
Twilight Fair Friday 20 March 2015

Next P&C meeting
7.30 pm, Tuesday 10 February 2015, School Staff Room
Most on the current executive will be completing their terms in 2015. If you want to get involved in P&C come to the next meeting or catch up with someone on P&C or contact
P&C Secretary, lucykealey@bigpond.com or 0417 043 982

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:
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We will be open before school goes back in 2015 on Tuesday 27th January and
Wednesday 28th January from 9:00 to 10:00am. Then we will resume normal hours on Friday 30th from 2.45 to 3.45pm.
Thank you to everyone for supporting the uniform shop this year and we all hope you have a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all at school next year.
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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This year Bungendore Public School will have the opportunity to help bring a smile to a disadvantaged child’s faces this Christmas. We have signed up with The Smith Family’s Toy and Book Appeal, and will be collecting presents at school.

Donations are needed for children aged 0-12 years old, remember the best gifts are fun, versatile, activity based, long lasting, educational, or active.

All gifts must not be wrapped

Toys should not be any bigger than a school backpack

If the toy needs batteries, please include them to operate the toy

The toys will need to be brought into school and placed in the present box, located in the Kindergarten block outside K/1.0. The presents will all need to be in by the 12th December.

Thank you Bungendore Public School Staff

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**STEVENS CHARTER SERVICE**

**School Bus Application reminders**

Just a friendly reminder for next year that any new applications for subsidized school bus travel needs to be considered in the near future.

Following is an outline from the Transport for NSW website regarding School Bus Travel, any further info can be obtained from [www.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au)

A new application must be completed when a student:

- Enrol in Kindergarten
- Progresses from Year 2 to be an eligible student in Year 3
- Progresses from Year 6 to Year 7
- Changes name, school and/or address
- Applies for an additional travel pass in a joint/dual custody situation.

Application forms are available from our office or school office

Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas

From all the Staff at Bungendore Bus & Coach
On Tuesday all Year 6 from Bungendore who went to camp walked up Mount Kosciuszko in the morning. We had to get tickets to get on the chairlift so that we could start the walk.

We had to walk 6.5km up and 6.5km down—13 all up. On the way down we had a snowball fight and some of us slid down the hill. We were all happy to get back to the chairlift and relax!

At camp we went canoeing and the water was absolutely freezing. It was also raining which made it even colder. Our group found it really hard to capsize the canoe bus some people managed to do it more than once. It is really easy to capsize your canoe if your group all leans to one side at once. We had a lot of fun canoeing and it was the most fun out of the things we did during the week. Georgia, Alex, Courtney, Mia, Lauren and Finlay

The cookout took place next to a paintball arena at lunchtime. It was a really hot day and the wind was perfect so the fires caught a light easily but we had to be cautious not to start a grass fire. We made the fires out of sticks, twigs and dried grass. We had to find a hot plate which was a granite stone to cook the sausages on, it took a while but in the end our sausages were perfectly cooked. After that, we had to find damper sticks that were longer than our arm but also thicker than our thumb. Cooking damper took a while but it was worth it. Layla, Michelle, Alice, Louisa, Lara and Shakira.

The disco started at 7.00pm and ended at 8.45pm. It was located in the Rec Hall. There were a lot of other kids we did not know and they were all in Year 5. We all did different games and dances such as—the snowball dance, the Nut Bush, scissors-paper-rock—and the conga. We also did a dance to the song Barbie Girl, and some teacher made up moves for Barbie Girl. When we had free dancing there were heaps of crazy dance moves. At the end we all had a refreshment of a nice cool lemonade ice block. Overall all it was noisy and wild, but we all had a great time.

Caiden, Kara, Katherine, Teagan, Georgia U and Alyssa.

High Ropes was really cool!!! See Mr Brothers to to the top was the best bit!!! It was really fun climbing around the obstacle course, it really tested our skills.

First we had to get used to using the clickets and balancing on the ropes. So we had to do a training course. Then after we did a training course we would go onto the big ropes. The high ropes were scarier than we thought they would be. The high ropes were fun and scary at the same time.

Ramsey, Caleb, Alek, Morgan, Keyarna and Kimberley
During our Traditional Indigenous Games we played games that the Indigenous people play, such as Boogalah and much more. When it was our turn to do the circus skills, there were scarves, juggling balls, trick sticks, yo-yos, hula hoops, spinning plates and ribbon balls. Our favourite circus skill was the yo-yo. The yo-yos were our favourite because you could chuck them up in the air and try to catch it on the string and also because it was very challenging.

The trivia night was a night activity at Year 6 Camp where we got into groups of 6 and we were quizzed on all sorts of things such as ‘Who was the first Prime Minister of Australia?’ and ‘What is an arachnid?’ There were 3 rounds with 10 questions in each with a challenge at the end. One of the challenges was where every one picked one person from their team and that person had to go out to the front. They were given a small tub of Vegemite and they had to lick the Vegemite until the tub was clean. Not even a small dot of Vegemite was allowed to be left in the tub.

Last week Year 6 went to camp at Jindabyne Sports and Recreation Centre. On Thursday the 27th November, Bungendore and three other schools participated in the awesome Jindy Markets. There were EPIC stalls like tattoos, pancakes, ice cream, cordial, hair styling, putt putt golf, table tennis, face painting and much much more. The pancakes and ice cream were the most popular stores. The pancakes were light and fluffy and drowned in maple syrup. The ice cream was smooth and velvety. The two flavours were chocolate and strawberry. In conclusion the Jindy Markets were a real success and everybody enjoyed it.

After circus skills on Wednesday, Year 6 went on a hike past the archery range to the cookout area. Once there we were split into five groups of 12 to collect kindling, build a fire, find a flat rock for cooking our sausages and light it. Prior to cooking our lunch, the instructors, Monz and Elyssa taught us how to make a sufficient fire in the shape of a horse shoe. In this technique, we were shown to build a U shape with rocks and put our cook top over the side whilst filling in any gaps to prevent smoke coming out. After building our fire, Alyssa and Monz lit the top and if it sizzled, we were ready. Two Banger Sangas later we let our fires reduce to coals and cooked some Aussie damper. When the dough wrapped around a stick was golden brown, we slipped it off the stick and drizzled honey into the hole. All in all, you could say that it was a great success.

We had heaps of fun rock climbing at Jindabyne Sports Centre. We had six people in a group, five holding the rope and one climbing. It is a bit nerve racking when your life is in the hands of a team mate below.

The gear that we used were helmets to protect our heads and harnesses that get clipped to carabines.

Troy, Oliver and Axel
PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED FOR MAJOR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Our kids go back to school on Wednesday 28th January 2015.

On the following weekend, 31 January–1 February, Bungendore will host the Country Muster at the show ground. Each year the parents from our school generously donate their time to clean the amenities blocks at the show ground.

The amenities blocks are cleaned for the week before and during the Muster which makes this a HUGE fundraising opportunity for the school’s P&C. Last year we earned $5000.

Importantly, all the money raised by our volunteers goes towards projects and resources at the school for the benefit of our kids. In 2014 with the support of parents like you we have built a new sports shed, installed new push bike racks, as well as supported school excursions and learning resources. The priority for 2015 is to renew the playground equipment as pieces have been removed as they have worn out with age.

Many of the families who have supported our school over the long term have moved on as their kids have grown. The school and the P&C are now looking for new champions to support the growth and development of our school.

Cleaning at the Country Muster requires 3 to 5 people per shift, and there are 20 shifts to cover. It only costs you your time, approximately one hour per shift, and all the cleaning gear and products are provided.

It is never long or difficult work and the patrons of the muster are always happy and helpful. It would be great to see some new faces as it makes it easier on everyone and more fun if we can share the load.

If you want to find out more contact Adam on 0423 814 464 or email me at jamadamh@yahoo.com.au or fill in the volunteer ‘Expression of Interest’ form (also available on the Bungendore School website) to let us know if you may be available and we can keep you in the loop.

Thank you in advance

PUBLIC SCHOOL
Parents and Citizens Association
Country Muster Volunteer

Expression of Interest – One hour of your time

Please fill in the details below and drop this form into the school front office
OR send the relevant information to:iamadamh@yahoo.com.au
OR phone Adam on 0423 814 464.

I may be able to help out with a shift at the Bungendore Country Muster Tuesday,
27 January to Monday 2nd of February 2015.

Please keep me informed about what is happening and I will let you know closer
to the date if I can help out.

Name/s: ___________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

Contact Tel: ______________________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________________________

☐ I have done this before and am willing to be shift supervisor (tick)

Your support is greatly appreciated
This is a quick, easy and surprisingly fun way to raise funds for our school
Creative Bungendore

Holiday Piano & Keyboard Lessons

12th to 22nd January 2015

Bungendore School of Arts

Intensive piano & keyboard lessons during the Xmas school holidays.
Fun approach to learn new piano skills, songs, rhythm and theory. Small groups or individual classes (5 years and over).

30 minute sessions @ reasonable rates from $12 a student.

Experienced music teacher with thirty years experience in Australia and overseas. Beginners to experienced students welcome. Enquire about the intensive learning program (3 sessions a week) or lessons at your home. If you are keen, please register your interest by 19 December 2014.

- Contact -
Marian Martinez ph: 0412310837 or maza.martinez@hotmail.com
Nicole Murphy ph: 0416635549 or nicoleursulamurphy@gmail.com

Lessons will also be available during other 2015 school holidays

IRISES FOR SALE

LOTS OF COLOURS

Fundraising for Bungendore Scouts

Youth Huddle
Bungendore Anglican

What: A place for young people, in years 5 upwards to meet new friends and to explore cultural and spiritual identity. As a group we participate in a wide variety of activities including rock climbing, movies, games in the hall and races around the village. At the same time we also explore and reflect on our Christian faith.

When & Where: Every second Friday from 6.30pm at the Bungendore Anglican Church Hall

Contact: youthhuddle@bungendoreanglican.org.au
Web: www.bungendoreanglican.org.au

Preparation for Christmas @ St Marys

Mary Lou Gorham has kindly agreed to run a children’s liturgy program for the four Sundays of Advent, starting on Sunday 30th November. The program will be run in the parish hall for the full duration of Mass, enabling parents to have a more focused time at Mass. It is designed for children from Preschool to Year 3. Parents (and grandparents) are encouraged to bring the younger members of the family to learn about the true meaning of Christmas and to prepare for and participate in the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve at St Marys.

Bungendore

Early Morning Lappers

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
6.00—7.15am
During school terms 4 and 1, 2015
Starting Monday 17/11/2014
All Welcome
Only cost is Pool Entry!