



# BURONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week Five-Wednesday 16th May 2012

## WHAT'S ON

•Naplan testing will be held on Tuesday 15th/ Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May for years three and five.

•Special Sportspersons Day cancelled for Wednesday 16th May. It is rescheduled to Wednesday 23rd May. An order form will go home for pies and sausage rolls on Monday 21st May for the sportsperson's day lunch.

•Cake stall at recess on Thursday 17th May. \$2 each.

•Interest Groups will be held every Friday.

## Upcoming Events for P and C:

**Please put these dates in your diary and help out when you can.**

**Wed 16th May: Pie Drive Forms Due Back**

**25th May: Pie's Delivered**

**7th June: PSP Catering**

**13th June: Hot Dog Lunch**

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Principal

Belinda Mirana

## Principal's News

I have been here 4 weeks now and just love coming to school everyday. I have been very busy, still meeting everyone and trying to keep up with all the great activities the teachers at Buronga Public School do. It has also been nice talking to parents on the phone when students come down to me with good work. I want to emphasise that my door is always open. If you would like to talk to me about an issue or just want to chat about your child/ren, please give the school a ring and organise a time. I am not always in the office, as being a Principal of a small school, I teach some of the time too.

On Friday there is a stop work meeting from 9-11. There will be minimal supervision during this time as many of the teachers from Buronga Public School will be attending. Therefore I have no option than to postpone our Walk to School day until the following Friday (25<sup>th</sup> May). Bouncy balls will be given out on this day too. So if you haven't already paid your \$2 for breakfast and \$3 for a bouncy ball, you now have an extra week to get your money in. Classes will be as normal from 11am this Friday.

Next week I will be travelling with Mr Stewart to Broken Hill to attend the "Courage to Care" presentation on Monday. Other schools in the district have already attended this worthwhile presentation about having the courage to care about others. We will be travelling with Wentworth Public School. During next week I will also be out of the school at a Principal meeting at Tibboburra. Mr Stewart will be replacing me as Principal on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday next week sees our Year 6 students at the "Leadership conference" in Mildura, so Mrs Cock will be Principal on this day.

Next Tuesday we are having the official opening of our Aquaponics fish tanks. We have invited some important people who have had a lot to do with this fantastic project, including the Bendigo Bank, NSW Government Eco Schools grant, Buronga P & C and Bunnings. The official opening starts at 10am, so if you would like to come down and see our fish we would love to see you. This will be followed by a morning tea at 11am. I would like to thank Mrs Lochhead for working tirelessly to organise the grants, access the materials and get this project off the ground. It is truly unique among schools and one of which she should be proud of.

Good luck to our girls Courtney and Alley who are travelling to represent the district at Barrier sport in the next couple of weeks. You and your families have worked tirelessly to raise funds to support your trips to Sydney. I would like to wish you both the best of luck at these events.

Belinda Mirana

Principal

There will be a stop-work meeting on Friday morning between 9 am and 11am. There will be MINIMUM STAFF SUPERVISION between these times. Classes will be as normal from 11am.

We are taking orders for winter jackets. Please see Nat in the Office. The cost is \$35. Please order by Friday or you will miss out.

Could all parent/carer please fill out a LOWER MURRAY MEDICARE LOCAL survey by accessing [www.lowermurrayml.com.au](http://www.lowermurrayml.com.au) by the 18th May. It is a very important survey to complete, as the government is trying to work out our community's needs for healthcare. Please log on and have your say to improve healthcare in your area.

## Class News

### Kinder

This week we are learning the letters a and c and in maths we are making equal groups, which is an early multiplication strategy. In art, the class distorted photographs of themselves by cutting them up. They are on display in the classroom if you would like to come and have a look. Don't forget library day is now on Tuesday's and the sport person's day has been postponed. Electives start this Friday, with Kinder cooking with Mrs Cock. Congratulations to Jorja In'tven, star student for this week. Thanks, Louise



Jorja In'tven  
Star student

There have been so many fantastic workers in the Year 1 classroom this week! We have all been enjoying working together and have made some amazing monsters of our own after finishing our class text "Where the Wild Things Are".

This week we are starting a new book called "Miss Lily's Fabulous Pink Feather Boa" by Margaret Wild. Get ready for some Aussie animal fun! In maths we will be starting work on collecting data and making simple graphs and charts. Well done to all students keeping up with their home reading - it is great to see your improvement. Keep it up!

Year 1 now have Library every Tuesday, so remember to bring in any library books on this day.

Please feel free to come in and see your child's work before or after school. You are most welcome!  
Have a wonderful week,

Olivia Doyle



Shakayla  
Mitchell  
Star Student

Year one news

## Year 2/3 News!

I hope everyone had a lovely day on Sunday for Mothers day. We were very lucky to have a visit from Bunnings last week. They helped us paint and pot a plant to give to someone special. I hope you all liked it! This week is a very busy week with the year 3 children sitting the Naplan test. Good luck to them. In Mathematics we are looking at Pattern and Algebra. In literacy we are writing an information report. We are concentrating on proof reading and editing our work. Our star student of the week is Jim Harvey. Awards were also given out to Heather Olofsson (Excellent home reading) and Kye Fawdry for working hard on his spelling words. Just a reminder that 2/3 have library on Mondays so please bring your library bag on these days. Interest groups start this Friday and I am looking forward to meeting more students in the school. We almost have the whole class returning readers everyday.

Well done year 2/3!

Have a great week.



Bernadette Hogarth

Jim Harvey  
Star student

## Year 3/4/5

Last week our class presented speeches on the topic "that video games are bad for you". Students watched a BTN report on some of the tricks video games use to hook you in. The class was divided on the virtues and dangers of gaming. Well done to all the brave arguments presented. Last week our class also enjoyed working with Bunnings to create our Mother's Day pot plants. Students painted lovely pots and planted pretty violas - now the trick is keeping them alive! Well done to our Year 3 and 5 students for applying themselves during this weeks NAPLAN tests. Last one tomorrow, so get a good night's sleep!

Thanks, Trent Doyle



Shanee Watson  
Star student



Bunnings Day: painting pots



## **Year 5/6 News**

Year 5 are almost finished NAPLAN, only one day to go. They are doing a great job. If you have any questions about the testing at this stage please contact the school. There are still some outstanding notes for Courage to Care (year 5 and 6), Impact Leadership (Year 6). These notes need to be returned by tomorrow so that I can confirm numbers attending. Spare notes are available in the front office.

There are also still some Canberra notes that haven't been returned yet. If you would like to discuss payments etc for the excursion please see either myself or Mrs Mirana.

Have a great week

Greg



## **L.E.G.s PROGRAM NEWS**

Due to NAPLAN, The Language Experience Group will not be running this week. We did walk to the slipway and saw the Coonawarra on Monday, which was a great experience and we did lots of talking about boats and the parts of the paddleboat.

**We will not be cooking this week.**

Mrs Lochhead and Mrs Cock

## **OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS**

Our silver perch fingerlings have arrived and are going really well. The water temperature, which is below 14 degrees Celcius, means that the fish will not be very active for the next few months until it warms up a little. Water testing that the grade 5/6 have been conducting, shows the water is in the correct PH, ammonia, nitrite and nitrate range for the fish, so they are very happy. There are 130, approximately twelve months old and 40 – 50mm in length. We have planted some more strawberry, coriander, mizuna, rocket and salad lettuce to add to the tomatoes, and chard. EXCITING!!!

Thanks to grade six who are trenching for the chook waterer this week while grade 5 are doing the NAPLAN. We will have the poly to the pen THIS WEEK! Thanks grade 6! WELL DONE!

Our new bush tucker plants have arrived here at school. They will be the next big project for the senior grades, completing the indigenous food garden down near the fire pit. Any community members who wish to assist with this project would be welcomed with open arms!!!

The grand opening of the Buronga Public School Aquaponics Project will be next Tuesday the 22nd of May at 10.00am. We have invited some guests and media and any family or community members who wish to attend are MORE than welcome. Just give the office a ring on 50232260 to let us know you intend on coming for catering by Friday. An invitation is on the back of the newsletter.

Mrs Lochhead

There is currently headlice within the school. Could you please check your child's hair. If you find any eggs or live lice, could you please keep the child home and treat the child's hair before sending your child back to school. This prevents other students from getting lice in their hair, and spreading it around the school. Please find attached a flyer that explains what to look for in your child's hair. Just below is a homemade preventative spray that you can make up at home.

The University of Queensland is conducting new research to find out what parents, of children aged 2 to 12 years, think about parenting and parenting programs to help us improve available services. This is an international survey and we hope to gain a significant understanding of Australian parents' specific needs to contribute to a world-wide understanding of parents' opinions.

**Tell Us What You Think About Parenting"**

The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research into parents' thoughts about parenting and parenting programs around the world. If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear your views on your parenting and the services that are available to you as a parent. We are looking for parents with a child aged 2-12 to complete a short survey. To find out more or to participate please visit <http://psy.uq.edu.au/ips>.

*Head Lice Preventative*

*Spray*

1 Litre of water  
5 mls of Lavender Oil  
5 mls of Eucalyptus Oil  
2 whole Cloves

*(All ingredients can be found at the supermarket)*

**P and C News**

- **The pie drive money is due back today (Wednesday 16th May) 2012.**
- **The special sportsperson day has been cancelled. It will now be held on the following week. (Wednesday May 23rd). If you have paid money already, it will be carried forward to the new date and your child will be able to participate on the 23rd May. An order form and envelope will go home next Monday (21st May). Large pies \$2.50, Small pies \$2, Homemeade sausage roll large \$2, small \$1.50. Sorry for any inconvenience.**



Bunnings visit at school



## MILDURA POTTERY CLUB

After school classes for creative kids

Commencing NOW!!

Tuesdays 4:30 - 6pm

Wednesdays 4.30 - 6pm

\$15.00 per session

All enquiries phone Jayne on 50 221866



## **BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY**

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2012. Students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family.

Find out more!

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Chantel Woods

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## **PLAYGROUP AT BURONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL:**

**Playgroup is held every Tuesday between 9.30am and 11.30 am at Buronga Public School in the Big Room. Please bring a healthy snack. Any enquiries contact Lauren Harriss (0407 524 455)**

**All welcome**

**There will be a cake stall to raise money for the kids going to Sydney this Thursday 17th at recess. The cost of the cakes are \$2 each. This money will go towards helping Courtney Watson and Alley Olver to go away to Barrier Sports carnivals in Sydney. Please support our cause and send money with your child and you won't have to pack morning lunch that day!**

**Earn and Learn Stickers:**

We are asking the public to collect the Earn and Learn Stickers from Woolworths. We will also put a box in the Langtree Ave store so that you can shop and then put the stickers straight in the box.





**saverplus**

**Is your child starting school next year?  
Would you like \$500 to help pay for  
uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?**

**To be eligible you need to:**

- have a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

**Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!**

Loddon Mallee Housing Services is now offering the Saver Plus program in your area. To find out more, phone 1300 610 355, or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email [saverplus@lmhs.org.au](mailto:saverplus@lmhs.org.au).

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Hello All.

Some of you may recall last September the 'Johnny Warren Football Foundation' (FWFF) held training and coaching sessions for the Wentworth Shire community members over two days at the McLeod Oval in Wentworth.

JWFF in conjunction with 'Cover Coaching' and Mallee Family Care will again be conducting this two day event at the McLeod Oval on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2012.

The Coaching and Training sessions are open to children and young people between 4 – 20 years of age.

Children and Families will need to register and complete the attached medical and permission forms and Mallee Family Care will collect them from the school.

Food will be supplied to the participants and families that attend on each day.

It is not often that the community has exposure to organisations of this calibre like the Johnny Warren Football Foundation and Cover Coaching therefore Mallee Family Care encourages as many people as possible to participate and support this event.

If you require any further information regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact William Johnson, Anthony Jolley or Paul McCullagh on 50277600.

Please contact the Buronga School Office and ask that a form is sent home with your child or go in and get a form from the office as they must be signed by a parent/carer ASAP.

Kind regards,

Paul McCullagh  
Coordinator Special Projects  
Mallee Family Care  
Youth and Family Services NSW  
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**Buronga School families and Community**

**You are invited**

**To the opening of the Buronga Public School**

# **AQUAPONICS PROJECT**

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012**

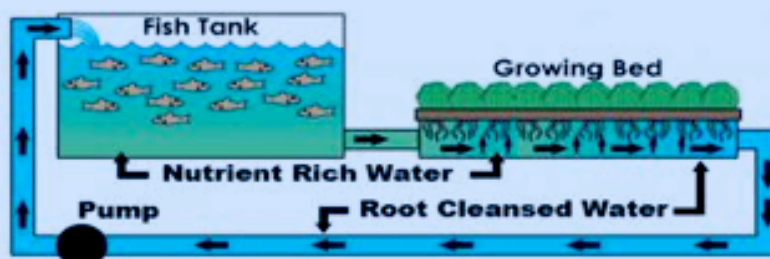
**10.00am**

**at**

**Buronga P.S.**

**Chapman Street, BURONGA**

We cordially invite all those who have supported and assisted in the planning, development and installation of our aquaponics unit. Come and see it working... with fish! Then stay and share a morning tea with staff and students.



Please R.S.V.P. for catering purposes by Friday 18th May. Natalie – 03 5023 2260

Please find attached an envelope asking for donations to Stewart House. This is a fantastic facility in Sydney which our School is very lucky to utilise for our students. Please consider donating to this fantastic cause.