



29th May 2014
Term 2 Week 5

Principal's News

I would like to thank the P & C for all their hard work, especially all the lunches they have been providing and thank you for supporting them. The money they raise goes to fantastic projects within our school, like the shelters over the Infants rooms and our swim school program in Term 3. Just this week we received a letter to say that the P & C had been successful in gaining a \$5000 Bendigo Bank grant, which will go towards the rubber soffitall we are hoping to have installed under the playground equipment. Thank you to the P & C for putting in so much effort to make a school such a fantastic place.

Today the Year 6 Captains and Vice Captains travelled with Gol Gol Public School to the GRIP Leadership conference. We are lucky to have such an event in Mildura which is unique, in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW. They will leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader. So I look forward to hearing some of their ideas when they get back to school. I would like to thank Mr Stewart for accompanying the students to this fantastic event.

Last week Buronga Public School took part in National Simultaneous Story time. This event is run at the same time throughout Australia in not only schools but libraries. Our LEGs students went across to the Buronga Library to take part in this event and complete some fantastic activities with Alison, the Librarian. It was a fantastic day and all students at the school really enjoyed the book, "Too Many Elephants in This House". Thank you to Ms Niemann and Mrs Gebert for taking the students across to the Buronga Library.

Thank you to all the parents who get their children to school on time every day. It is really important that you try and get your child to school by 9am. When students come late they miss out on the start of lessons and vital information which can mean that by missing just one little part, they just won't learn the concept being taught. Try things like MAKING THEIR LUNCH THE NIGHT BEFORE...just to give you some extra time to get organised in the morning. If your child is late or you have to pick them up early, YOU MUST SIGN THEM IN TO or OUT OF the office. Students are not legally allowed to sign themselves in. If a child is late and has no parent signing them in, you will get a phone call asking for you to come in and sign them in or your child will need a note explaining why they are late. Thank you to those parents already doing this, you are fantastic.

Have a fantastic fortnight.

Kind Regards

Belinda Mirana

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 5

Thursday 29th May

GRIP Leadership conference

Friday 30th May 2pm

P & C meeting

Week 6

Wednesday 4th June

P & C BBQ Lunch

Friday 6th June

Barrier X-Country -Broken Hill

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App of the Fortnight

Monkey Preschool

Lunchbox

Cost: \$2.49

This is one of my all time favourite games and it is still number 1 in the App store.

Children get to help the monkey with; colours, matching, counting, letters, puzzles, spot the difference, shapes.

There are other apps in the series too.

Have a look!



LIBRARY, LEGS & OUTDOOR ED

LIBRARY

What a fun week we have had in the Library.

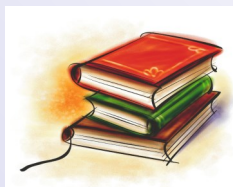
K-2 have been reading the book "Grandad's Teeth". It is such a fun book which we finished with a set of our own (Lolly) teeth.

Year 3/4 have started reading "Fantastic Mr Fox" and 5/6 have been studying Ancient wonders.

Please keep looking for any overdue library books at home, as it would be wonderful to have all the books back by the time Mrs Cock returns from England.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Gebert and Mrs Harriss



LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE GROUP

Last week we had a fantastic time visiting the Local Buronga Library to participate in National Simultaneous Story time. We got to make some elephants and listened to the book "Too Many Elephants in This House".

Ms Niemann and Mrs Gebert



OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS

In outdoor education/Science K/1 has been learning about plants and seeds. We have learned about how plants take up water... We put some celery in some red and blue water and the leaves changed colour! We have been predicting, observing and recording the changes. 1/2 are continuing to explore food chains and webs. This week we are learning about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and where they are in food chains. Grade 3/4 have been continuing their work looking at plants. We have planted some pea, bean and wheat seeds and we will observe their growth rates under the same conditions and graph their rates to find any differences. We will be learning about plant vascular systems and plant cells. 5/6 have been exploring anatomy and last week we started with the respiratory system, lungs, heart and associated structures. The students were very interested and asked some excellent questions about how the organs work and function. This week we are looking more closely at the heart and how the circulatory system works moving blood around our bodies. Please talk to you children about what they are learning about as it reinforces the learning they do at school.

Ms Niemann

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Website of the Fortnight

Kids Helpline

www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au

Try the 'Go for your life'
Interactive Lunchbox! Simply
add drinks, snacks and mains
to your lunchbox and weigh
up your lunch to see how
healthy it really is... Web
counselling is open 7 days a
week.

I love this resource! It's the
perfect interactive way for
students to be able to see
what makes up a good lunch
box. Students/paricipants in
the activity select which foods
and drinks they want to have
in their lunch box and then it
weighs it up. This could be
followed up with a discussion
as to why we need to have a
healthy lunch box.



P & C NEWS

- Thanks to all families that sold pies, we raised \$500 for P & C and \$500 for family's accounts to spend on camps and at school eg book club
- Next meeting tomorrow, 30th May at 2pm, all welcome, looking for new ideas so come and have a say.
- We have some awesome prizes already donated for festival raffle.
- BBQ lunch day next Wednesday 4th June
- We have started collecting lucky jars donations for the festival so start looking for cheap things to put in them
- Don't forget Bendigo Bank days are Wednesday. Hand all bank books into the office.

P & C Facebook Page

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

Reforms to NSW State P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>

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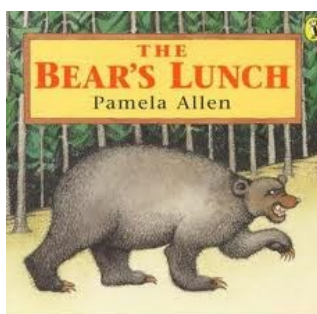
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Book of the Fortnight

The Bear's Lunch

By Pamela Allen

The Bear's Lunch is a delightful children's picture book containing 32 pages which is suitable for children ages 3-6. With a sense of fun (younger children will love to make the growling sounds that the bear makes as no doubt the adults will too!), impending danger, confrontation and an unexpected climax at the end, it will have young children captivated and can also teach them valuable life lessons about overcoming their fears.



chances dare to dream

Is your child interested in playing sport?

Maybe they would like to learn an instrument?

Or have a go at Guides or Scouts?

Are you worried your family budget won't stretch that far?

If you have a health care card then you may be eligible.

The Chances **Connecting Kids with Community Fund** provides funding to eligible applicants so that kids can 'have a go' at an after school activity. Please contact Lesley Cordoma on 5021 4789 for more information.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We, the Missionaries of Charity sisters are starting classes for Baptism, 1st communion, confirmation and Reconciliation.

If you wish your child/children to receive these sacraments, please contact the sisters on Tel: 50274684 (Sister Shin Lei).



Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

We also have this chart available at the front office.



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Card games to play at home for maths:

Up and Down

Each player is dealt four cards face up. The remaining cards are placed in a pack in the centre. The aim of the game is to be the first player to arrange the cards in ascending or descending order. Starting with player to the dealers left, each player takes turns to exchange cards from the pack or discard pile to arrange their four cards in order. The first player to arrange his/her cards in order is the winner of the round and receives a point. The first player to accumulate five points is the winner of the game.



CLASS NEWS

K/1 News

Well done to every-one in K/1 who read out or showed their story in assembly last week. Our next Reading 2 Learn text is 'The Bear's Lunch' by Pamela Allen, another amusing story with great illustrations. In maths we have looked at how to measure area by covering spaces and all about full and empty and containers which have more or less volume. We are continuing to look at healthy lifestyles, last week the class got to pack their own lunch boxes with some surprising results, just because it tastes good does not mean it is healthy. An excellent web site is <http://www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au>, follow the links to the interactive lunch box. Finally, a big thank you to the students who were so well behaved last week whilst I was off class, it is nice to hear how you all knew the magic L's and how to move between activities. Well done!.

Louise

1/2

Last week I was off class for a few days for some professional Development in reading and writing. The children did some excellent work on the story book

'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. They are busy making their own wild thing and then writing about them. The children are using some wonderful descriptive words.

Thanks to Mrs Tyson for getting some catalogues for our 'Money' activity for maths. This was very useful.

Keep supporting your child to read at home as this helps them in their reading mileage. Have a great week
Mrs Hogarth

3/4

This week Year 3/4 having been looking at 3D shapes and have been making Nets. They have been doing addition strategies with Mr Mirana too.

In Literacy we have been looking at a great website "Scholastic Story Starters" where the class have been writing some fantastic texts.

In art this week we looked at the famous artist "Henri Matisse". We learnt about his artwork and made some of our own with paper cut-outs.

Mr and Mrs Mirana

News from Buronga Towers

This week the year 6 children are going to the GRIP Leadership Conference. It's a great event and I look forward to it each year. Go to www.gripleadership.com.au for more information.

The Canberra Excursion will be held in the last week of term 3. There will be a note sent home next week outlining the excursion itinerary and costs for 2014. If you have any questions about the excursion please see me.

Have a great week

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.



Buronga Gol Gol & Districts Lions Club

Project Ice Public Forum

To be held at the Midway Centre, Buronga on

Tuesday 17th June 2014.

Time: 7.00 pm

Everyone welcome.

We will have guest speakers from

Dareton Mental Health Drug & Alcohol

Service and N.S.W. Police.

Light Supper to follow.

For further information, please contact:

Richard Munro [Lions Club] - Phone 0419224844

Dareton Health - Phone 50217200



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: _____

Signed (Parent/Carer) : _____

Cut here _____

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Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

James

reads 20 minutes per night,
5 times per week



Travis

reads only 4 minutes per night
...or not at all



In one week:

100

minutes of reading



20

minutes of reading

In one month:

400

minutes of reading



80

minutes of reading

In one school year (9 months):

3600

minutes of reading



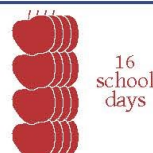
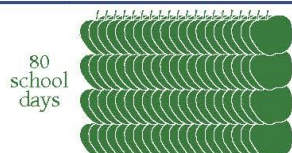
720

minutes of reading

By the end of eighth grade:

28,800

minutes of reading



5760

minutes of reading

Which student would you expect to read better?
Which student would you expect to know more?
Which student would you expect to write better?
Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?
How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?



It is important your child completes home reading **every night**.

K–2 are given books every night to read, these should be recorded in their reading log.

3-6 are responsible to change or choose their own books but should be reading every night too.

