



5th December 2014
Week 9 Term 4

Principal's News

We are almost there!

We only have a couple of weeks left before the end of the year. I'm really looking forward to the exciting things in the lead up to the holidays. We have Year 5 captain speeches, Year 6 farewell, Reward Day and Presentation Day.

This week our Year 6 students got to attend the book launch of their own book. They wrote a book about the Varapodio Estate in Buronga. This program was part of the Creative Catchment Program, "Local Land Heroes". They are now all published authors and their book will be put into the National Library in Canberra. This is an amazing achievement and they should be very proud.

I would like to thank all our staff for their hard work during the year. We have had many fantastic but also sad things happen during the year. I am so proud of all staff for never letting events effect their teaching, commitment to the students and their tireless work. This year we lost Mrs Elspeth Walker and just recently Laterell's dad. Elspeth Walker was an amazing teacher who always held Buronga PS dear to her and we held Elspeth dear to us too. Our thoughts are with both these families and know that time won't heal but I hope they understand we have some beautiful memories of them. If any students are attending Laterell's dad's funeral tomorrow (10am at Coomealla), can you please make sure you let the school know. You will not be marked absent, you will be marked on "School Business".

I would also like to thank the P & C for their tireless work during the year, especially our President Trudy Tyson and her husband, Jason. Without their consistent support and drive we wouldn't have such amazing resources. The P & C have donated \$10,000 towards items for the school, which will include; dictionaries for 3 classes, \$1000 of books for every classroom, an ipad syncing and charging station, a laptop charging station, and \$2000 towards a new chicken pen. Most of these items will be purchased before the end of the year. It is great to make money and then see it being used straight away for your children.

Kindergarten orientation finished last week. We had a great turnout during the past 6 weeks and I would like to thank all the families for bringing their children in to this important program. If you know of anyone that has a child (in zone), that should be starting school next year, please get them to contact the school ASAP. We now have a waiting list, for the second year in a row, for anyone out of zone, due to Buronga PS being so popular. Our fantastic reputation is getting out.)

All parents and carers are invited to the Buronga PS Presentation night at the Midway centre. It will be starting at 6pm. All classes will be performing a dance and many awards will be given out. Please keep sending in items for the class prize baskets for the Christmas raffle and return the raffle tickets too.

Have a fantastic fortnight.

Kind Regards

Belinda Mirana

Principal

The Year 6 book about the
Varapodio Estate.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 10

Thursday 11th December

Year 6 Farewell Night

Friday 12th December

2015 Captain speeches (9am Assembly)

Week 11

Monday 15th December

Reward Day (Deakin Cinema)

Tuesday 16th December

6pm Presentation Night (everyone Welcome)

Week 1 2015

Wednesday 4th February

Year 1—6 students start school

Monday 9th February

New Kindergarten students start school

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App of the Fortnight

KIDS PUZZLES PUZZINGO

COST= FREE

Kids love Puzzingo! Its puzzles are full of interactivity, animations, and sounds for many repeat plays.

In addition, there is a daily preview of new puzzles that your child can look forward to everyday. Besides being entertained, your kid will build vocabulary, memory, and cognitive skills while playing. This tactile game also appeals to young kids and children with special needs. It helps kids develop spatial recognition, matching, tactile, and fine-motor skills. As for you parents, this game is designed to be playable by you and your child together, so you can participate and bond with your child.



LIBRARY & OUTDOOR EDUCATION

OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS

In Outdoor Education/Science this week we have continued working on the "Crack Me Up" Challenge in Grade 3/4. Well done to those groups whose prototype successfully shielded the egg from the fall... Those groups whose design was less effective have discussed and looked at how the model could be improved. Congratulations to everyone who had a go at a design. Well done! Well done particularly to Pheonix-Mari for her excellent effort of going away and re-designing and building her model after it wasn't as effective as she wanted first time around. Second time, with minor design alterations, worked perfectly! We have also been investigating bubbles in interest groups and grade 3/4 made some amazing giant bubbles last Friday. We examined what the variables are that determine the size and duration of bubble survival.... Cool, still mornings are better than hot, windy, dry afternoons it turns out! I have promised to put the bubble recipe in the newsletter so please see below. It's the best recipe made from simple ingredients I have found!

The infants have been looking at our bodies and how we are the same and how we are different, like eye colour, hair colour and other body features.

Thank you for a fantastic year. Have a safe and happy Christmas.

Ms Niemann



LIBRARY

This is the last week for Library borrowing, from next week I will be asking all students to return any Library books they have at home please. In week 10 I will send home a note that will tell you any books that your children still have at home. It would be fabulous if every book was back in the Library by the end of week 10, that will allow me to have everything shelved and sorted and ready to kick off in 2015. Thanks everyone for your support of the Library program this year.

Merren



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Website of the Fortnight

Cybersmart

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

There is so much here in this website to help parents understand social media and conversations you can have with your kids.

There is a whole section on Parent Controls. Parental controls help monitor and limit what your children do online. Find out which tools you should use to block out the bad stuff. has added 'plugins' to ensure that **bullying is out, and fun is in!**

There is even a Cybersmart blog...

Seeking expert cybersafety opinion or have a point of view? Share information and explore cybersafety issues.



P & C NEWS

What an awesome year it has been, making so much money for the school to improve and help our students.

Thank you to Lauren Harriss for running lunch days and raising money for the school. Well done.

The International Food Festival was great and thank you to all that helped and was involved. We ended up making a \$15000 profit. We have given the school a \$10000 cheque to buy an ipod and laptop charging dock, dictionaries, books for all classrooms and \$2000 towards a new chicken pen.

I would like to thank Michelle Dowdy for all her help while I have been President, I couldn't have done it without you.

I am not being part of the P & C committee next year, as my son is starting Pre-school in Victoria and I want to be involved there, so all the best to the new committee next year.

Kind Regards

Trudy Tyson

2015 Classes

Classes have been organised for 2015. These may change if we get a big influx of students during the holidays but this is how we will start next year.

K/1 - Mrs Olofsson

1/2 - Mrs Hogarth

3/4 - Ms Niemann and Mr Mirana

5/6 - Ms Niemann and Mr Stewart

Mrs Cock - Learning and Support Teacher, Reading Recovery and Library

Ms Niemann - Outdoor Education and Science

Mr Robinson - Music (all classes/Monday)

Mrs Mirana—Principal



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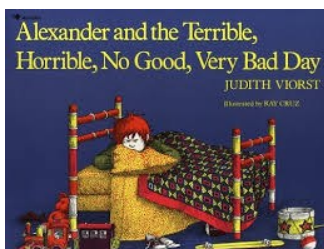
*Alexander and the Terri-
ble, Horrible, No Good,
Very Bad Day*
by
Judith Viorst

Alexander knew it was
going to be a terrible day
when he woke up with
gum in his hair.

And it got worse...

His best friend deserted
him. There was no dessert
in his lunch bag. And, on
top of all that, there were
lima beans for dinner and
kissing on TV!

This handsome new edi-
tion of Judith Viorst's clas-
sic picture book is sure to
charm readers of all ages.



Chicken Wraps

Ingredients for 4 wraps

- 1 skinless chicken breast
- juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ lime
- grated ginger
- 1 tbsp of clear, runny honey
- pinch of salt
- 2 dashes of sweet chilli sauce (optional)
- 1 tbsp of sunflower oil
- 4 wraps

Mix the wet ingredients together.

Marinate the chicken breast for 10 mins

Gently cook chicken in pre-heated pan.

Your choice of any salad ingredients,

For example

Lettuce, tomato, grated carrot, cucumber, grated or
sliced cheese, capsicum

Slice the cooled chicken.

Spread a little mayonnaise
on the flat wrap, add your
chicken and salad.

Roll or wrap and enjoy.



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Card games to play at home for maths:

K/1/2

Top it

Players take turns to flip one card from the deck and place it face up in front of them. Once all players have flipped a card the group decides who has the card with the largest or highest value. The winner of the round collects the other players cards.

3/4

Top It Addition and Subtraction

Players take turns to flip two cards from the deck and place it face up in front of them and add or subtract to find the total. The winner of the round is the person with the highest value.

NB Students must arrange so the larger card is first and in front of the smaller card.

5/6

Top It Multiplication

Players take turns to flip two cards from the deck and place it face up in front of them and multiply to find the total. The winner of the round is the person with the highest value card.



CLASS NEWS

K/1 News

It is with regret we say goodbye to Joyce and her family this week. Although Joyce has only been at Buronga for a short time she will be missed and I would like to wish her the best of luck for this exciting time of her life (her move to Japan). Don't forget us, Joyce! I would also like to thank Dave Collins for taking the time to come and talk to the school about community safety.

I had my final L3 training day on Wednesday and this will be the final week of literacy groups. Congratulations to all students who have shown a huge improvement in both their reading and writing. Practise is well under way for our Presentation dance. We are dancing to "Ghostbusters" and I would like all students to bring in a "Nerf" gun or water pistol to use as part of the dance. I do have some at home, so do not go and buy one especially.

Reports will be sent home in the final week of school but if you have any questions or concerns please try to pin me down for a chat or make an appointment time to come in for a more formal talk.

Have a great Christmas and I will see everyone in the New Year.
Thanks, Louise

3/4

What an amazing year we have had. We have been very busy but had a lot of fun too.

School work will start being sent home during the next week. Everyone in Year 3/4 has worked hard during the year and there is some really interesting work samples.

We would like to thank all students and their families for their support during the year.

We hope you have a safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Mr and Mrs Mirana

1/2 News

What a busy time of the year it is. Firstly I would like to thank Trish Slade for taking the 1/2 class whilst I was on leave.

This week in 1/2 we have been concentrating on increasing our skills on proof reading our own work. We have been also working hard on our spelling.

In Mathematics we are learning about multiplication and division. We have been working on arrays and repeated addition strategies.

We have been researching the country India. The children have been learning about Diwali. This is the name of a festival that they celebrate as part of their New Year.

We are also busy practicing for our concert item. I have been very impressed with their enthusiasm.

Hope to see you all there!
Have a lovely Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

Bernadette Hogarth

News from Buronga Towers

It is December!!!

We've a busy couple of weeks coming up. First of all I need to welcome Rachel to our class. Rachel is a year 5 girl and has just moved to Buronga. Thanks to all in year 5/6 who have helped make her feel very welcome.

We have our presentation night performance coming up. Costumes for the night are street clothes (colourful) and maybe some Christmas decoration to go with it.

The year 6 farewell will be on Thursday December 11. This year we will be going to Laserforce and then on to the Teppyaki restaurant. There will be more details in a note soon.

Don't forget that year 5 captain speeches will be held on December 12 and elections will be held the same day.

Have a great Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all at Presentation Night.

Mr Stewart

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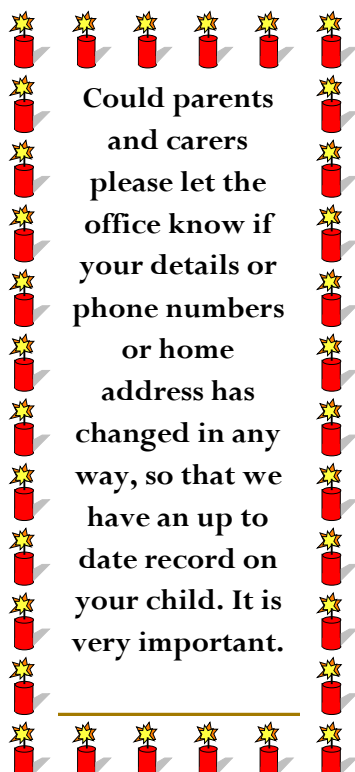
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the school.

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



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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.



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ENERGY
BILLS

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**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

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The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST:

- 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate



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Student Name: _____ Class: _____

My child was absent from school: Date/s _____

Reason: _____

Signed (Parent/Carer) : _____

Cut here _____

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