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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce the launch of the Buninyong Primary School Autism Network, a dedicated community initiative designed to support and empower parents and carers of children with autism. Our network aims to foster a sense of connection and collaboration among families, offering a supportive environment where you can share strategies, exchange ideas, and access valuable resources.

## **Opening Session**

Wednesday 7th August

# **Buninyong Primary School (BER Building)**



### Time: 6pm

To register your interest in being a part of our new network, please fill out the form linked below (Takes approx. 2mins) and you'll be added into a Compass group to get regular updates and some additional information on key dates. <a href="https://forms.gle/QSDaJYSPVYUuQDEYA">https://forms.gle/QSDaJYSPVYUuQDEYA</a>

If you are unable to access the form, then please send an email to <a href="mailto:Jarrod.Rodgers@education.vic.gov.au">Jarrod.Rodgers@education.vic.gov.au</a> and I'll send out a separate link.

#### REGISTER HERE



### Aim

**Building Connections within the Community** Our primary goal is to create a strong, inclusive community where parents and carers can come together, share experiences, and offer mutual support. Through regular meetings, social events, and online forums, you will have the opportunity to connect with others who understand the unique challenges and joys of raising a child with autism.

**Sharing Strategies and Ideas** We believe that every family has valuable insights and strategies that can benefit others. Our network will aim to facilitate the sharing of practical tips and successful

approaches to help you navigate everyday situations and enhance your child's development. From managing routines to encouraging social skills, our collective wisdom will be a powerful resource.

Accessing Information on External Supports Navigating the array of available services and supports can be overwhelming. Our network will provide you with up-to-date information on local and national resource. We will invite guest speakers and experts to share their knowledge, ensuring you have the information you need to make informed decisions.

**Building Relationships with Your Child** At the heart of our network is the desire to help you strengthen your bond with your child. We will offer workshops and activities designed to enhance your relationship, providing you with tools to better understand and connect with your child. These opportunities will not only support your child's growth but also enrich your family life.

We invite you to join the Buninyong Primary School Autism Network and become part of a caring and proactive community. Together, we can build a network of support that makes a real difference in the lives of our children and families.

Regards,

### **Jarrod Rodgers**

**Disability and Inclusion Coordinator** 

**Buninyong Primary School**