



# BURONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



WEEK 5, TERM 2, 2011 - WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY

## 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:buronga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) by Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!'

Circus Arts.

On Monday morning students in Year 2 to 6 will be lucky enough to attend a workshop teaching circus skills. This will be an hour long and will focus on juggling and other coordination skills. At the end of the workshop, they will get to present a brief show to the rest of the school and teachers, demonstrating their new found skills. The workshop starts promptly at 9.00 so please ensure your child arrives at school on time, wearing sensible shoes. There will be no cost for this as it is fully subsidised by CAP funding and in-school funds. Thanks, Louise Olofsson

**Kindergarten Star  
Student  
Mannie**



**Year 1/2 Star  
Student  
Amity**



**Year 3/4 Star  
Student  
Amy**



**Year 5/6 Star  
Student  
Anna**



## IMPORTANT DATES

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](http://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

Today our students participated in this national event.

Kindergarten visited the Buronga Library. The book being shared this year was "Feathers for Pheobe" by Rod Clement.

### AQUAPONICS

Buronga Public School has been busy with Outdoor Ed. We have been busy this team with aquaponics. All the students have been working really hard in class this year. Aquaponics is about growing fish and plants and Monique Mitchell, a student at the school, said that it was an awesome idea. Buronga has been learning about water systems and the students have been helping to set up our aquaponics unit.

By Monique

### Milo at Recess

The L.E.G.s students will be selling warm Milo at recess on Tuesdays and Fridays for 50c a cup during this term. All students may purchase a drink. if they wish.

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY AND STEWART HOUSE DAY.

**On Friday, 20th May, we had "Walk Safely To School" day. We shared breakfast and sold Stewie the Dolphin key rings on behalf of Stewart House.**

### SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

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Remember it is also available on the school website.

[www.buronga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://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 Australia celebrated simultaneous story time and as part of this the class went to visit the Buronga Public Library. We listened to "Feathers For Pheobe" by Rod Clement at 11.00, along with many other schools, pre-schools and libraries. Thanks to Alison Curry for inviting us along. In Letterland this week, we have met Clever Cat and Munching Mike and in Maths we are learning how to gather data and organise it into a graph.

Congratulations to Mena on the safe arrival of her new brother and also to Mannie Adams, star student for this week.

Thanks, Louise

## YEAR 1/2

Fantastic work has been happening in 1/2 this week. We have begun work on our new Reading to Learn text – 'Finding Nemo', which is very exciting for many students. We will be reading and writing sentences about the film and learning about the characters and setting. In maths we are continuing work on halves and quarters, but now are looking at halving groups and sharing money. For our COGS unit 'Fantastic Families!' we are and learning about ways to keep in touch with family members such as letter writing, emails and telephone conversations.

Homework this week is a sound matching activity to make simple words. This is due back on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> May. Home Readers need to be read at home everyday, this is very important for reading progress. Well done to students reaching 50 nights or more!

This is Miss Wagstaff's last week at Buronga. 1/2 would like to thank her for all her hard work and awesome lessons! We all had a great time – we will miss you!

Thanks, Olivia Doyle.

## YEAR 3/4

On Saturday we had another successful day at the Farmer's markets. Students demonstrated how we use ipod touch technology in class for teaching maths. But the thought of doing maths early Saturday morning scared some customers! We still managed to sell a heap of herbs (thanks to Bayley & Mrs Lochhead for their herb donations). We eventually completely sold out, and made over \$40! Money raised will go towards a class investment! Thanks to Jarrad, Bayley, Lauren, Alyssa, Chelsea and Patrick for their time.

Students have been researching various European sea explorers as part of our Collie project this term (Country Area Program initiative). We are getting to know the explorers before Collie the gnome starts sending us clues on his top explorer. Remember to record home reading and bring in your log books with your library bag tomorrow!

Thanks,  
Trent Doyle

The teams at Vibe!



## YEAR 5/6

### A MESSAGE FROM MR STEWART - SENT LAST NIGHT!

Hi from Bendigo..... we've arrived safe and sound, my ears are a bit sore but we're here. Everyone has settled into our accommodation, had tea (thanks Narelle and Ali) and gone to bed. Tomorrow will be our first day at Vibe which will be very exciting for everyone involved. I sure everyone will participate enthusiastically and do their best no matter what. I'll let the school know on Friday morning roughly what time we will be arriving back in the afternoon.

Goodnight  
Greg

## REMINDERS

**Cross Country notes need to be returned as soon as possible.**

**Notes for the John Joseph workshop also need to be returned.**

## FRIDAY ACTIVITY GROUPS

**There are no groups this week or next.**

## LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE GROUP

This week in L.E.G.s we have been doing further work on the levels of behaviour at school. The group enjoyed the play that Tegan and Amy worked on in their own time and presented yesterday. Well done girls on your level D behaviour!

We will be cooking on Thursday when we will be making pizza rolls and soup to have for lunch.

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

A reminder that 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 8<sup>th</sup> of June. Notes have gone home with a parent L.E.G.s Evaluation form. Thank you to those people who have already returned those. We would appreciate the rest of those back as soon as possible.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Well done to those students who have been borrowing consistently! It is pleasing to see so many children enjoying our great library! Today the school participated in Simultaneous Storytime, which is an Australia-wide sharing of a story at 11.00am. The children enjoyed sharing the story "Feathers for Phoebe" by Rod Clement.

Mrs Cock

## OUTDOOR ED NEWS

We are getting closer to getting our Aquaponics unit every day. We now have the sump in and we have started to dig the trench for the pipes for the water system. Thank you again to those grade 5/6 boys who have been working SO hard!

Our veggie gardens are growing well. We should have some lovely winter veggies shortly to cook with and share. Our chooks have started to lay. Only one egg a day so far but they should all be laying soon. We look forward to incubating some chickens the natural way in the not-too-distant future.

Our fruit trees are entering dormancy and will need pruning soon. We will show the senior classes how to prune the trees in readiness for when they plant their own orchards at home. A reminder that now is the time to go and get your fruit trees and plant them... wouldn't a nice peach, apricot or nectarine, perhaps an apple or cherry, be a great weekend project to plant.

Mrs Lochhead

## SPORTS NEWS FLASH!

**We wish Monique and Anna all the best next week, as they travel to the State Soccer Carnival as a part of the Barrier team! We know that you will represent our school wonderfully! Kick some goals, girls!**

**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