



16th October 2014  
Week 2 Term 4

## Principal's News

It has been a busy fortnight.

I would like to thank the hard working P & C for their organisation in the lead up to the Buronga International Food Festival. A special thank you to Trudy Tyson for her amazing coordination of the rubber soffall and the opening celebration last Friday. I would also like to thank the parents and community members for attending this special event.

Over the last few weeks our school and sister school scarecrows have been on a bit of a tour of the district. In the holidays there were on display at the Inland Botanical Gardens in Buronga, with the Buronga one picking up 3rd place for the best spitting image. Last weekend they were on display at the Cardross Scarecrow competition too.

I would like to congratulate Ms Niemann on her successful grant submission with Slow Food Mildura. We were lucky enough to secure a \$1000 grant for our cooking and gardening program for our K-6 students. This will see our program run for another 12 months. It was very exciting talking with some of the Slow Food members last Friday, as they would like to do many joint projects with us, including our aquaponics, when we get it up and running again next year.

Next Friday we have a special science expo with a group of scientists from Melbourne, The Sciencetwists. Parents and carers are invited to participate with their child, in fun activities from 9:30 to 1pm. This is for all students K-6.

On Friday 31st October Buronga Public School will be hosting the annual Lightning Premiership (Gala Day). This is a day where all local NSW Sunraysia Year 3/4 students participate in different sporting activities such as, cricket, rugby league and basketball.

Tomorrow all Year 3/4/5/6 students will be travelling to the Mildura Show to participate in Water week activities and have a look at the displays. Please make sure all students are in full school uniform and have a school hat, recess, lunch and a drink bottle.

Kindergarten orientation is happening again next term. It will be on 2—3pm every Friday from weeks 2—7 (24th October to 28th November). All parents and carers bring their child and stay at school during this time. During weeks 3—6, parents get to hear from professionals that work in our school and even get a chance for their children to try on uniforms.

Have a fantastic fortnight.

Kind Regards

Belinda Mirana

Principal

Our Buronga  
Scarecrow and  
Mrs Mirana



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Week 2—Term 4

Friday 17th October

Mildura Show 3/4/5/6

#### Week 3

Friday 24th October 9:30—1pm

Sciencetwists Expo K-6

Friday 24th October

First day of Kindergarten Orientation

#### Week 4

Wednesday 29th October

P & C Meeting

Friday 31st October

Lightning Premiership (Gala Day) Yrs 3/4

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### App of the Fortnight

#### 1 2 3 SHEEP

COST= FREE

1 2 3 Sheep! is a beautifully crafted counting game for young learners that adapts to match their progress.

Players explore counting concepts in three fun activities - flying a helicopter around the farm, herding sheep into pens and guiding the sheepdog into the ute. Kids are drawn in with friendly, detailed graphics, playful audio and lots of humorous encouragement.

The easy-to-follow instructions require basic reading ability, but with a parent or teacher's help even young children are able to play independently within a short time.

1 2 3 Sheep! was developed in consultation with teachers and has been evaluated by students in the classroom environment.



## LIBRARY & OUTDOOR EDUCATION

### OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS

In Outdoor Education/Science last week we looked at where some of our food comes from in K/1/2. Last week we learned about bees and honey. We looked at the way bees work together in their hive and make honey. Grade 3/4 and 5/6 will this term be working on some science challenges. For the first 4 weeks, we will be working on creating a vehicle that can move under its own power over three metres on the concrete basketball court. Batteries will not be used so we will need to explore other methods of making things move. Grade 3/4 will be working on a challenge to design, plan and construct a container that will preserve an egg when dropped from the top of the metal stairs onto the hard, unforgiving concrete below..... The tasks will involve a comprehensive design process and evaluation of the effectiveness of the design at the completion of the challenge.

The scarecrows went very well at the Botanic Gardens Scarecrow display over the school holidays. They are now going to the Cardross Show so if you missed them over the holidays, go and see them in Cardross.

The chickens that hatched last term are now at the farm and growing quickly. They will come back for a visit in a week or so to look at how they have grown and changed. The school chooks will return next week.

The orchards and vegetable gardens are looking fantastic and look like they have quite a crop developing on them.

The Waterweek On Show activities today were fantastic! The students loved finding out about our river and water quality. Ask them about what they learned about and experienced!

Ms Niemann

### Library

This week in the Library we are continuing to enjoy some of the many new books on our shelves.

Next week there will be a book fair in the VC room. Carnival Book Fairs have sent a wonderful selection of books to choose from. They also include some small novelty items for children to purchase. Items start at \$3, with the cheapest book being \$5.

Mrs Harriss and I will be setting up the fair this week. So please come along and have a look. You may find some Christmas presents in our Fair too!

Thanks,

Merren



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### Website of the Fortnight

#### Skwirk

Skwirk.com.au

Suitable for school aged children from Kindergarten to Year 10. Skwirk is an interactive online learning aid, which provides syllabus- focused content for core subjects covered throughout Kindergarten to Year 10. Through the use of interactive videos, worksheets and activities.

This week our Years 3 –6 have been using this website. Our younger students will have a look at aspects of it in the coming weeks.

Students that have been using it will know their own log in and password for it.



## P & C NEWS

A big thank you to all that helped with the free sausage sizzle last Friday. I hear it went really well.

Thank you to Michelle Dowdy, Julie Harvey, Lauren Harriss, Geoff Spence, Julie Cox and Jodie Burke for selling raffle tickets at the BP on Saturday.

This Saturday we have Michelle Dowdy, Julie Harvey, Erin McGauchie selling them. Thanks so very much for your great work.

The plates for the festival cake DONATIONS will go home soon so get thinking of ideas please. Every cake helps.

We are still looking for a few helpers, so please see Trudy or Michelle ASAP. Remember the money we raise helps fund many projects and activities throughout the year, like swimming lessons. Even if you can't help on the day, there is always something you can do in the lead up to the Food Festival. Every little bit helps.

We have been giving out quite a few frogs for returned raffle books, keep up the great work and return SOLD and UNSOLD books so someone else can sell them.

Next meeting is a night meeting and everyone that is a stall co orator has to be there 29<sup>th</sup> October 6- 9pm.

We still need helpers

Italian x 3

Greek x 3

We need a few more helpers for the Festival cook day on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.

Helpers are also needed for a BBQ lunch on the same day for the Gala Sports day that is running at Buronga school too. We will have visiting students from all the NSW Sunraysia schools (Years 3/4), so we need help with that... please see Trudy or Lauren Harriss if you are available.

Souvlaki lunch day is next Friday. If you can help out with that too, please let Trudy and Lauren know.

Have a great fortnight

Trudy Tyson

**The night the P & C  
received the Bendi-  
go Bank cheque for  
the Softfall**



### P & C Facebook Page

We now have a Facebook reminder page, please join it "BURONGA Public School Parents reminders".

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### **Book of the Fortnight**

#### ***Rules of Summer***

By Shaun Tan

RULES OF SUMMER, is a deceptively simple story about two boys, one older and one younger, and the kind of 'rules' that might govern any relationship between close friends or siblings. Rules that are often so strange or arbitrary, they seem impossible to understand from the outside. Yet through each exquisite illustration of this nearly wordless narrative, we can enjoy wandering around an emotional landscape that is oddly familiar to us all.

It won Picture Book of the Year this year in the annual Book of the Year awards.



## Recipe of the fortnight

### **Base muffin recipe**

A Stephanie Alexander Recipe

Preheat oven to 180

220g SRF

1/2 cup castor sugar

3/4 cup milk

1 egg

1/2 cup vegetable oil

Mix sifted flour and castor sugar

Combine milk, egg and oil in a separate bowl and whisk lightly

Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients, pour in liquid and mix lightly.

### **Choc Chip Muffins**

**Add 1 cup of chocolate chips**

### **Cheese, onion and Bacon Muffins**

To make savoury muffins, omit the sugar, add a pinch of salt and some pepper. Add your flavourings

100g diced and sautéed bacon

Spring onion, sautéed,

1cup of grated cheese.

Spoon into muffin pans, bake for 20-25 mins.





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

#### **K/1/2**

##### **Addition Snap**

Players divide the cards evenly between themselves. At the same time each player turns over one card. Players add the two numbers together as quickly as possible and say the answer out loud. The player who says the correct answer first keeps the two cards. Play continues until one player collects all the cards.

#### **3/4/5/6**

##### **Addition Snap**

Players divide the cards evenly between themselves. At the same time each player turns over two cards to make two 2-digit numbers. Players add the numbers together as quickly as possible and say the answer out loud. The player who says the correct answer first keeps the cards. Play continues until one player collects all the cards.



## CLASS NEWS

### K/1 News

Welcome back to the final term of the year. There have been some changes this term, with some students going to Mrs Hogarth or Mrs Cock for literacy groups. This has been mainly to reduce the size of the classes so that L3 can happen more effectively. Library has changed to a Wednesday and on Friday the students will be working with Mrs Cock while I run the Transition programme for 2015 enrolments.

This week every-one has brought home some number cards they made in class. These can be used to practise ordering, reading and writing numerals. Reader folders are still being returned by most of the class. Reading every day helps consolidate work done at school and is a great time to spend some quality time together in our busy schedule.

Thanks, Louise

### **3/4**

**We have had a great start to the term.**

**This term we are looking at different celebrations from around the world. Make sure you ask your child each week to teach you something they have learnt about a new country and their celebrations (they can also tick a box on their homework too).**

**Please make sure your child completes their homework and home reading each week. Thank you to everyone who does this already.**

**Don't forget tomorrow all students in 3/4 will be going to the Mildura Show. They will need to be in full school uniform, bring their recess, lunch and a school hat.**

**Enjoy the fortnight.**

**Mr and Mrs Mirana**

### Year 1/2

Welcome back to the start of term 4.

We certainly have a very busy term ahead.

Welcome to Jesse who is new to our school community. He is from Canada so we have been learning about his culture and the particular area he is from.

Your child's literacy group may have changed for this term. Some children are now with Mrs Cock, Mrs Olofsson or myself. I have also some k/1 children in my literacy group. We have been working hard on reading for meaning and strategies for unknown words.

This week the children have been revising work previously taught. During mathematics we have been working on 2D shapes and number patterns. For homework the children should be learning their 2's, 5's and 10 x tables. This will support what we are learning in the classroom.

Our HSIE unit this term is 'Celebrations'. Within this unit we will also be looking at a different cultural groups and studying their way of life.

Thank you for your support at home with your child's reading and homework.

Have a great week.

Bernadette Hogarth

Welcome to Term 4!!!! There's a lot going on this term with Year 6 orientation, presentation night, year 5 captain speeches etc. If you have any questions about anything during Term 4 please see me.

This week year 5/6 are off to the show on Friday for water week activities. Please make sure they have plenty of water to drink and a hat. Next week Elise and Angie are going to Stewart House (in Sydney, not Merbein!!) I know they will have a great time.

I will be away this Friday at a family funeral in Chinkapook (look it up), so I won't get to go the show. Mrs Slade will have my class.

Have a great week

Mr Stewart

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Please be careful not to park in  
the Bus Zone out the front of  
the school.

The Police will be Blitzing the  
area over the next couple of  
weeks.



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.



We are hosting a **CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR**.

Each class will be invited to preview the books during their library session. The preview sessions are an ideal opportunity for children to share and discuss the books with their teachers and peers.

The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books from the best Australian and overseas authors & illustrators.

All books are discounted.

When you or your child buys a book, our school benefits by receiving a commission (up to 35%), which we can use to improve our resources.

**Our Book Fair selling times will be:**

**20th to 24th October 2014**

**3:05pm Mon, Wed, Thurs and Friday.**

**8:30—9:30am Tues, Wed and Thurs.**

**Wed/Thursday all day**

**(come to the office during these days)**

**Books are on display in the Video Conference room, next to the P & C Meeting room.**

You, your family and friends are most welcome to share in the magic of matching children and books.

***Remember  
'READERS ARE ACHIEVERS'***



Don't forget this weekend is head  
lice check weekend:)



**1800 55 1800**

Kids Helpline is a service of BoysTown.

## Buronga Public School

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

My child was absent from school: Date/s \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed (Parent/Carer) : \_\_\_\_\_

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# **BUDDYVERSE CAMP**

## **MILDURA**

**BUDDYVERSE  
CAMPS**



**Date: October 25, 2014 (Saturday)**

**Date: October 26, 2014 (Sunday)**

**Venue: Buronga Public School**

**Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm**

**Contact No. : +61400403963**

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