



16th October 2014  
Week 2 Term 4

## Principal's News

What an eventful fortnight.

We had a fantastic time at the Mildura show. I would like to congratulate Years 3–6 for their wonderful behaviour. We got to look at and experience hands on activities like recycling, animals that live in the river system and the students even got to play with a model of the Murray river.

Last Friday we have the Sciencetwists at the school. They are a group of scientists from Melbourne. They brought some amazing activities with them and K–6 got to do lots of hands on experiments. They even brought their stick insects along, which had babies on the day.

Last weekend there was a Minecraft camp at the school. Students from all over Sunraysia, from both sides of the river, got to come in and participate in BuddyVerse (Minecraft) activities. Tim, who ran the program, was amazing. He not only showed the kids how to use Minecraft in an educational role, he also taught the students how to be coaches. He took it one step further and also showed them how to use google apps and other google parts then do screen captures and create many interesting things. I was so impressed, that I got him in to work with the Year 5/6 students on Tuesday.

Today Buronga Public School hosted 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. We had over 140 Year 3/4 students come in from Euston, Pomona, Dareton, Gol Gol and Wentworth Public School. It was a great day. I would especially like to thank the P & C for all their hard work in getting everyone fed. I don't know what I would do without you.

Kindergarten orientation is happening again. It runs from 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.

I will be on leave for the next 2 weeks. Mrs Merren Cock will be relieving as Principal while I am away and Mrs O'Connor will be teaching on my class.

I look forward to seeing you all at the International Food Festival.

Have a fantastic fortnight.

Kind Regards

Belinda Mirana

Principal



Science Show

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Week 4

Friday 31st October

Lightning Premiership (Gala Day) Yrs 3/4

#### Week 5

Wednesday 5th November

Year 6 Coomealla High Orientation Day

Friday 7th November

2015 Kindergarten Orientation 2–3pm

#### Week 6

Friday 14th November

2015 Kindergarten Orientation 2–3pm

Saturday 15th November

Buronga International Food Festival 6–9pm

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### App of the Fortnight

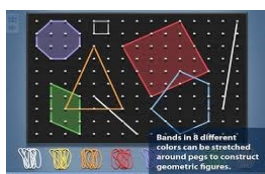
### GEOBOARD

COST= FREE

The Geoboard is a tool for exploring a variety of mathematical topics introduced in the elementary and middle grades. Learners stretch bands around pegs to form line segments and polygons and make discoveries about perimeter, area, angles, congruence, fractions, and more.

Create line segments and polygons by stretching bands around the Geoboard's pegs.

- Choose from 5 different band colors; 8 band colors on the iPad.
- Fill individual shapes with a transparent color, or use the Fill All button to toggle all the bands between filled and unfilled.
- On the iPad, switch between the standard 25-peg board and the expanded board with 150 pegs. The larger board makes it possible for students to create a wider variety of configurations.



## LIBRARY & OUTDOOR EDUCATION

### OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS

In Outdoor Education/Science this week we looked at different states of matter in K/1/2, solid, liquid and gas. We looked at frozen water and the rate that it melted in different parts of the playground, and in the fridge. The ice in the fridge melted the slowest and the ice we put into tap water melted the fastest. Well done Carla for your excellent prediction!!! Last week K/1 and 1/2 learned about things we need and things we want. Grade 3/4 and 5/6 have continued working on some science challenges. In grade 5/6, 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.

Today 5/6 also took part in "Amazing Ants" Video Conference with the Botany Bay Education Centre. We have been looking at ants and researching our local ants. 5/6 even got to collect ants to send to the University of New England for a professor to research. It was an interesting VC and 5/6 drew and labelled some fantastic ant pictures.

Ms Niemann

5/6 in their Amazing Ants  
Video Conference



### LIBRARY

A HUGE thank you to all those families that have purchased books from the Book Fair that we have been conducting over the past week. We have been able to purchase some new books for the school with the proceeds. We will advise as soon as books that have been ordered come in.

### COOKING

K/1 really enjoyed cooking scones on Monday. They produced some fantastic scones and enjoyed eating them. By popular demand, next week 5/6 will be cooking lasagne. They will not require lunch next Monday.

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### Website of the Fortnight

#### BuddyVerse

<http://buddyverse.com/>

On the **BuddyVerse** Serv-  
er **kids can play safely**.  
They *don't have to worry*  
about others smashing or  
stealing their stuff, or swear-  
ing and 'spamming'. **Bud-**  
**dyVerse** has added 'plugins'  
to ensure that **bullying is**  
**out, and fun is in!**



Tim  
Wicks



## P & C NEWS

A big thank you to all that helped with the BBQ lunch today for the Gala Day. It was hectic but we got everyone fed!

The plates for the festival cake DONATIONS will go home on Monday, 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 again on Wednesday 12th November 6pm.

We still need a few helpers...please see Trudy if you are able to help.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped with the Festival Cook day to-day.

Have a great fortnight

Trudy Tyson

P & C President

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### Book of the Fortnight

#### *WeirDo*

By Ahn Do

*Weir, what's your surname?' she asks again.*

*'Do.'*

*'Do? Rhymes with GO?'*

*'Uh-huh...'*

*'Your name's ... Weir Do? It's not really, is it?'*

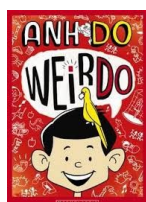
*'Yes, actually, it is,' I reply.*

*'WeirDo?'*

*Get ready for it. In exactly three seconds all the kids will start laughing...*

Every year, Weir's school year starts the same way – with questions and jokes about his name. This year it's even worse because he's in a new town, at a new school. Fitting in is not going to be easy, especially when you add in a crazy family with some weird habits.

[WeirDo](#) is a quick to read, really funny story from comedian Ahn Do. There's lots of silliness about names, and 'thingies' getting slammed in toilet seats, cleverly delivered in a manner sure to keep young readers turning pages and, of course, giggling. There's also some character development and messages about friendship, acceptance and family, but these are not overpowering.



## CWA Scones

3 cups of Self-Raising Flour,

½ cup of cream

1 cup of milk. (You may need more.)

A pinch of salt

Pre Heat oven to 200°

Add the wet ingredients to the flour, then, stir gently using a KNIFE.

Your dough should be quite sticky, if not this is when you may need more milk.

Turn onto a floured board, and flatten **gently**.

Coat a scone cutter with flour and gently cut the scones out, then transfer to a lightly dusted oven tray.

Bake for approximately 10 minutes till golden.



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

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

##### **Fast Facts**

Use cards 1-10. Deal out half the cards to each player. One player turns card over. The first to say the number wins the card. The player with the most cards wins the game.

#### **3/4/**

##### **Fast Facts**

Use cards 1-10. Deal out half the cards to each player. Players lay out one card face up. The first to add the two numbers together wins the cards.

#### **5/6**

##### **Fast Facts**

Use cards 1-10. Deal out half the cards to each player. Players lay out one card face up. The first to multiply or add the two numbers together wins the cards.



#### K/1 News

This week we have welcomed Mrs Nicholls in to the classroom. Mrs Nicholls is a visiting teacher from Tibooburra who will be working with K/1 for the next three weeks. Lots of exciting things are happening or have happened. Last week, all students attended the Science Expo, which was excellent. On Monday we baked scones with Mrs Cock and on Friday the whole school will start a three week rotation of interest groups. Students in Kinder will be working with Mrs Mirana and year 1 students were able to choose from a range of subjects.

Last Friday I held the first Transition afternoon for children starting school in 2015. If you know of any children eligible to start school next year who are zoned to Buronga, please ask them to contact the school. It is hard to believe the school year is quickly coming to an end.

On a sad note, I would like to say goodbye to Laura Kappely and her family. Laura will be moving to New Zealand and her final day is on Friday. I wish you and your family all the best in your new home!!

Thanks, Louise

#### **3/4**

What a great time we had at the Mildura Show. 3/4 took part in some great water activities, finding water bugs, nymphs, small fish and finding out about our local river system. Everyone enjoyed looking at the displays and we had fun watching the shearing and the animals.

We have a new class member for the next few weeks. Isaac is joining us from Tibboburra Outback School. We would like to welcome him and hope he enjoys his time with us.

I will be on leave for the next 2 weeks. Mrs O'Connor will be taking the class while I am away, which means Mr Mirana will also not be teaching during this time.

I look forward to catching up and seeing everyone at the International Food Festival.

Mr and Mrs Mirana

#### 1/2 News

We have had another busy couple of weeks. Last week 1/2 made some scones and have written some amazing recounts on what we did. We also had a great time last Friday at the Science Expo. The children were thoroughly engaged and enjoyed the experiences offered.

Year 1/2 have been learning about 'Celebrations' and sharing during talking and listening activities about their favourite birthday celebration.

Thank you to Mrs Trish Slade who is on 1/2 for today and Friday whilst I take some leave. Children are all looking forward to interest groups tomorrow and sharing new experiences with others.

Have a good week!

Mrs Hogarth

#### **News from Buronga Towers**

Wow, what a couple of weeks!!!! We had a great time exploring Science with the Sciencetwists on Friday. They showed us some great experiments and let us play and explore scientific concepts that we wouldn't normally be able to do at school.

Yesterday we had the fabulous Mr Tim Wicks from thinkfizz education visit our class. He showed us more about using Google Apps for Education and how we can annotate screenshots, do screencasting and even make our own webpages all using Google Apps. Hopefully Tim will be able to visit us again next year.

Year 6 orientation is fast approaching, I have sent home a note about travel to the High School, please look for it.

The T20 Blast Cricket is on next week. A note has gone home about it. If you are able to help out on the day let me know.

Mr Stewart

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the school.

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



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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.



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- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

### HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

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Electronics at the  
school science show.



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lice check weekend:)



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

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

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A colorful poster for the Buronga Public School International Food Festival. The poster is framed like a chalkboard with a wooden border. At the top, there's a decorative banner with food items and stars. The main text is written in various colors and fonts, including a large yellow 'MENU' and pink 'SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014. 6-9 PM'. The bottom of the poster features a variety of food items like cakes, fruits, and vegetables. At the very bottom, there are logos for sponsors: Buronga Daily, EDGE, LLOYD'S, and Adelara Houseboats.

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International  
FOOD FESTIVAL

**MENU**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014. 6-9 PM**

**AT BURONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL- 1 CHAPMAN ST, BURONGA**

**14 FOOD STALLS TO CHOOSE FROM**  
**MEXICAN, GREEK, IRISH, VIETNAMESE, ITALIAN.....**

**OUTSIDE BROADCAST BY HOTFM**

**EXTRA RAFFLE SOLD & DRAWN ON THE NIGHT**

**KIDS' ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**MAJOR RAFFLE DRAW OVER 30 PRIZES IN TOTAL**

**1ST PRIZE: 3-DAY HOUSEBOAT HOLIDAY**  
**2ND PRIZE: PROPERTY INVESTMENT PLAN**  
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