



BURONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



WEEK4, TERM 2, 2011 - WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY AND STEWART HOUSE DAY.

On Friday, 20th May, it is "Walk Safely To School" day. We will have a shared breakfast of cereal juice and toast for \$2.00 per child from 8:30am. We will also be selling Stewie the Dolphin key rings on behalf of Stewart House. These have an LED light in the nose and cost \$2.

MIND YOUR MONEY!

On Wednesday, June 1st, the school will be having a special "Mind Your Money" day. We will have representatives from the Wentworth Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank at school. All children were given application forms last week. You are encouraged to return them with the appropriate documents on the day so accounts can be opened for the children. The P&C will give each student who has or opens an account with the Wentworth Community Bank, \$2 towards their savings. This is on top of the \$5 given by the bank. The first 20 accounts opened will also get a money box. Bank books are collected from the school each week. Children are encouraged to bank a small amount each week. This could just be some loose change that has been collected.

We will also be having some special maths activities about money between recess and lunch and will have a shared lunch as well.

Please come along and open an account for your child, join in some fun activities and have lunch too.

We are also planning a session on financial literacy for Aboriginal parents with the PACE program for the afternoon. This will run from 1:30pm - 2:30pm.

**PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS, GRANDPARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS!
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY JOHN JOSEPH, "THE BRAIN MAN"!**

**THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED!
Parenting with the Brain in Mind**

A special session designed with the busy family in mind. Learn how to manage family and corporate responsibilities and remain sane! Enjoy your work-life balance!

Tuesday, 7th June, 7:00pm - 8:30pm - COOMEALLA GOLF CLUB. (Tea and coffee and light supper provided)

RSVP - Buronga Public School 50232260, or buronga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au by Friday, 3rd June

WORKING BEE

We have planned to clean out the big shed on Saturday, 4th June, starting at 1:00pm. We will be getting rid of excess equipment and furniture, so if you are helping, you will get first choice! Please indicate on the attached form if you can help. At the moment, there are not many, and as the saying goes - 'Many hands make light work!'

**Kindergarten Star
Student
Shakayla**

**Year 1/2 Star
Student
Jason**

**Year 3/4 Star
Student
Reyne**

**Year 5/6 Star
Student
Naphiena**



IMPORTANT DATES

VIBE ALIVE - 24-27 May
- Y5/6 selected students

Circus Arts visit -
Monday, 30 May - whole school

Monday/Tuesday, June 6/7 - John Joseph - "The Brain Man - most Y4-6 students will be completing this workshop

MDPSSA /Barrier Cross Country - Friday, 3rd June

P&C - Monday, 6th June, 3:00PM

Tuesday, 7th June - Parent Workshop - John Joseph - Parenting with the Brain in Mind - Coomealla Club - 6:30 - 8:00pm. "Some of the best information you will ever get as a parent!"

MALLEE 12 2011
SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2011.
Race starts at Old Mildura Homestead at 9:00am
There is a special kids' section - 4km, or join in the community walk.
Enter online:
www.runningwateradventures.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

P&C NEWS

Hi to you all

Would just like to remind people about the Banking Day at School on the 1st June. Please have forms returned by then so your child will not miss out on having their own bank account for their future.

Also our SHED CLEAN UP on Saturday 4th June at 1pm just a hour of your time would be a great help. I know people have sport on this day, that's why we have made it in afternoon. The more people we have, the quicker we will be!

Lastly there will be a Meeting on Monday 6th June at 3pm in the school. This is to do about the Festival so please pop in as you are picking up your children, for some idea's. Hope there will be a number of families at at least 1 of 3 events in June! It would be nice to see.

Cheers Deanne Jackson, President

National Simultaneous Story Time

All students will be participating in this activity next Wednesday at 11:00am. Kindergarten will be visiting the Buronga Library. The book being shared this year is "Feathers for Pheobe" by Rod Clement.

CELEBRATING FAMILY WEEK



Parent & Carers
Come And Share Your Stories

DATE:
Thursday
19TH MAY

TIME:
1.30pm

For More
Information
Please Contact
Nanna or Mel On:
50 274 067

AFTER-NOON TEA
IS PROVIDED

Come and Share your
Stories

Please bring along pho-
tos (old and new)

To Photo copy and
Laminate

Where:

Dareton Library
Senior Citizens Con-
ference Room



All the best to our Y5/6 students who are participating in Vibe Alive next week in Bendigo. I am sure they will have a great time! Both teams have been practicing hard to get their dances ready to perform.

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Remember it is also available on the school website.
www.buronga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

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. For a limited time only, each Buronga student who opens an account, will get \$2 from the school to put in it! Each week, students can have bank deposits collected at school! This is a great way to start saving!

Wentworth & District
Community Bank Branch **Bendigo Bank**



Class News

Kindergarten

Today we are having the great unveiling of the Kindergarten "Guess The Baby Competition". Parents are welcome to come in and have a look at the display and maybe pick out a few faces. The toddlers are relatively easy, but some of the babies are quite difficult. Come and see for yourselves! In Letterland, this week, we have met Lucy Lamp Lady and tomorrow, Clever Cat. We are also beginning our new text today, "The Farmyard Cat". In MATHs, we are learning all about volume and identifying containers that are full, empty or half full. Let your child have a look in the pantry and find things that are full or nearly empty. Congratulations to Shakayla Mitchell, star student for this week. Thanks, Louise

Guess Who?



YEAR 1/2

This week in 1/2 we are continuing work on our class text – 'Herbert and Harry'. We have been cutting up sentences and finding new and interesting words to learn. In maths we have begun work on halves and quarters and had an exciting lesson cutting up fruit! Our COGS unit for this term is Fantastic Families! We have constructed our family trees and will be doing lots of work surrounding family and community history. If you have family photos students may bring in 1 or 2 to share with the class.

Homework this week is a find-a-word, due back on Friday. Friday is also 'Walk Safely to School Day' and it would be excellent to see 1/2 students participating.

Well done to a few students who have reached 50 nights home reading! You should feel very proud of your efforts.

Have a great week,
Olivia Doyle.

YEAR 3/4

With NAPLAN done and dusted, our class started a new unit titled: "Our Fleeting Past". We will be studying Australian history, primarily early European contact with Australia and the country's colonisation. Feel free to bring in any cool Australian historic information or items to share with the class. Our focus in maths this week is on Time. Students should be encouraged to read the time and calculate how long or how much time is left in everyday activities etc. Homework this week will be based on time. In literacy we have been looking at contractions. I can't guarantee a great prize, but I'd give a lucky dip to whoever can spot all the contractions in this news article. Students shouldn't find too many, as I couldn't. But I wouldn't let that deter you.

I'll also remind you that the markets are on this Saturday. This could be the last market before we have a rest, as I'll be on baby watch soon (baby due June 12). Let me know if you'll be able to help at the stall.

That's all,
Trent Doyle

YEAR 5/6

What a busy time we've been having. Hopefully this week will be a normal week. Homework went home today. As I'll be in Bendigo with the Vibe students I won't be able to collect it next week.

In class we have started a unit of work about Australian history which will be looking at events that have made Australia the country that it is today. We have also been learning about number patterns and multiplying by ten and multiples of ten.

Please remember that we have access to study ladder (www.studyladder.com.au) which has some great language and maths activities. These are great to use as an activity at home when needed. All children should be reading at home and are able to choose books from the school library as well as the Buronga library. We are completing the Premier's reading challenge this year which involves the children reading a set number of books.

LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE GROUP

Nice to be back to work in L.E.G.s this week. We have been learning about using commas in lists, working together to reinforce the types of behaviour that we would see in the RAISE Responsibility levels, Reading and spelling and speaking in social situations. We have also decorated some cakes for Ernie and Mason's recent birthdays and done some fantastic writing on Monday.

We will be cooking on Thursday when we will be making rissoles and vegetables to have for lunch.

Students in L.E.G.s will not need to bring lunch tomorrow.

We have had a change to the date of our next excursion, which was to be on Wednesday the 1st of June.

We will now be going on our next full day excursion to the GTS Truck depot and the MRCC Nursery and animal shelter on Wednesday the 8th of June. Notes will go home next week.

Mrs Lochhead and Mrs Cock

LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing has been better again this week. Congratulations to grade 5/6 who were the best borrowers this week.

Keep reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Remember there will be a celebration for those children who successfully complete the challenge. Keep bringing those book bags!

Mrs Cock

FRIDAY COOKING GROUP

Please remember if your child is doing cooking in interest groups on Friday that they will not require lunch. This week we will be making sausage rolls.

This is for Mrs Cock's cooking group ONLY!

Mrs Cock

OUTDOOR ED NEWS

This week in Outdoor Education, grades 3/4 and 5/6 have been working with Bonnie Pettett from the Lower Murray Darling CMA and surveying the water creatures to ascertain the health of the Buronga wetland. We had a lovely time on Tuesday and today when we found a number of creatures that indicated the water quality was reasonable but nowhere near the number or diversity we found last Spring. We conducted a number of water quality tests and attempted to identify the creatures we found from Taxonomy Keys that Bonnie provided. There was a bit of mud, so I apologise if your son or daughter came home muddy, but it was all in a good cause!

Our Aquaponics fish tanks have arrived and the rest of the unit will be arriving in the next couple of weeks. There has been quite a bit of digging and cleaning work to be done to get it all organised. Thank you to the 5/6 boys who have been digging the hole for the sump tank. A HUGE thank you to Ali Eddie who worked REALLY hard to clean out the shed in readiness for the unit's arrival. Super job.

EISTEDDFOD - Our students are busy starting to rehearse for various items for the eisteddfod. I congratulate all students who have volunteered to participate. I am sure they will enjoy the experience!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Please remember to send a note if your child has been absent from school.

There is a blank note below that you can use.

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, let the school know by ringing or sending a text.

Buronga Public School

Absence Note

Student Name _____

My child was absent from school on ____/____/2011

Reason - Sick ☐ Family ☐ Appointment ☐ Other ☐

Details _____

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

SHED WORKING BEE

YES! I can help at 1:00pm on Saturday 4th June.

I can bring a ute or trailer. _____

FAMILY NAME

Signed _____

Parent/Guardian