

BURONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1, TERM 1, 2011 - WEDNESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY

WELCOME

We welcome all staff, students and families, new and returning, to Buronga for the 2011 school year. Already, it is shaping up to be a busy one.

We start the year with 74 students, including 12 Kindergarten children. While we officially need 78 students to operate 4 classes, we have decided to manage our budget to retain 4 classes anyway, ensuring smaller classes and greater opportunities for your children.

NEW BUILDING

As many of you will have seen, our new facilities are in use. While there are still some small issues that need to be ironed out, it is great to have such a wonderful addition to the school and I am sure that we will make excellent use of the new building. We certainly gained value for money with our "Building the Education Revolution" money!

School times

Most families have adjusted quickly to our new school times. Our morning music starts at 8:55am, with recess being at 11:00am and lunch at 1:00pm. If your children are catching buses in the afternoon, you need to inform the school office.



SCHOOL SWIMMING

All children who turn 8 this year or older will be swimming at Dareton pool on Friday afternoons for the next 2 weeks. This will be followed by our swimming carnival on Friday, 25th February.

Many students have already returned notes, but we also need money! **The cost is \$10 for the 3 weeks or \$4 per week.**

The cost for K/1/2 children who are not turning 8 this year will be \$3 for the carnival day.

Please return notes and money by Friday.



2011 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Tyreese Kelly (Vice Captain), Kaiden Russell (Captain), Monique Mitchell (Captain), Annmarree Vartuli (Vice Captain)



2011 MAGPIE HOUSE CAPTAINS

Aimee Marlow (Vice Captain) Shannon Hann (Captain), Ryan Garraway (Captain)



2011 KOOKABURRA HOUSE CAPTAINS

Shyneeka Mitchell (Vice Captain), Britney Mitchell (Captain), Thomas Scopelliti (Captain), Levi Jackson (Vice Captain)

IMPORTANT DATES

Swimming: 11/18
February

Swimming Carnival:
Friday 25th February

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

P&C Meeting: Thursday,
17th February, 3:15pm

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

**Flood Appeal
Fundraiser:** Wednesday,
16th February. Please see
back page for details

Author, Phil Kettle:
Years 3/4/5/6 will be
travelling to Gol Gol on
Thursday 17th February to
hear Phil Kettle talk about
his writing. \$2 per student.

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

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

New Assembly Time!

Please note that school assemblies will be conducted on Fridays this term. For the 11th and 18th February, they will be at 9:00am. There will be no assembly on 25th. From Friday, 4th March, assemblies will be held at 2:30pm on Friday afternoons. They will be conducted in the new activity room. Please feel free to join us for these school activities.



P&C NEWS

Hi to you all, welcome back and I hope everyone had a great time over the holidays.

Firstly I would like to introduce myself to the new Parents and Carers we have at the school this year. My name is Deanne Jackson and I'm the President of the P&C.

We will be having a P&C meeting on Thursday 17th February at 3.15 at the school.

So please come along and meet and greet with the other families as I know it can be a little daunting at first.

Hope to see you all there. Be happy and keep safe.

Deanne Jackson

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Kindergarten - Louise Olofsson

Y1/2 - Miss Olivia Stocks

Y3/4 - Mr Trent Doyle

Y5/6 - Mr Greg Stewart

Support Teacher, Learning &

Library - Mrs Merren Cock

Support Teacher, Learning and

Class Release - Mrs Blanche

Lochhead

School Administrative Manager

- Mrs Natalie Raeck

Admin Support - Mrs Karen

Russell

Mrs Colleen Harriss

Aboriginal Education Officers -

Ms Narelle Baxter, Mr Swen

Olofsson

Class Support - Mrs Jenny

Selimovic, Mrs Donna Ricardi

General Assistant - Mr Nigel

Russell

Don't Forget!

**Swimming Money and Notes, bathers
and towels! this Friday**

**Please ensure your contact details are
up to date! If you have had a change,
please let us know.**

**We still require birth certificates and
immunisation certificates from several
families. Please send a copy to school!**

**If you would like to receive your
newsletter by email, please let the office
know. Remember it is also available on
the school website.**

Class News

Kindergarten

Welcome to all the new enrolments for 2011. We have had a busy week settling in and getting to know each other, but I am very pleased with the attitude and behaviour of all the students. Please feel free to come and see me if you or your child have any concerns. This week I will be conducting the Best Start literacy and numeracy assessment, which all Kinders are required to do. It is pretty informal and basic and I will make appointments with each family when the results are available. As students become used to school routine, it would be better if parents or carers could wait under the shelter at the end of the day, rather than the classroom door. It gets a bit crowded at times and would be easier if we all walked out together. Thanks for your understanding.

Louise Olofsson

YEAR 1/2

Welcome to the new school year 1/2! I hope you are all looking forward to lots of learning and lots of fun. We have already been working together in new table teams and our newly refurbished classroom looks fantastic.

Home Reading will start next week; this will be 1/2's homework for this term.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child or are interested in helping out with reading groups, please feel free to come in for a chat or call the office.

Thanks, Olivia Stocks.

YEAR 3/4

Last year was just so good that I couldn't refuse taking on our class for another year! It was great to see so many excited students return and a couple of new ones too! Welcome Bayley and Tristan to our wonderful class.

This week we have been focusing on class building activities - getting to know each other even better and refreshing school values and structures.

Homework and home reading will commence next week. Please make an effort to keep track of students' homework books and home reading. Remember all students in our class will be participating in swimming for sport the next two weeks. Please get the note in and have students prepared with swimming gear on Friday (in a sturdy plastic bag). Look forward to catching up with all parents over the next few weeks.

Thanks,
Trent Doyle

YEAR 5/6

Welcome to 2011! It's been great to see every one at school this week. As usual it will be a busy year.

I will be sending home a newsletter next week giving an overview of year 5/6 and what I expect to happen during the term. This will have information about homework and other classwork. I will be asking all parents/guardians to make an appointment to come in and have an informal interview about your child and to set some goals for them this year. There will be more information about this in the newsletter as well.

In the meantime please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions.

Greg Stewart

Library News

Welcome back to school everyone. We are planning for the Library to be a hive of activity this year.

Each child will be given a green Library bag on their first Library day and they can use these to borrow books.

Kinder will be given bags also but they will only be borrowing to the classroom for the first few weeks until they understand the system. The expectation of all staff members is that children will have at least one book borrowed at a time and that they will be changing them regularly.

Looking forward to a busy year,
Mrs Cock

LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE GROUP

The Language Experience Group program will be running again this year, and we are looking forward to another busy, happy and productive year.

Participation notes for the program will be being sent home early next week.

Merren C, Blanche L and Nello

Excursion Costs

In past years, most short excursions or visiting performances have been paid for in full by the school. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to continue to do this. From time to time, we will be asking for a contribution of \$2 per student. Only the first 2 children in each family need to pay, as is the case with most school activities. Some longer excursions will, of course, cost more than this and charges will reflect the type of excursion offered.

Other information

RAINBOW DAY

All of us have been shocked and moved by the devastation caused by the Queensland and Victorian floods and the bush fires in Perth.

Along with hundreds of other schools around NSW, we want to lend a hand.

So, on Wednesday 16th February, we're going to have a casual dress day. Children are encouraged to wear bright colours and be a part of the "rainbow after the storms"! We will have a sausage sizzle lunch, costing \$2 each. Children are also encouraged to bring an extra donation. Proceeds will go to assisting a nearby school that has been affected.

While the floods damaged more than 90 Queensland public schools, six TAFE institutes and more than 80 government child care centres, there was also much damage closer to home. Therefore, we will be sending our donation locally. We hope you'll join us in this worthwhile effort.

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

We are a Sunsmart School!

Remind your child to protect themselves from sun and heat exposure while at school by:

- ✓ reducing their exposure to the sun, wherever possible
- ✓ wearing broad-brimmed hats in the playground to protect the face, neck and ears
- ✓ playing in shaded areas, particularly during peak UVR times
- ✓ drinking plenty of water
- ✓ using 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Environment tip

Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country's food supplies, mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need.

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

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!

SWIMMING PERMISSION NOTE

My child _____ has permission to attend school swimming activities at Dareton pool on 11th, 18th and 25th February. Please find enclosed \$_____

Signed _____

YEARS 3/4/5/6 PHIL KETTLE

My child _____ has permission to travel to Gol Gol School by bus on Thursday, 17th February. Please find \$2 enclosed.

Signed _____

Parent/Guardian