

BURONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2, TERM 1, 2011 - WEDNESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY

RAINBOW DAY

Today we raised \$200 to assist schools affected by the recent floods. We decided to keep our donation local and will be sending a cheque to Cardross Primary School to help replace some of their library books that were damaged in the recent storms. Mr Chris Grimmer, Principal at Cardross was delighted to hear about the help our students were prepared to give. Thank you to all families for supporting this fundraiser.



P&C

**HI TO YOU ALL! JUST A
REMINDER ABOUT THE
CHANGE OF MEETING TIME.
THE P&C MEETING IS TONIGHT
AT 6PM!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
BE HAPPY AND KEEP SAFE,
DEANNE (PRESIDENT)**



Our happy chefs!

SCHOOL SWIMMING

All children who turn 8 this year or older will be swimming at Dareton pool on Friday afternoon. This will be followed by our swimming carnival on Friday, 25th February.

Music lessons

Joel Anderson is once again offering music lessons at our school. Lessons are given individually or in small groups each week and students can learn keyboard, guitar or drums. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument, this is a great way to start! Lessons are reasonably priced and more information is available by ringing Joel on **0417984322**.



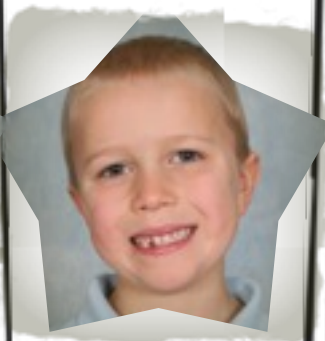
Kindergarten Star Student

Lleyton



Year 1/2 Star Student

Rhubian



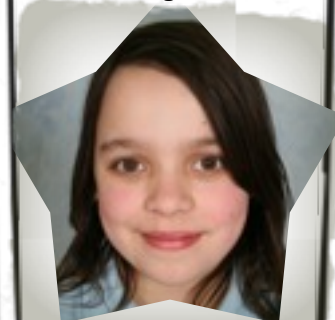
Year 3/4 Star Student

Ruby



Year 5/6 Star Student

Tegan



IMPORTANT DATES

Swimming: 18 February

Swimming Carnival:
Friday 25th February

**Murray Darling
Swimming Carnival:**
Monday, 28th February

P&C Meeting:
TONIGHT at 6:00pm

**Parent Information
Evening:** Teachers are currently planning sessions for classes. More info next week!

**PACE - Literacy for
parents - A workshop**
- Wednesday, 2nd March
(see article on right for details.)

Author, Phil Kettle:
Postponed!

Hockey Clinics:
Monday, 21st February for
Years 3/4/5/6.

**Clean Up Australia
Day - Friday, 4th
March**

**Book Club due
FRIDAY!!!!!!**

Helping your child with literacy

On Wednesday, 2nd March, Mrs Olofsson will be conducting a workshop for parents from 3:15 - 4:15pm on assisting your child with literacy. This will be the first of a series, supported by the PACE program. An invitation is extended to all parents to come along and get some handy hints. Please complete the attached form if you can attend for catering purposes. Supervision will be provided for children during the workshop. Also, let us know if an alternate time suits, as we may be able to arrange a repeat!

**FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL
RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING**

farmers and rural small business owners please be advised that Drought Assistance (EC IRS) and access to Professional Advice & Planning Grant ends on March 31, 2011.

Rural Financial Counsellors (RFC's) can assist:

- Analyse farm business viability, cash flows & budgets;
- Assist eligible clients access Government Assistance Schemes and Grants (including EC IRS and Flood damage);
- Assist clients negotiate with their lenders;
- Refer clients to accountants, agricultural advisers and educational services;
- Assist clients in considering a range of options including pre-referral succession issues;

TELEPHONE: 03 5021 1558

BURONGA OFFICE: 15 SILVER CITY HWY, BURONGA
RFC's: Brian Dodson, Wendy Davison & Graeme Thornton

Buronga Office services Western NSW & is an office of
RFCS NSW Central West Inc.

FREE BUS TO WENTWORTH SHIRE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

The Wentworth Shire Council has announced that a free bus service will run from Wentworth to transport people wishing to attend the community visioning session at the Midway Centre on March 7th.

Residents, ratepayers and community groups within the Wentworth Shire Council area are being asked to participate in the development of a long term

community plan, with Community Visioning

Sessions being held at the Midway Centre in Buronga, on the evening of March 7th, and in the Wentworth Town Hall in the morning of March 8th.

The bus will depart the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre at 6:00pm and from the front of Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) Dareton at 6:15pm, and will provide return transport at the conclusion of the session.

People wishing to use the bus service need to contact the Wentworth Shire Council on 5027 5027 by 28 February 2011.

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**Principal - Cathy
Eddie**

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please let the office know.

Remember it is also available on the school website.

STEPS

STATEWIDE EYESIGHT

**PRESCHOOLER
SCREENING**

**Free vision screening for
all 4 year old children!**

**Please contact Helen
Morris on 50217200 for
more details!**

Wentworth Junior Football & Netball Club Training

Training for U16 & U14 football will commence at 4:30
Tuesday 1 March. U10 & U12 football training will
commence at 4:30pm Wednesday 2 March at Dareton
Oval.

The Club is still seeking two football coaches.
Training for all Netball Grades is still to be advised as the
Netball Co-ordinator, and all coaching positions are still
vacant.

A meeting will be held at the Football club rooms at
Dareton on **Wednesday 23 February commencing
6:30pm** for any interested parents/carers who would like
to become involved in either football or netball, to ensure
these sports for local Children

Please contact Wendy Davison on 50274161 /
0435019926 if you can assist in any way.

Class News

Kindergarten

This week we are reading "The Three Billy Goats Gruff", designing our own troll and discussing the similarities and differences between this fairy tale and "The Three Little Pigs." Please come and see the Trolls that were painted yesterday, they are very imaginative. In Maths we are naming and learning all about 2D shapes, the circle, triangle, rectangle and square. Students are settling in very well, although tiredness is a big problem, so please ensure that your child goes to bed at a respectable time.

Thanks, Louise Olofsson

YEAR 1/2

Well done to all 1/2 students for their hard work this week! Already we have begun work on our sounds, reading and numbers. The sound of the week this week is 'th'. We have made 'Three Headed Things' using all the 'th' words we could find. Many students are able to recall words beginning with this sound!

Home reading folders have been handed out and a new home reading diary has been included to help you and your child record books. Please ensure you use this diary with your child as they will be rewarded for reading at home. It is important all students practise reading at home as this is essential for consistent reading progress.

Have a lovely week!

Thanks, Olivia Stocks

YEAR 3/4

What a colourful class we were today! Great to see students in 3/4 supporting a flood effected school in the area. It also made for a colourful Mexican wave during a brain-break today. We got our speedy wave under 3 seconds! Students have been brushing up on their dictionary skills today as well as forming their own code for the alphabet to write secret messages and plans!

Addition skills has been our focus this week in numeracy, and in art we have created trace drawings of things found in the classroom. Was great to hear that many students have read their library books - we have added more library time during class to allow for frequent borrowing, but remember that borrowing can happen during lunch too.

Homework commences this week. Thanks,

Trent Doyle

YEAR 5/6

Year 5/6 have been extra busy learning about the cooperative structures we use in class.

They have been adapting well to the new structures. There have been a few notes go home over the past week please make sure you check with your child.

If your child is absent for any reason please make sure you let me know. I will be sending home letters when needed about absences. My class newsletter will be going home early next week, keep an eye out for it!!

Have a great week. Greg
Stewart

OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome back to the new school year. It will be a busy year for Outdoor Education. We will be installing our new **aquaponics** unit this term. We will be working on our heritage and indigenous gardens and continuing to learn about sustainability and our local environment. The senior classes will be working on the landscaping around our new buildings and maintaining the existing ones. AND we have our chooks, veggie gardens and orchard to keep an eye on. Each class will incubate chickens during the year, which is very exciting. Again, if any families have any skills that can assist us in Outdoor Education, or would just like to come along at any time, just let me know. All classes are involved for one session per week. Covered shoes and HATS are required to participate in outdoor activities.

Year 5/6 students need to return excursion notes by Friday please.
Mrs Lochhead

LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE GROUP

The Language Experience Group program will commence next week. Students involved in the program have received a note and they are all looking forward to being a part of the program!

Reading with children is fun and one of the best ways to help prepare them for school.

Tip: Try not to let television intrude on reading time - set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.

Other information

Are your details up to date?

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

If your child is absent from school

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please tell your child's teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence within seven days.

Wednesday 2 March is P&C day 'Try a little Kindness' is a day for our school community to officially recognise and celebrate the contribution made by our local P&C association.

Tuesday 8 March is International Women's day International Women's Day (IWD) is a global event that celebrates the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future. More information at www.internationalwomensday.com

Selective high schools placement test – 17 March

The selective high schools test is held annually for Year 6 students wishing to enter a selective government high school. For key dates, online applications and more information for parents, see

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

Reminder: If your child has any allergy, medical condition or special needs, talk to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Fishers

Supermarkets

We are registered for the community benefits scheme !
Application forms and key tags are available from the office.



Want to be an energy and climate change leader in your community?

Get involved in Energymark

Volunteers are needed to lead discussions on energy, climate change, water and waste.

Help create a sustainable future – reduce your carbon footprint and save power at home.

You don't need to know a lot about energy and climate change to participate.

Gather a small group of people (family, friends, neighbours or workmates) for discussions and receive support and discussion material from CSIRO.

NSW Environment, Climate Change & Water

SAVE POWER WHAT CAN YOU DO IN YOUR WORLD

National Research FLAGSHIPS Energy Transformed

CSIRO

To register or for more information visit www.energymark.com.au or call 1300 119 003.

Important Reminder!

Our school now needs to be **NUT-FREE!**

Please check ingredients of all food sent to school to ensure this is the case!

Help us look after the health of all children at school!

FRUIT, FRUIT, FRUIT & VEGIES!!!!

We are still running Crunch & Sip each day. Please send in donations of fruit and/or money to help us keep this program running.



ATTENTION STUDENTS WHO ARE TURNING 8 OR OLDER!

Don't forget your bathers and towel on Friday!

PACE LITERACY WORKSHOP

NAME _____

I will be attending the workshop on Wednesday, 2nd March. YES/NO

I need child minding for _____ children, aged _____

I cannot come to that workshop, but would like to come at a different time. YES/NO

Suggested time _____