



5th September 2013  
Term 3 Week 8

## Principal's News

A big congratulations to all the students who participated in the Barrier Athletics carnival in Broken Hill last Thursday. Your behaviour was outstanding, as were your results. It was fantastic to hear how well you all did and how you cheered on the Murray/Darling team.

Well done to all students, Kindergarten to Year 6, that have participated in the swimming lessons at Waves during the past 2 weeks. This program is run every year and it is thanks to our P & C, Buronga Public School and the Department of Education that the lesson costs are kept to a minimum (\$20 for 2 weeks of daily swimming lessons per child or \$40 per family). Tomorrow is the last day of swimming and all students will get to have a play at the end of their lesson in the Wave Pool. A big thank you to all the teachers and SLSOs (School Learning and Support Officers) for getting in the water, assisting the students and making sure everyone had a great 2 weeks. I am sure we will all sleep well this weekend.

The countdown is on for the Canberra excursion. I know Year 6 are just as excited as Mr Stewart about visiting Canberra. If you need any information about what your child needs for this excursion, or you still have money to pay, then please contact the office.

This week I have been finalising the visit to Sydney for our Captains, which will take place in Term 4. We are looking forward to visiting our sister school (Narraweena PS) and catching up with students who visited us earlier this year. This is a brilliant program which I have just been made coordinator of for the Country City Alliance, with not only our school but Gol Gol and Wentworth as well. In Week 3 of next term we will be having a visit from all our sister school principals from the three schools (Narraweena PS, Beaumont Road PS and Hunters Hill PS), this is such an exciting project which all the students will get so much out of over the coming years.

Finally I would like to thank the P & C for running the cake stall on Saturday during the voting. If you have cooked cakes or slices, I would also like to thank you. Please remember they can be dropped off to the basement on Friday.



Kind Regards

Belinda Mirana  
Principal

We still have school hoodie jackets. They are only \$25 and look fantastic. Even though it is getting warm there are still some cold mornings...come in and get one today!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 8

Last week of Swimming

Week 9

Reward Day—Ten Pin  
Bowling—FREE

Friday 13th September

Week 10

Canberra Excursion Year 6

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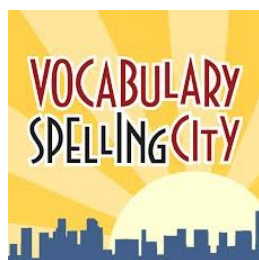
### App of the Week

### Spelling City

**Cost: Free**

Year 1/2 and 5/6 use this program in their classrooms. This is the free app that goes with the website. It is a great way to practice spelling words on your ipad, iphone or ipod at home.

**Description:** SpellingCity is a fun way to learn spelling and vocabulary words by playing engaging learning games using any word list. The most popular activities are Spelling TestMe, HangMouse, and our vocabulary games. The most popular word lists are Sound Alikes, Compound Words, Hunger Games and SAT Words. The free app includes ten of our most popular word lists and eight of our most popular learning games and activities.



## LIBRARY, LEGS & OUTDOOR ED

### LIBRARY

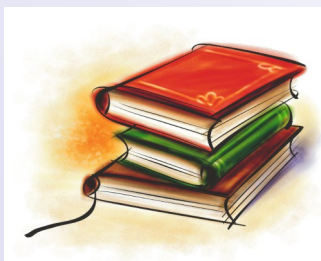
Mrs Hogarth and I have been in Broken Hill attending a seminar on working with children who have autism. We have learned lots of great information to share with the other teachers and parents.

Thanks to Mrs Walker for looking after 3/4. I know there has been lots more Adelaide writing and talking done while we are away!

Premier's Reading Challenge has been completed for the year and quite a few children successfully completed the challenge. We will be having a pizza party early next term, when the certificates arrive.

Start reading for next year!!

Merren.



### LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE GROUP

Here are two fantastic pieces of work that our legs group have been working on in class.



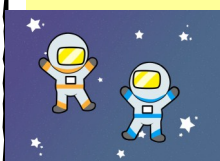
Amity acrostic poem.

### BOTANICAL PROTONICAL GARDENS!!

At the Botanical Gardens there were plants big and small  
The Pregnant Tree was at least 7 metres tall.  
We went for a walk in the building  
On stairs that have railing for fiddling.  
Long, long walks around roses  
There might of been snuffly noses.  
On the plants were leaves lots of leaves  
Leaves so big they could catch thieves.  
Leaves so small you could put them in food.  
Long leaves that scratch, push and be rude!  
I was walking with my friend,  
Playing tic-tac-toe... the end

Bianca Botanical  
Garden story.

### OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS



Outdoor Education has been running this week in a slightly altered format... Grade 1/2 have been working on some fantastic spacemen, out on a spacewalk! 3/4 and 5/6 have been doing some finishing off, as time after swimming hasn't really allowed us to have a full session this week. Now the cold weather has finished, we will be getting some more silver perch fish fingerlings to go into the aquaponics. All classes

will be involved in getting the unit re-established and up and running. Class gardens are growing really well. The infant peas and grade 1/2 veggies look particularly healthy! Well done infant gardeners! The fruit trees in the orchard have been pruned and the citrus trees have just burst into blossom! Mrs Cock is incubating some chickens with the K/1 grade and they are due out mid next week! How exciting! SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!

**REMEMBER TO PLANT YOUR FRUIT TREES NOW! CONTACT SARA JARDINE TO GET THEM AND PLANT THEM THIS WEEKEND OR IT WILL BE GETTING TOO LATE FOR THE BARE-ROOTED ONES WHICH ARE CHEAPER AND ESTABLISH BETTER!**

Mrs Niemann



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### Website of the Week

#### Funbrain

<http://www.funbrain.com>

Fun Brain, a site for kids at the preschool—Year 6, offers more than 100 fun, interactive games that develop skills in maths, reading and literacy.

The entire site pops with colour and clickable features, but is careful not to bombard users with too much of either. The games are easy enough for younger students, and the learning curve for playing them is relatively small.



### \*PLANT OF THE WEEK\*

This week's plant of the week is pumpkins! One of my favourite summer veggies, they are gorgeous eaten roasted hot, roasted and cooled to put in salads and of course gorgeous soups or mashed as a veggie everyone loves! My favourite varieties are good old Queensland Blue or Jarrahdale for the bigger pumpkins, Jap or Kent for the smaller, soft-skinned types, (these don't keep as well as the hard-skinned ones), and of course the sweet, dark-orange flesh of the Butternut or Gold Nugget! Lots of decorative ones that are fun to grow, look amazing and some also taste great! Diggers seed supplies are online and a great place to get traditional varieties and you can keep your own seed to plant the following year. Can't do that with the hybrid varieties you can buy now, like Jap and Kent. Plant seed now, but again watch for frosts and cover with a flowerpot at night if it's getting below five degrees. We can still get late frosts until after Melbourne Cup day. Happy gardening!!!



### P & C NEWS

We are sending the orders for the Calendars off on Friday, so please get your orders in. Thank you to all the parents that supported this fundraiser.

Thank you to all parents and carers who returned their raffle tickets. It was a great response and congratulations to our lucky winner Belinda Nichols of the esky and hamper.

Keep the lucky jars coming in please.

We still need some people for a few of the stalls at the Food Festival on Saturday 16th November. We have had a good response so far, if you haven't let us know if you are able to help out, please do so ASAP.

We still need:

- 3 people for the PANCAKE STALL
- 4 people for the GREEK STALL
- 1 person for the ITALIAN STALL
- 1 person for the MEXICAN STALL

It would be great to have 100% of the parents either helping out on the day or donating some of their time in the lead up to the event. If you are unable to help out at our Food Festival, please contact the office to see what else you could do to assist us.



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### Book of the Week

#### The Children of the King

Three children have been sent to live in the countryside, safe from the war in London. When they find two boys hiding in a castle, the past and future come together to make an extraordinary adventure.

A hauntingly beautiful story from one of Australia's most acclaimed writers for adults and children.

by [Sonya Hartnett](#)



## Kindergarten Orientation Program

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program will be running from 2pm to 3pm, every Friday, during Weeks 3—8 in Term 4.

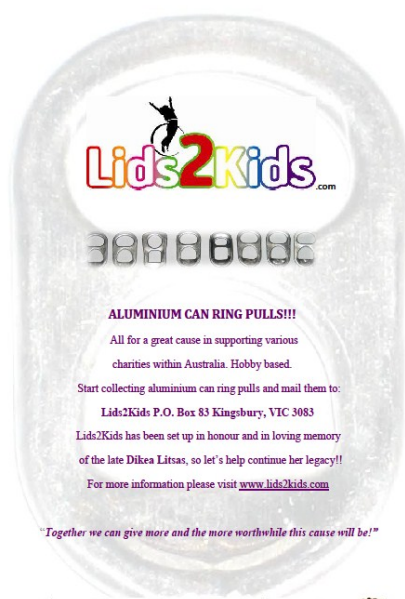
If you know someone who is zoned for Buronga Public School, please suggest they come into the office to get an enrolment form. Due to our school being so popular, we can only accept students that are zoned to our school. We now have a waiting list for any out of zone enrolments.

### Open Days

If you would like to have a look through our school, we will be holding two open days on Thursday 12th September and Thursday 19th September, both at 10:30am. Please contact the office if you are thinking of attending either of these mornings. These open days are for parents with students who are starting next year K-6.

Please contact Sally Kogge (School Administration Manager) to register your interest: 03 50232260

### WANTED



### Well done Jack

I would like to thank a wonderfully motivated Year 1 Student, Jack, who has made it his mission to motivate the school to collect ring pulls from cans. This is a fantastic cause and many students are getting on board. By collecting ring pulls, they can be sold to fund wheelchairs and the like to assist people in need.

Well done Jack, we are very proud of you and your determination to make a difference.

If you have any ring pulls from cans, please collect them and drop them into the box at the front office.

Remember to recycle the rest of the can too!

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### **Card games to play at home for maths:**

#### **Kindergarten**

##### **Number order**

Students turn over four cards  
and have to put them in order  
from lowest to highest

#### **Year 1 & 2**

##### **Make the biggest number**

Students turn over two  
cards and have to make  
the biggest number. Those  
students who make the big-  
gest number win.

#### **Year 3-6**

##### **Make the biggest number**

Students turn over  
three, four, five or six  
cards and have to  
make the biggest num-  
ber. Those students  
who make the biggest  
number win.

## CLASS NEWS

### **K/1 News**

Swimming, combined with the warmer weather, is really tiring every-one out. We are going at a different time this week so that lunch is early and not many children are hungry by the time we go out. As a result we are having a snack at 2.30 when we return. If your child has been bringing food home, it is because of the different times we have been eating, hopefully everything will go back to normal next week. Please ensure you send a water bottle each day, rather than a fruit box or cordial. They can be left in the fridge in the classroom. This week, during normal lessons, we have been learning the sounds sh and th. In Maths we have been dividing a group of objects into  $1/2$ 's and  $1/4$ 's. We are looking forward to getting a visit from our Year 5/6 buddies to help us with our Fractions too.  
Thanks Mrs Olofsson

### **3/4**

This week we have been looking at fractions. It has been a little difficult but we have had a lot of fun learning at the same time.

I have been in Broken Hill during the week, doing some training and development. It has been wonderful to hear how fantastic the class has been for Mrs Walker.

Tomorrow is the last day for swimming. Everyone is very tired after the last 2 weeks, so make sure you all get lots of sleep on the weekend.

Next Friday is Reward Day. I am really looking forward to going Ten Pin Bowling with all the class.

Have a great week

Mrs Hogarth

### **1/2**

What a busy week we have had. This week we have been looking at procedure text types and having fun writing our own.

We had a visit from the Buronga policeman to talk about his job and we received some great information packs from him.

Tomorrow is the last day of swimming.  $1/2$  have been outstanding during the past 2 weeks.

It was great to see some of the  $1/2$  students in the paper last Thursday after participating in the 5 week Rugby League program. This was a fantastic 5 week program run by our local Rugby League development officer Martin.

Mr Mirana and I are looking forward to Ten Pin Bowling next week and I am proud to say everyone is attending. Well done  $1/2$ .

Have a fantastic week

Mr and Mrs Mirana

### **News from the Loft**

Swimming is almost over. The children's skills have improved dramatically over the past two weeks. Well done. While swimming is on I have not sent home any homework as the class is tired (before we go).

There is only one week of school left before we go to Canberra. There will be a final note soon with departure times, emergency contacts etc. One place that we will be visiting is the War Memorial. If you have a family member who has lost their life in war, we are able to find their name on the Roll of Honour. It's easier to lookup the details at school or home and take them with us to Canberra. If you need any help or have questions about this please ask. The website is [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au)

Mr Stewart

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The uniform shop is operated through the school office. You may purchase school uniforms at any time, during the school day.

Could parents and carers please let the office know if your details or phone numbers or home address has changed in any way, so that we have an up to date record on your child. It is very important.

The Buronga Public School Year 5/6 "Masterchef" Competition Winner for this week was Carey. It was a close competition with some amazing food being cooked. Carey's winning recipe is below.

### Bacon and Egg Burger:

- 1 kilo minced steak
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce
- 6-9 slices bacon
- 3 eggs
- 3 slices American cheese.
- Salt and pepper.



Season the meat with salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce. Then form the meat into three equal patties.



Cook the bacon over the stove top, in the oven or even the microwave. Pre-heat a cast iron skillet to medium/high and then fry the burgers over the stove top (roughly 4-5 minutes per side for medium). You can do this on a grill but remember you need to fry an egg too.



When the burgers are halfway done start to fry the eggs. You want to have the eggs and the burger to be done simultaneously. Make sure to season the egg with salt and pepper.



To assemble, place the egg, bacon and cheese onto the burger patty. Then using a lid allow the cheese to steam and melt over the burger. Serve over a soft roll and ENJOY....



## Cyber Safety for Parents with Susan McLean

### Learn how to stay safe and keep your child safe in the online world

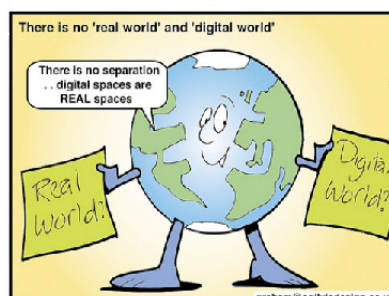
Susan McLean will be presenting to local community families addressing concerns/ issues related to cyber safety and strategies for dealing with these. Real world examples drawn from her vast experience as a Police Officer dealing with misuses of technology on a daily basis, add a particular relevance to her presentation.

When: Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September

Time: 5.45 – 7.30pm

Location: MSC Gymnasium

Family Door Prize  
iPad Mini



Refreshments  
served from 5.30pm



## Rugby League Comes to Buronga Public School



Hayley Baker, 7, Brandon Sobkowiak, 7, Sunraysia Rugby League development officer Martin O'Rourke, Lleyton Johnson and Casey Slade, 8, take a break from a rugby league class at Buronga Public School this week. Pictures: Kane Razis.



Lleyton Johnson, 8, in full flight playing tag rugby league.

Rugby league ruled at Buronga Public School this term, as students learnt the skills of their state's dominant football code.

Sunraysia Rugby League game development officer Martin O' Rourke this week ran the last of five, half hour sessions with the Year 3/4 and 1/2 class. The program was held over five weeks, as part of the sport's Backyard League initiative.

Although situated in the traditional Rugby League stronghold state of New South Wales, Buronga's proximity to Mildura on the Victorian border means, the football clinics are usually in the Australian Rules code.

O'Rourke's final session with the Year 1/2 group on Tuesday featured a full game of tag rugby, after the students had developed their skills through games and drills over the preceding four weeks.

"As the game development officer for the area, I've been going around to local schools this term, and I'm doing it again next term, to teach the little one's how to play rugby league" O'Rourke said. Taken from the Sunraysia Daily on Friday 30th August, 2013