

2026 BUNINYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT

INFORMATION FOR PARENT

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THEME

The theme for the 2026 concert is....'*Journey Through Worlds*'

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Many of our staff will be looking for some help with the development of acts, training up the students and making costumes and props. Please don't hesitate to put your hand up when the call for help comes out. One of the best things about the school concert is the community involvement.

HOW DO WE INTEND TO USE THE FUNDS RAISED?

The concert is our main fundraiser for 2026, and we expect to raise between \$20-22,000. Our intention is to use the profits for the following projects:

- Gathering Area/Outdoor Classroom (Buninyong Campus) - \$16,000
- Basketball Half Court (Scotsburn Campus) - \$4,000

Both of these projects will benefit kids from our school and the broader community for many years to come.



It is important to note that the concert is much more than a fundraiser. The concert provides a great opportunity to bring the school community together to create something special but also presents as a fantastic experience for the students in the areas of the Performing Arts.

DATES AND TIMES

The concert is scheduled for August 26-28. The concert schedule will be as follows:

- **Wednesday August 26 – Rehearsal:**
 - All students (including Scotsburn) start the school day at Buninyong and are bussed to the venue
 - Rehearsal starting at 10:30am
- **Thursday August 27 Matinee:**
 - All students (including Scotsburn) start the school day at Buninyong and bussed to the venue
 - Performance starting at 10:30am
 - Doors open at 10am
 - Students bussed back to school in time for a 3:30pm dismissal
- **Thursday August 27 Evening Performance:**
 - Students delivered to the venue by parents (option to drop students off if parents not staying)
 - Doors open at 5:30pm
 - Performance starting at 6pm sharp
- **Friday August 28 - Evening Performance:**
 - Pupil free day for the students (Base 1270 running for those needing child care)
 - Students delivered to the venue by parents (option to drop students off if parents not staying)
 - Performance starting at 6pm sharp
 - Pupil free day for the students
 - Doors open at 5:30pm
 - Performance starting at 6pm sharp

PUPIL FREE DAY ON FRIDAY AUGUST 28

The decision to declare August 28 as pupil free was taken by School Council in the best interests of both students and staff, given it will be the 3rd day of a taxing concert program.

Base 1270 will provide care for students from 6:30am-6pm on August 28.

TICKET PRICE AND AVAILABILITY

The ticket price for the 2026 concert is:

- \$25 for the Thursday afternoon matinee
- \$30 for each of the evening performances

There are no concession rates or variation of price related to seat location.

Families are restricted to 6 tickets for the evening performances but can purchase as many tickets as they like for the Thursday Matinee performance. Tickets are now being sold online.

The link to access the tickets is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/journey>



Those without internet access or a credit card are welcome to come in and see the office who will purchase tickets on your behalf.

Digital or printing off your tickets - As with any performance/event where tickets are purchased online, we ask that you either print off your tickets or have email confirmation ready to present at the door.

Note: When purchasing balcony tickets, please be aware that there is a climb up a substantial staircase to get to this area.

If you would like to book a ticket for a family member or friend in a wheelchair, please contact the office and they'll help you out.

SEATING

Everyone who has purchased a ticket will have an allocated seat. There will be ushers in the foyer and auditorium to help guests find their seat. There are 2 level 1 entrances at the rear of the auditorium and there will be signs indicating which door is best for you to use. Please do your best to be seated by 6pm at evening performances. The auditorium lights will go out when the show starts at 6pm sharp, and it can be a challenge to find your allocated seats in the darkened auditorium.

ARRIVAL TIMES

The doors will open for both evening concerts at 5:30pm for a 6pm start. Students need to arrive between 5:30pm and 5:45pm, unless your class teacher has requested otherwise. Unless organised by your child's teacher, please don't come earlier than 5:30 (unless you're planning to take advantage of the BBQ)...it's a long night for the students and we don't need to make it even longer by arriving early.

It's also worth noting that:

- All tickets are for allocated seats, so there is no advantage in being at the front of the queue.
- There is ample parking at the university, so there is no need to arrive early to secure a park.



WHAT FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE?

Tracey Coats and her team will be running a BBQ outside the concert venue on Thursday and Friday evenings, which will be very handy for those looking for an easy dinner on those nights. Sausages and veggie burgers will be available for purchase (eftpos or cash) from 5:15pm. University staff will also be running a kiosk inside the venue between 5:30pm and 6pm where you can get yourself a coffee and snacks.

Note - Students will be able to purchase lunch from the school canteen on the Tuesday of concert week. Lunch purchases will not be available on the Wednesday and Friday of concert week.

DO STUDENTS NEED TO TAKE ALONG WATER AND SNACKS?

As you would expect, students will need their normal snacks and lunch for the Wednesday rehearsal and Thursday matinee.

Students are welcome to bring a snack to the evening performances, as it can be a long night. Please don't send lollies with your child....the night back stage is long enough without children hyped up by too much sugar.



We ask all students to bring a water bottle along to all of the performances.

IS THERE AN INTERVAL?

There is no interval, so once the concert starts there will be non-stop action through to the end. We expect the concert to finish around 8:30pm.

CLASS PHOTOS AND DVD SALES

A recording of the concert will be available on USB. We are having the concert professionally recorded and expect to have a quality product for parents to purchase. ***It will be the Friday night performance that is recorded.***

We are also planning to have class photos taken that will also be available for purchase. Please keep your eye on the newsletters following the concert for details regarding USB and group photo sales.

Concert guests are asked not to take video or photographs of students on stage. This will ensure we meet privacy expectations.

VENUE

The venue for the concert is Founders Hall, also known as the Caro Convention Centre at Federation University. Towards the end of this document, you will find a map of the university showing the location of the venue and parking.



STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Where possible, we'd certainly like students to attend each concert, including both evening concerts. If you need help with arrangements to make this possible, talk to your child's teacher.

DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING STUDENTS

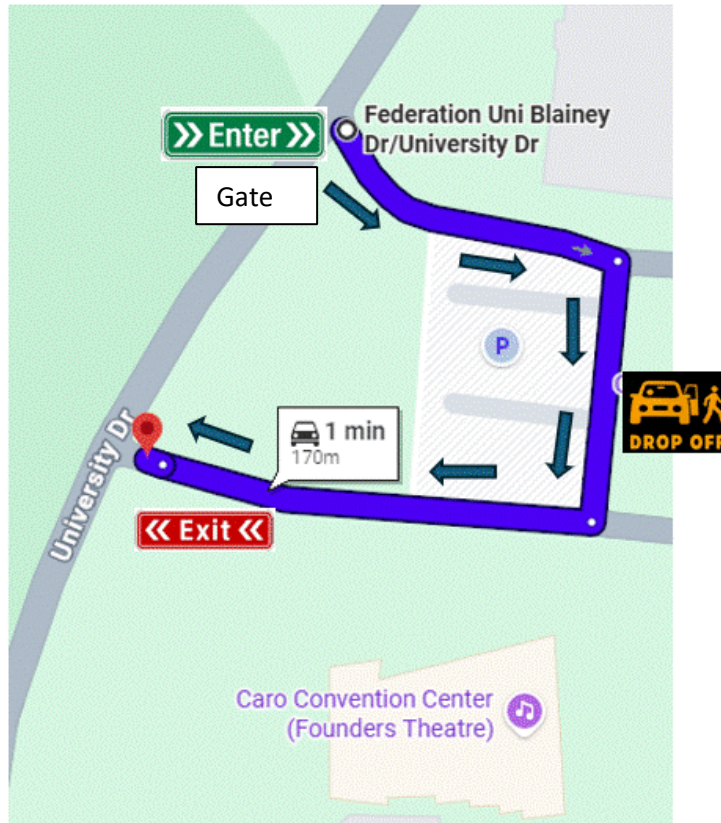
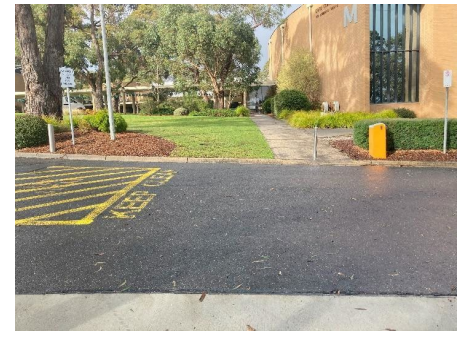
Wednesday Rehearsal & Thursday Matinee - On the days of the Wednesday Rehearsal and Thursday Matinee, children simply come to school as per normal and will be bussed to and from the performance. All students will be back at school in time for the usual 3:30pm dismissal. Please note: Scotsburn students and staff will start Wednesday and Thursday at the Buninyong Campus.

Evening Performances - We understand that many families will be dropping their child/ren off and leaving before one (or both) of the evening performances, and that's absolutely fine.

Staff wearing high-visibility vests will be waiting in Chancellor Drive, near the bus stop, to meet students as they arrive. They will escort students backstage to their class holding area, making drop-off quick and easy without needing to find a car park.

For evening drop-off, please enter the campus via **Gate 11** (see map below). Continue along Chancellor Drive, past the UniSports pool entrance and bus stop. Once you are at or just beyond the bus stop, pull over where it is safe to do so for a quick drop-off. Staff will be there to greet your child and ensure they are taken to the correct holding room.

Please be mindful that this is also a public bus route. To keep traffic flowing, we ask families to be ready for a quick "**drop and go**" rather than parking or waiting. After dropping off your child, continue along Chancellor Drive and exit via Gate 1, which is located approximately 50 metres from Gate 11.



Collecting Students at the end of Each Evening Performance -
We expect the evening concert to finish at around 8:30pm and we will be asking parents to collect their children from the allocated holding rooms. Collection points are outlined on the final page of this document and will be repeated on the concert program, which will be available for purchase at each of the performances.

All children will need to be signed out. Programs will be available for purchase at the concert for a gold coin. We will also have plenty of signage in the venue foyer to help guests find their way round.

There's no getting around the fact that the process of collecting students at the end of each concert is a slow process....it will take 15-20 minutes, so please be patient. To reduce crowding for parents collecting students from Founders Hall, we ask that just 1 parent heads off to do that job. If you want to avoid the crush, consider waiting in the auditorium for 10 minutes as the congestion will have reduced by then. ***Making sure all the students are safely connected with their parents is the priority.***

What if I'd Like to Collect my Child Before the End of the Evening Performance? - We understand there will be situations where parents will want to, or will need to, collect children before the end of one or both concerts. Parents can arrange for this to take place. Just speak to your child's teacher closer to the concert. Mind you, most children will be enjoying the social occasion and will want to stay, especially since the final act involves all students.

PARENTS HELPING BACK STAGE

For most classes, teachers will have organised a back stage parent helper or 2. Only those designated parent helpers will be allowed back stage and each of those will require a Working With Children Check. This is designed to keep students safe and is part of our commitment to providing a 'Child Safe' environment.

Our designated helpers will wear a 'Parent Helper' lanyard for easy identification.

Please rest assured that we are thoroughly planned for the concert in terms of keeping children safe, which includes:

- Supervision of corridors and toilets.
- Collecting students being dropped off to evening performances.
- Arrangements for the collection of students at the end of each evening performance.
- Managing medical conditions and the provision of first aid.

Please Note: The messages regarding parents going back stage does not stop parents collecting students early if that is their wish. Simply go to the door of the relevant holding room and ask to speak to your child's teacher.

INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS

Class teachers are preparing a note to go home with details regarding your child's act and information you need to know...please keep an eye out for that.

TOUR OF FOUNDERS HALL

On August 12th at 5pm we have a tour of our concert facility, Founders Hall at Federation University. This tour is an opportunity for any parent with an anxious child to come along and help familiarise their child with the venue. If you'd like to take up that opportunity, please send a message through to the office. Knowing how many are coming will help us cater for the number of parents and students taking the tour.



CONCERT PROGRAMS

Programs will be available for purchase (gold coin donation) outside the venue prior to each performance. The program will include a running order for acts and a map to indicate where you need to collect your children at the end of evening performances.

PARKING

The map of Federation University, which appears on the next page, shows where you can park and how to find your way to the concert venue.

- The building marked 'M' is Founders Hall (concert venue), also known as the Caro Convention Centre.
- Car parks and car park entrances can be seen on the map. Some parks are deemed permit areas up until 5pm, but most are open to the general public from 5pm onwards. **There is NO PARKING in Chancellor Drive.**
- The closest car parks are across University Drive (gravel car park) and off Chancellor Drive, but these will fill fast. Do not despair, as there will be loads of space in the Main Public Car Park, which is just a 2- or 3-minute walk from Founders Hall. There will be a trail of balloons showing the simplest walking route from

the Main Public Car Park to the venue.

- Beside the venue is a drive through (marked on the map), which will be useful for those dropping off the elderly or for dropping off students who are being left for the concert.
- Please don't park on any grassed areas as we don't want to be responsible for making a mess of these areas.



CAN MY CHILD TAKE ALONG AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE?

Students are not to bring along an iPad or mobile phone. That is to protect the privacy of all students and staff. The teachers are planning to take along resources to help keep the students occupied while they are backstage. You are welcome to send your child with items from home that you think will help keep them occupied, so long as you think they'll be able to look after them. All students will get an opportunity during each evening performance to spend some chill out time in our Tech Zone. This is a quiet space where children get to play on an iPad.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD WEAR FOR THE FINALE?

A few parents have asked whether there is anything in particular the children are expected to wear for the concert finale. The simple answer is no.



CANTEEN ROUTINE FOR CONCERT WEEK

The canteen will take lunch orders for the Tuesday (Aug 25), but there will be no opportunity to go ahead with the usual Wednesday and Friday lunch orders.

NAVIGATING THE VENUE

The map below will help you navigate the venue including:

- Where each performance will be held (Founders Hall, also known as the Caro Convention Centre)
- The Blainey Centre, which a number of our classes will be housed when not performing (3RW, 3GR, 4BP, 4AG, SC1, SC2, 5-6BW, 5-6BB, 5-6MC & 5-6JO)
- The route to drop off students to evening performances or those with mobility issues to any of the performances.
- Parking options

BUNINYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Concert at Federation University

MT HELEN CAMPUS, BALLARAT



FOUNDERS THEATRE
(CARO CONVENTION CENTRE)
CONCERT VENUE



BUILDING C
(BLAINEY CENTRE)



PARKING

Parking is available in any designated campus car park. Please follow signage and parking attendants' directions on arrival.



DROP OFF POINT

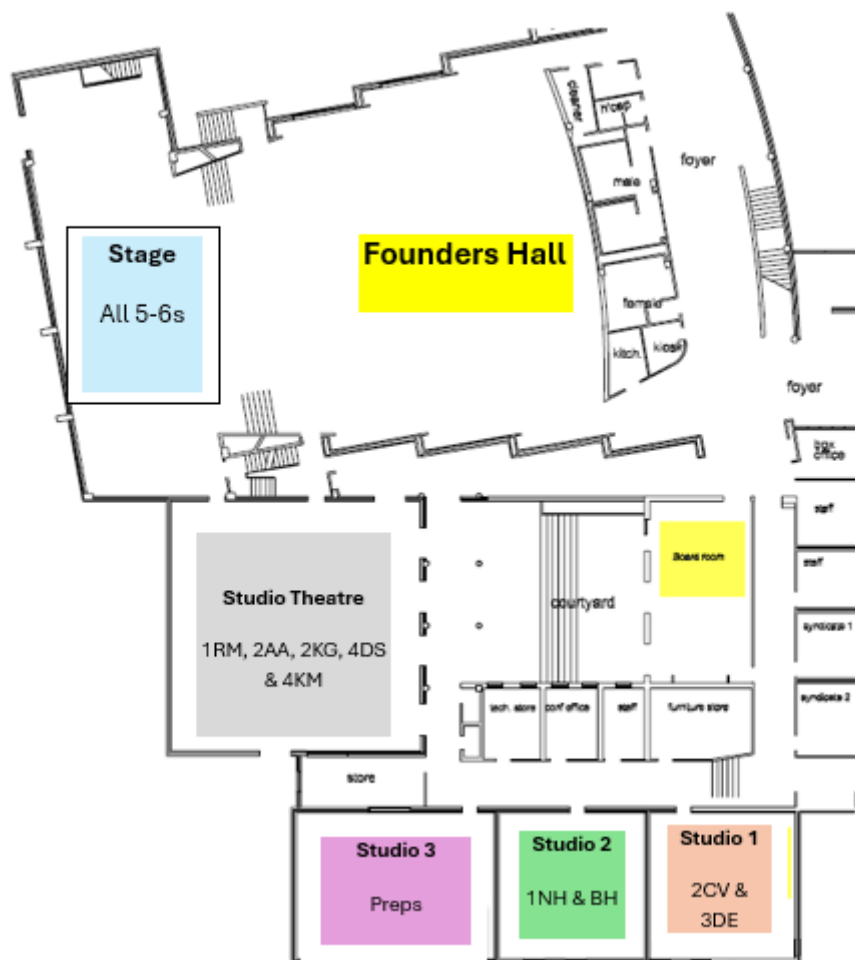
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**PLEASE FOLLOW ALL
SIGNAGE AND DIRECTIONS
ON THE DAY**

COLLECTION OF STUDENTS AT THE END OF EVENING PERFORMANCES

Most students will be collected from Founders Hall, and the map below shows collection points for the relevant classes. There will be staff guiding you. As mentioned earlier, this process will take a little while, so please be patient.



The collection point for remaining classes (3RW, 3GR, 4BP, 4AG, SC1, SC2, 5-6BW, 5-6BB, 5-6MC & 5-6JO) is at the Blainey Centre, which is a short walk across the courtyard. Simply head to the Foyer of the Blainey Centre (building C on the Fed Uni Map on the previous page) and staff will point you in the right direction to collect your child.

