Riverina PSSA Swimming Trials

Good luck to Seth Langman who is in Albury today representing the Deniliquin District of the Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival. Seth will be competing in the 11 year old boys 50 metre backstroke event.

NAPLAN

All the Year 3 and Year 5 students will have the opportunity to sit the 2016 NAPLAN Assessments on the 10th/11th and 12th of May this year. Further Information about the testing will be sent home to Year 3 and Year 5 families closer to the date.

Music Reminder

Thank you to all the families who have sent in money for our music program. A reminder that the cost is $20 per student per term and cheques to be made payable to the Bunnaloo P. & C.

Merit Awards

Students to receive awards last week were:

Lara O’Callaghan—for working well in all class activities.
Lachie Barlow—for having great enthusiasm in class.
Archie Peat and Marcus Hitchins —for excellent problem-solving.
Michelle Wilson and Willem Ryan —for working quickly and quietly in HSIE.

Family Photos

A reminder that if you would like to have a Family Photo taken on the same day as our school photos then you will require a Family Photo envelope to place an order for this. We have presently run short of these but extras should arrive in a few days time. When ordering photos please make cheques payable to ‘MSP Photography’.

Special Religious Education

Thank you for the prompt return of notes before Fridays start of the 2016 SRE Program. The Easter SRE service will be held at the Bunnaloo church from 12.30pm on Thursday the 24th of March.

P & C News

The next meeting will be held from 7.30pm in the library on Monday the 21st of March.
COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Departmental data has brought to my attention that over the past 5 or 6 years our absence rates have been steadily increasing every year. Obviously many absences are necessary and can't be avoided, but a DEC information sheet about Compulsory School Attendance has been included with today's newsletter for everyone's information.

BUS FORMS (YEAR 3 ONLY)

Year 3 students will need to do an update on their bus forms. These are attached for those students only.

MOLLUSCUM

We have had a couple of cases of this within our school recently. An information sheet has been included with this week's newsletter. If you have any further queries please contact your family doctor. As always we greatly appreciate families who are affected by conditions such as this keeping the school informed.

Molluscum is a common skin problem with small, harmless raised spots. The spots can stay on the body for a few weeks, several months or more than a year. It is caused by the Molluscum Contagiosum Virus (MCV). This virus only lives in humans.

Molluscum is contagious and can be spread from person to person or to different areas in the same person. It can also be spread by children sharing baths or pools through bath toys and towels. Usually it does not need any treatment. Good personal hygiene can help prevent it spreading.

Signs and symptoms

At first, the molluscum spots look like pimples. They then become round, pearl coloured lumps that leave a white mark or core in the centre. They are usually between one to five millimetres in size, but can be as big as one to two centimetres. Usually they appear on the nappy area, kidney, face, arms and legs.

At home care

Strict attention to hygiene is very important. Children with molluscum should do the following:

- Have a shower instead of a bath. The molluscum virus can live in the bath water and spread to other parts of the body.
- Wash and dry any bath toys every day after use. Bath toys can spread the virus.
- Remove or replace any pot, towel, or other item that was used when the molluscum spots were there.
- Do not share towels with other children.
- Do not share towels, face washers (flannel) or clothing.
- Wash your hands thoroughly after touching the molluscum lumps.
- Children with molluscum can go to school and play with other children, because clothing usually covers the affected areas.

Key points to remember

- Molluscum lesions are caused by a virus.
- It is spread from person to person by touching the molluscum. It is also easily spread through bath or pool water, bath toys and towels.
- It is not life threatening.
- The spots can last for weeks to years.
- Treatment is not always needed.
- Careful hygiene can help reduce the spread of the infection.
- Treatment is designed to initiate the molluscum causing it to become red and inflamed.
- The treatment may also initiate the surrounding skin.
- Molluscum contagiosum often clears up on its own, before and during treatment.

For more information

- See your local family doctor (GP)
- See your local pharmacist
- See your Child and Maternal Health Nurse
- Better Health Channel www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Darren Devereux
PRINCIPAL
If your child is going to be absent from school please call staff in the school office to let them know as soon as possible.

Please send this completed note to school on the first day back after your child’s absence.

BUNNALOO PUBLIC SCHOOL
ABSENTEE NOTE

Child’s Name: .................................................................

Class: .................................

Dates Absent: .................................................................

Reason: ........................................................................

........................................................................

........................................................................

Signature (Parent / Guardian) ................................. Date: .................................


BUNNALOO PUBLIC SCHOOL
ABSENTEE NOTE

Child’s Name: .................................................................

Class: .................................

Dates Absent: .................................................................

Reason: ........................................................................

........................................................................

........................................................................

Signature (Parent / Guardian) ................................. Date: .................................


BUNNALOO PUBLIC SCHOOL
ABSENTEE NOTE

Child’s Name: .................................................................

Class: .................................

Dates Absent: .................................................................

Reason: ........................................................................

........................................................................

........................................................................

Signature (Parent / Guardian) ................................. Date: .................................

If your child is going to be absent from school please call staff in the school office to let them know as soon as possible.

Please send this completed note to school on the first day back after your child’s absence.