

BURONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 5th-Week 8-Term 3, 2012

PRINCIPALS' NEWS:

This week is SAS staff recognition week, which acknowledges the hard work done by School Administrative and Support Staff in our school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our SAS staff for the hard work and dedication they give to Buronga Public School.

Yesterday we had a visit from the fire brigade. The fire fighters reminded us what to do in a fire. The students had a great day looking at the fire engine too. It is important as summer approaches that you have a plan for your family in case of a fire and check your smoke alarms are working. You should sit and talk, as a family, to work out an escape plan and meeting point in case of a fire at home. A couple of minutes discussing this, can save a life in case of an emergency.

We also had a visit from our Police Liaison officer yesterday. He came in to talk to some students about Internet safety and the importance of being Cyber smart. Please make sure if your child is <u>under 13, they do not have a facebook account</u>. It is a breech of Internet laws to knowingly allow your child to have one of these accounts, if they are under age.

We had a serious incident last week, where one of our students broke our "Trust and Respect" code and did the wrong thing on line. Even though the offence happened outside of school hours, I had no other choice than to suspend him and have his facebook account closed, as he mentioned a teacher and the school on line, in an unprovoked attack. I do not take cyberbullying lightly and will not allow such behaviour at Buronga Public School. Please speak to your children about internet safety and make sure you know what they are doing at all times, when they are on line. It is better to have home computers in a space where they can be seen by you, NOT in a child's bedroom or room away from adult eyes.

On a happier note, we have had the pleasure of hosting 10 students and 2 teachers from the Marist Sion College in the Gippsland area of Victoria, this week. They have been in our school helping our students cook, check the chooks, fish and plants and even make bubbles. They are in Year 11 and have been a fantastic help to all our classes. I would like to thank them for their time and enthusiasm, all students have enjoyed having them in our school.

Have a fantastic week.

Kind regards,

Belinda Mirana



Cooking with the Marist Sion college students.

<u>REMINDERS:</u> Interest groups are on this week on Thursday.

Kindergarten (Prep) Transition Day -September Friday 7th 1.30 - 3 pm. All new kinder age students are welcome to attend.

Scripture/religious education will be on this Wednesday 5th September.
We are doing Active after school sport on Tuesday and Wednesday nights between 3. 10 and 4. 10pm. See the office if you haven't signed up.

The last day for term 3 is Friday 2 1st September.

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Kinder News.

On Monday, students in Kinder catered for 3/4/5. We made muffin pizzas with garden salad and strawberries and condensed milk for dessert. Every-one had a job to do and worked really well, also enjoying the final product. A huge thank-you needs to go to our helpers, the Year 11 students from Marist Sion College, without their help we could not have done it. Yesterday we have a visit from some fire fighters and a timely



message about fire safety. All students behaved very well and learnt lots from the talk.



Tomorrow I will be at an L3 inservice, Katrina Stewart will be taking the class.

Well done to Thomas Hann, star student for this week, Thanks,

Louise

<u>Year 1:</u>

Year 1 have had an excellent week! In English we have been working on our class book 'Herbert and Harry', a story about two brothers who do everything together until they find a treasure in their fishing net. In maths we have been using water to learn about volume and capacity. Our egg shell heads have all had stylish haircuts this week. They all look so cool! In our COGS unit we have been talking about growing and changing. We have looked at the toys we played with when we were babies and how our interests change as we get older.

Keep up the great home reading and homework: please ask your child to let me know if they need a new homework sheet or home reading folder.

Have a great week, Olivia Doyle.

Year 2/3:



The children are finally having a normal week this week.

We wish to welcome the Marist Sion College school who have come to visit us for this week.

Today my literacy group were busy cooking . They learnt how to follow a procedure and about the different types of ingredients they need to make something! In mathematics this week we are learning about position. The children are making their own maps for others to follow. We have been learning about compass points and direction.

Yesterday we had a visit from the Fire brigade talking to us about fire safety. Hopefully your child has discussed what they have learnt about fire safety, particularly around the home.

Our star student of the week is Latrell Johnson. Awards were also given out to Apisai Nau and Junuh Urquhart.

Well done to Heather, Kye, Apisai and Jim who borrow and read everyday. This is

a fantastic effort! Have a great week Bernadette Hogarth



We are still running Crunch & Sip each day. Please send in donations of fruit and/or money to help us keep this program going...Thank you so much.

<u>3/4/5:</u>

We have had some visitors in our classroom over the past couple of days and they have enjoyed doing some tie dying with us. We are currently looking at fractions as part of a whole in maths and learning how to write an exposition in literacy.

On Friday we will be cooking some pasta dishes for lunch and the students will not need to bring their lunch on this day. We will also be cooking for Kinder as they cooked for us on Monday.

Hope you are all having a enjoyable week. Cheers Leanne



Greg's news

Congratulations to all the children who were involved in the Wentworth Show. The displays were fantastic.

This week we have the fire safety visit and the rugby league gala day. All children should have returned the gala day notes by now. Year 6 are leaving for Canberra at the end of this term and preparations are well under way. If you have any final questions about the trip please contact me as soon as possible.

Greg

L.E.G.s PROGRAM NEWS:

Another busy week in L.E.G.s! Mrs Cock is on long service leave until the end of term. Mrs Walker and Mr Mirana will be working in L.E.G.s this week and next week.

Welcome to the Marist Sion College students from Warrigal in Victoria who have been working with us in L.E.G.s activities this week. It has been great having these enthusiastic young people as helpers and role models for our students. A HUGE THANKYOU to them all!

We are continuing our work on homophones, (words that sound the same, are often spelt differently and have different meanings, like right and write) this week.

The visit from the fire engine for Fire Safety Week was fantastic. It has been a great follow up to our visit to the fire station last term.

We will be cooking frittata with some of our lovely eggs and veggies tomorrow. LEGS will not require lunch tomorrow. ** A note for the Swan Hill excursion went home today. Please fill it out and return THIS WEEK so we can finalise our bookings and get everything organised for the trip! Remember if there are any issues, please see Mrs Mirana or Mrs Lochhead ASAP. We really want all L.E.G.s students to attend!

Mrs Lochhead and Mrs Walker

OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS:

Spring is here and things are happening in the garden. We have been weeding, planting, cleaning, fertilising and tidying all the gardens and chook pens. Thank you to the grade 5/6 students who helped with the salt bathing of the fish and the cleaning of the chook pen on Monday. They worked really hard and all looks great!

We had the Mildura Midweek here yesterday taking some photos of the Indigenous Bush Tucker garden for the paper. We were fortunate enough to secure a Coles Garden Grant for \$400 for this project so we were very lucky to receive this support. Grade 3/4/5 have worked hard maintaining the garden and it is a credit to their efforts.

We have been looking at bubbles in the infant grades this week. I promised to put the giant bubble recipe in the newsletter so here it is.

GIANT BUBBLE MIXTURE

* 1 cup dishwashing detergent

* 3 cups warm water

* 1 good tablespoon of glycerine

It is best made a day before you want it for the biggest bubbles. A coat-hanger bent to a round shape and bound around the wire with wool is a great giant bubble maker!

Remember if you would like some strawberry plants to start your own patch, send a supermarket bag and we will get some for you to plant. Perfect time of the year and you will have strawberries in the spring! Mrs Lochhead

Things to do:

P and C NEWS:

P & C Festival meeting will be held on Wed 12th Sept in the basement at school 7pm sharp. If you have put your name down to help out please attend, if you are unable to attend but have something you would like spoken about please see one of the P&C or put it in writing and place in box in office.

We still need a lot of volunteers for our International Food Festival on Sat 17th Nov, a lot of food prep and cooking is done by the P&C so if you can't cook there is plenty of jobs for you to do.

Please help out and return your notes asap that have gone home with todays newsletter if you have done so already thank you. Please remember that all money raised on the night goes back to the school to help heavily subsidise a lot of things at school ie: swimming and excursions. please help out.

Local Election is on this Sat 8th Sept at the school, P&C will be holding a cake stall on the day from 8am-1pm, we would like donation of cakes biscuits slices to sell. Trays and labels available in the office, please have cakes at school by 3:15 on Friday 7th. We also need helpers, so if you are able to help out on the day that would be fantastic please let the P&C know.

P & C held a special lunch day for the kids today. We made spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread it was yummo and we hope by the look of the kids faces with spaghetti sauce all over it they enjoyed it as well :



Drum Lessons:

Anyone wishing to learn the drum, can enroll for drum lessons at the office. It is on Wednesdays (during school hours) and the cost is \$25 with Tristan.

Could students please remember to bring their hats to school and wear them, as we have a sun smart policy at Buronga.

If you travel more than 1.6 km's to school, you can apply for private vehicle conveyance money.

Please see the girls in the office.

FUSION DRILLDANCE TEAMS

NOW RECRUITING

- Under 9 MYSTIK FUSION
- Under 12 <mark>SONIK FUSION</mark>
- Under 17 <mark>COZMIK FUSION</mark>
- SENIORS 18 and over ATOMIK FUSION

MASTERS 30 and over – GALACTIK FUSIO

Training at Irymple South Primary School at various times.

WHAT IS DRILLDANCE?

DrillDance teams perform exciting and challenging routines in categories such as Dance, Prop and Drill-Team.

Teams choose the costumes and music to match the theme of each routine and have the opportunity to compete at state and national championships, as well as perform at local community events.

DrillDance offers a unique opportunity for people of all ages to have fun whilst keeping fit and healthy. DrillDance not only provides meaningful physical activity, good deportment, poise and mental stimulation, it can also provide social contact for people of similar age group and/or similar interests and the friendships formed are an important part of the sport.

For further information please contact DrillDance Mildura

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