



BURONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



WEEK 10, TERM 1, 2011 - WEDNESDAY, 30TH

SCHOOL VALUES

Our third value is "Work Safely, Play Safely". We encourage students to think about the way that they play and the consequences of their actions. Class and playground rules are designed to ensure the safety of all students. This includes wearing school hats, using equipment correctly and taking care of others.

Easter Fun Day and Cross Country

Next Friday, 8th April, is our last day of school for the term. We will have our cross country run in the morning (10:00am). We will have a healthy lunch and in the afternoon we will be having special activities with lots of prizes. It will be \$4 per student for the day's activities and lunch. All proceeds will go to Stewart House, our major school charity.



BURONGA STUDENTS STAR ON THE "PS RUBY"!

20 students were chosen to represent the school on the Ruby's cruise on Tuesday. They will be developing a documentary of the cruise using photos and video that they took.

All of the students should be congratulated on their excellent behaviour. I understand that they impressed the other passengers with their wonderful manners and enthusiasm, despite it being a much longer day than first anticipated. Well done to you all! (More photos and stories next week!)



Kinder Star Student
Jarell

1/2 Star Student
Cj

3/4 Star Student
Amy

5/6 Star Student
Kaiden



IMPORTANT DATES

P&C Meeting - Wednesday,
30th March, 7:00pm
CANCELLED

School Cross Country and Fun Day - Friday, 8th April (Last day of Term 1)

**VERY IMPORTANT!!!!
PLEASE NOTE!!!!**

**Term 2 starts
Wednesday, 27th April.
Students also attend on
Thursday, 28th. Our
Staff Development Day
(PUPIL FREE) is on
FRIDAY, 29th APRIL!**

P&C NEWS

Hi to you all
The Meeting tonight has been cancelled due to the unavailability of some committee members. We will be running another one after the Easter holidays.
Hope you all have a wonderful time over the holidays and see you all when you return.
Keep safe and be happy
Cheers Deanne

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL ON TIME!

Please make sure you get your children to school on time. I know that it is hard with it being so dark in the mornings, but it is important that students do not miss any classes. Also, please ensure that if you know that your child is going to be away, please let the school know by ringing or sending a text.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

ALCHERINGA JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

Once again, winter tennis is getting ready to start. All ages, up to 16 welcome. All abilities.
Competition is run each Saturday morning, beginning 7th May, through to September.
Practice sessions every Wednesday afternoon.
Registration, hit up and grading is WEDNESDAY, 6th April at 5.00pm (at Gol Gol courts, Sturt Hwy.) Bring your tennis racquet, hat and water bottle.
Enquiries to:
Louise Olofsson 50238843 (AH)
email: louisewenolofsson@gmail.com



JUNIOR HOCKEY

Want to have a go at a different sport? The Sunraysia Hockey Association will once again be running its Under 9 and Under 11 competitions on Saturdays, beginning next term. Please see Mrs Eddie for more details. Players will be put into teams upon registration. Competition starts at the beginning of May.

BURONGA GOL GOL OOSHC SERVICES

I wish to thank both schools and families for their support and help in keeping our OOSHC service.
I would like to advise that we are currently taking bookings for the April school holidays. We have limited spaces and they are filling quickly.
Please call Amanda on 0467345912 to book.
A program is available in today's newsletter or from Amanda or Sherryl.

TEETH CLEANING!

Lisa visited the school last week and each class had a practice at cleaning their teeth.
Plaque disclosing liquid was used to show up the problem areas. I think some students got a bit of a shock!

Wentworth Shire Libraries
April School Holiday Activities

Flight Story
Games
Craft

Bookings essential
Caretan Library, ph. 50274258
Wednesday 13 April, 2pm-3pm
Wentworth Library, ph. 50275060
Thursday 14 April, 11am-12 noon
Bungaree Library, ph. 50233078
Friday 15 April, 11am-12 noon

Visit or phone your library to book your place!

Hot Cross Buns! Don't forget to get those orders in by THURSDAY!

Remember that what is raised comes off your child's excursion expenses!

Easter Raffle

Please bring in items for our raffle! We would love to have lots of items! They can be left at the school office.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

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Principal - Cathy Eddie

Remember it is also available on the school website.

www.buronga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Cyber-safety tips - Safe passwords

Encourage your child to set passwords that are easy to remember but hard to guess.

The best passwords mean something memorable to you, but wouldn't be randomly guessed by others. Select passwords that are:

- **Long** - the more characters your password has, the lower the probability that it can be randomly cracked.
- **Diverse** - use a range of different characters including capital letters, numbers and special characters (like a \$).

More tips at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/cybersafety/yr2009/passwords.php

Encourage your child to be a good digital citizen

Life online works better when people maintain good manners and treat each other as they'd like to be treated. Talk about this with your child and it may lead to a decline in bullying behaviour and disagreements that children have.

More safety tips can be found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/cybersafety/yr2008/staysafe.php

Class News

Kindergarten

On Friday the class made Gingerbread Men and they were delicious!! Well done to every-one who behaved sensibly in the kitchen. Our final fairy tale for the term is The Elves And The Shoemaker, a less known story for many. We are still busy learning the alphabet and alphabetical order plus numbers to 20. Most students will be taking home their Best start assessment letters this week, they give parents great ideas on how to improve number and reading knowledge with their child at home. Please take the time to read them and try some of the ideas. Keep reading those books. Many students will be reaching or have surpassed the 25 nights of reading this week. Well done. Congratulations to Jarell Ritchie, star student for this week.

Thanks, Louise

YEAR 1/2

So many hard workers in 1/2 this week! We have started a new class book - 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. We have been carefully reading sentences from the book and dreaming up new and exciting monster names! In maths we have begun counting by 10's and measuring length. Using paddle pop sticks and straws we have measured the length of our bodies and the classroom.

Well done to all those consistent home readers. 3 people have already made it to 25 nights reading, and 6 people are very close! Next term we will start weekly homework. This will be revision of class work and fun activities to try at home.

Also, we will be running Easter craft activities next week so if any parents would like to come in and help that would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you, Olivia Stocks

YEAR 3/4

Our class has been discussing different laws and rules found in our community. We have been identifying the difference between them and reflecting on the consequences of breaking them. We have looked at ways that they are communicated, including through fables, advertising and in the case of aboriginals, dreamtime stories. Small groups have started to plan a community service announcement to communicate a chosen law or rule.

In maths we have been focusing on the topic of money. This Saturday will give students another chance to handle money with the next farmers markets being held. Our class will be displaying our fish projects, selling herbs and collecting mobile phones for youth cancer. Please let me know if your child can assist on the day - it was a great time had by all (8:30 - 12 noon Saturday).

Home reading - Students are given class time on Thursday for home borrowing. Today, your child has been given a home reading logbook to record home reading. The log book is filled with hints on reading and comprehension, and stickers to help motivate. Remember to log each night's reading and don't forget: LIBRARY BAGS ON THURSDAY! Thanks, Trent Doyle

YEAR 5/6

What a great day we had yesterday on the PS Ruby. Mrs Lochhead and I received many compliments from the other passengers about the children and how well they were behaving. Well done Buronga.

I did forget home work last week in the excitement of hearing speeches. There is homework this week.

There's only one and a half weeks to go until the end of term. I will be asking the school captains and vice captains to attend the Mildura Anzac day ceremony at Henderson Park on April 25th. The march usually starts at 10:30 am and the service begins at 11:30 am. When I receive confirmation of times I'll send a note home letting you know when children are needed at Henderson Park. All year 5/6 children are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Thanks, Greg

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Grade 5/6 were really 'outdooring it' this week with our Ruby trip that involved most of the 5/6 students.

In grade 3/4 we are continuing our work on our chosen species of fish from the basin and completing our projects for presentation in the final week of this term and to show at the Farmer's market this weekend at the Ornamental Lakes.

In the infant rooms, we are continuing our study of the new chickens and monitoring how they grow and change over the next couple of weeks in K/1/2. Please come and see them if you are in the school.

Mrs Lochhead

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to 1/2 who were the largest group of borrowers for the last week with nearly half the class bringing their book bags on Library day and borrowing a book. Remember the premier's Reading Challenge has commenced and there will be a celebration for all those children who complete the challenge. Holidays are looming so it would be great if anyone who has an overdue book could bring it back before the end of term. I am more than happy for books to be borrowed over the holidays.... I know it is when I get my best reading time in.

Happy reading

Mrs C

LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE GROUP

We had a lovely time on our excursion to Walker's Millewa wheat and cattle farm last Wednesday. We learned all about the HUGE machinery and equipment needed to plant and harvest the wheat. The students asked some great questions and did some fantastic follow up work. Look at our photos below! We will be having lunch for L.E.G.s families prepared by the students in the last week of term, on Wednesday, the 6th of April at 12.45 in the new room at the end of the infant block. L.E.G.s students will be preparing the food so please indicate on the note that comes home with your child today to let us know if you can come, for catering purposes. We will be showing you some of the work we have been doing this term and catching up about how your child is going in L.E.G.s. Look forward to seeing you there.
Mrs Lochhead and Mrs Cock



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Please remember to send a note if your child has been absent from school. There are two blank notes below that you can use.

Buronga Public School proudly acknowledges the ongoing support of our local community bank. Student banking is available at school. Start your child an account today! Please see the office for details



Buronga Public School
Absence Note
Student Name _____

My child was absent from school on ___/___/2011
Reason -Sick Family Appointment Other
Details _____

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

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