



15th October 2015  
Week 2 Term 4

## Principal's News

Not many more weeks and it will be the end of the year!

We have a busy term and I will be out for Principal meetings a couple of times as well. Please have a look at the term planner I have sent home with the newsletter this week. Please put it on the fridge or somewhere safe as there are so many things going on.

This term the Year 5 students will be presenting their captains speeches, ready for next year and there are many sporting activities and performances that all students will be involved in. The Year 6 students will be participating in the High School orientation programs and we also have the new Kindergarten parents for next year coming in every Monday between 2-3pm.

I would like to thank Bendigo Bank and the P & C for their contribution to the new shade sails in the school, they look fantastic. Students are loving the shade and the teachers are happy to have another shaded area for them to run fitness activities. Students will still need their hats on, even under the new shade sail, especially as it is just so hot, so keep reminding them to pack their hat everyday. Applying sunscreen in the morning is also a great idea.

This week I was contacted by a school in Sydney, Lane Cove Public School. We have never had anything to do with their school before but they heard about the great things we do at Buronga and decided to donate their Woolworths points to us, over 28000 of them. This will buy us padded pole protectors for our new shade sail area and each class has also put together a wish list of items that they will now be able to order. Our school raised over 7000 points as well and I would like to thank the parents and Buronga community for helping us achieve this target. All the points will be used to benefit your children.

We have the Life Education Van visiting our school on Thursday 29th October. The Life Education Van will be visited by every class, where they will learn about their body and healthy eating habits. This is a fantastic program which has been running for over 20 years now. We will not be charging the students for this, the school will be paying for each child to attend.

Have a great fortnight.

Kind Regards  
Belinda Mirana  
Principal

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Week 3

Tuesday 20th October  
Friday

K-2 Cranky Bear performance @ MAC Tuesday—  
Mrs Mirana @ State Principal Meeting Sydney

#### Week 4

Monday—Wednesday

Mrs Hogarth and Ms Niemann @ conference

Thursday 29th October

Life Education Van K-6  
Music Count us in K-6

Kindy 2016 Orientation

Every Monday 2-3pm (12/10/15 to 16/11/15)

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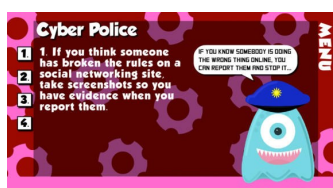
### App of the Fortnight

#### BULLY STOPPERS APP

Cost : FREE

A joint initiative between ACMI and DET, Bully Stoppers aims to strengthen prevention and empower everyone to make a stand and become a bully stopper, reducing incidences of bullying in all schools. There are heaps of useful resources for social media, cyber-safety and cyberbullying on the site.

Every kid should have this app, it's creates a real to life scenario, and illustrates appropriate online behaviour. Love bully stoppers :)



## Library

I am still filling in for Mrs Cock while she is on leave.

It has been a great start to the term, with many books being brought in and many students borrowing.

Our library days have changed a little so please check below what day your child has library;

K/1: Monday, 1/2: Tuesday, 3/4: Friday, 5/6: Friday

Have a great fortnight

Thank you



## Come & Try Swimming Days

(Be willing to try to swim a lap)

New members welcome.

Encourages fitness, fun and achieving personal bests.

*Come & try days and training begin:*

*Dareton, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October & Wentworth,  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 5.15pm*

*Training: Dareton Public Pool, Mondays & Wednesdays 5:15pm  
(finishing time varies depending on age)*

*Wentworth Public Pool, Thursday 5:15pm*

#### 2015/16 Fees:

\$175 competitive swimmer

\$150 learn to swim (maximum 2yrs)

Fees do not include season tickets to Public Pool (phone Wentworth Shire for enquiries)

Fees entitle the members to training (5 months), insurance, Sunraysia Swimming Fees and entry to some competitions.

For more information contact Teresa Crisp (Coach)

Ph: 0400 521 187 or

Email: [teresa@plummer.com.au](mailto:teresa@plummer.com.au)

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### Website of the Fortnight

### Bully Stoppers Website

www.education.vic.gov.  
au/about/programs/  
bullystoppers

Bullying is a serious issue for everyone in a school community. It can happen anywhere, anytime, and can have devastating consequences. Any child can be bullied. That is why Bully Stoppers calls on everyone to make a stand and lend a hand to prevent and respond to bullying behaviour.

Bully Stoppers supports students, parents, teachers and principals in working together to make sure schools are safe and supportive places, where everyone is empowered to help reduce the incidence of bullying in all schools.



## P & C NEWS

Hi Everyone

The shade sales look fantastic! I would like to thank the Bendigo Bank and the whole Buronga Community for the hard work in raising the money to get these installed. We have had great feedback and the kids and teachers love them.

I'd like to remind everyone about lucky jars for Festival. Just fill up your empty jars with small items such as pencils, erasers, stickers etc and bring them in. We would like to see at least 5 from each family.

We also still need volunteers for Festival. If you are able to help out, please get my details off Sally in the office, and let me know.

Keep sending in your sold raffle tickets, as always, there are some amazing prizes.

Also don't forget to get your old car batteries down to Austrek. Our school is awarded \$5 per battery.

Have a great weekend!

Viv

## WE WAN'T YOUR SCRAP CAR, TRUCK & TRACTOR BATTERIES



Help raise much needed funds for your school and clean your yard up at the same time.

For each scrap car, truck or tractor battery you drop off at Austrek for the month of September we will put \$5 towards your schools total!

Dig out all those batteries and drop them in at Austrek, don't forget to say your from the Buronga Public School



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### Book of the Fortnight

#### *Snail and Turtle are Friends*

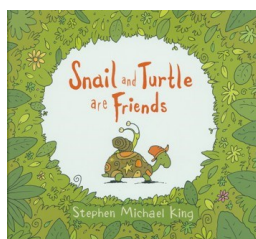
by  
Stephen Michael King

Early Childhood: CBCA Short  
list Picture Book of the Year,  
2015

Snail and Turtle are very  
good mates. They love to  
do things together - walk-  
ing, running, hiding, simp-  
ly being quiet.

They are friends but they  
are quite different. Snail  
likes to eat leaves, Turtle  
prefers flowers. Snail likes  
to climb and slide, Turtle  
likes to dive and swim.

But differences don't mat-  
ter when you are very  
good friends.



## Come and Try Day

**Starts:** 9:30am Saturday October 10th & 17th

Junior Summer Competition the following Saturdays ending December, 2015.

**Where:** SJC Stadium, 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Mildura

**Competition for:-**

Junior Girls

Junior Boys

Junior Social (Mixed)

This is a great opportunity to play competition  
volleyball if you have never tried it before!

*Beginners more than welcome!*





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

#### Top it K-2

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.

#### Top It Addition and Subtraction 3-6

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.



## CLASS NEWS

### K/1 News

For the first three weeks of this term, K/1 are lucky enough to have Miss McPhee working in the classroom. Miss McPhee is a second year student at LaTrobe University. She is very impressed with Buronga School and is amazed with the work ethic and behavior of the class.

Next Tuesday we are all going to the arts centre to watch a production of The Very Cranky Bear, please return your permission notes ASAP. We are also learning a lovely song called Gold, which is this years simultaneous song to be sung across Australia on October 29th.

Keep regularly reading at home and please remember to ensure your child brings their school hat and water bottle to school everyday, as the weather has quickly heated up.

Thanks Louise

### 3/4 NEWS

TERM 4 - Busy, Busy!!! In literacy, we have been writing letters to our Narraweena Pen Pals, who we received letters from last week. We are focussing on writing interesting and engaging letters that give our pals some information about us but also ask them about Sydney and what they are interested in. We have also been working hard on our spelling, reading and comprehension. We have also been learning how to use sign language. The students have learned to sign their name and say hello. We are really enjoying learning about how it is used.

Don't forget to encourage your child to read at home. All students have readers and practising at home really helps to consolidate the learning at school.  
***Don't forget Friday is Library borrowing day!***

In maths we have been looking at gathering data and graphing in our books and using Excel. We conducted a traffic survey on the Silver City Highway last week and then took the data and used it to create graphs and learn about collating and presenting data. We have also been reviewing time - units of time and sequencing. We have continued to work really hard to learn our tables.

Ms Niemann & Mr Mirana

### 1/2 News

Welcome back to the start of a busy term 4. We certainly have had a very productive couple of weeks with the children. It was wonderful to see all of them keen and eager to be back into learning.

Home reading is still continuing with wonderful support from parents. As you are aware home reading has been the children's only source of homework. Please make sure you enjoy the reading time with your child. Take home readers are a time to enjoy listening and sharing a book together. Please come and see me if you have any concerns regarding readers.

Library day for 1/2 is now every Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Gebert. They still need a library bag so they may borrow. Please check if your child has any over due books that need returning. Outdoor Education is still on Thursday afternoon with Mrs Nieman each week.

We have been reading the book 'There's a sea in my bedroom' and the children have been working on describing words. The class will have a sea theme for this term. Some of the children have been keen to share shells and things that they have collected whilst at the beach. They are also busy writing a report on Dolphins which they are eager to finish and share.

Next Tuesday the children in K-2 are going on an excursion to see the Cranky Bear Performance. The children need to return their bus notes to enable them to go. We are all looking forward to this.

With the weather warming up it's a good idea to just make sure your child has a drink bottle and hat everyday.

Have a great week.

Mrs Bernadette Hogarth

### **"Views from Attic"**

Dear Parents

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Canberra. I have shared some photos with the year 6 students via their Google drive. The photos can be viewed and downloaded at home. If you would like them on a USB stick send in in and I can copy them on to it.

We have Ms Nina Hardie in our class for the first three weeks of the term. Nina is a student from Latrobe University. Please say hello if you see her in the playground.

As usual there is a lot going on this term. Year 6 students have begun preparing for secondary school with transition activities. We have a visit to the Mildura show this week, captain's visits to Narraweena PS and T20 Blast cricket.

Have a great week

Mr Stewart

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Please remember the Bus  
Zone out the front of the  
school.

The Police will be Blitzing  
the area over the next cou-  
ple of weeks. \$311 fine and 3  
demerit points.



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.

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4!!! It is warming up and things are growing RE-ALLY well. It has been so great to hear about so many students planting veggies and growing things in the holidays. Fantastic to grow your own food and it tastes so much better!

In Outdoor Education Science this fortnight, K/1 are learning about "mini-beasts and pets". Last week we collected mini-beasts and observed them with hand lens to describe their features. Grade 1/2 are looking at "dirt and rocks". Last week and this week we have collected different soil samples from around the school and mixed them with water to let them settle out into different layers to see what dirt is made of. Grade 3/4 and 5/6 are learning about water and its importance to our area. Today we have been at the Mildura Show participating in the Mildura Water Week on Show activities and learning about the importance of the water resource and how we can help manage it sustainably. We had a great day but it was nice and warm. Look for some photos in the newsletter.

Ms Niemann



3/4 @ the Mildura Show



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



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

## EVERY DAY COUNTS....

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**Check the time  
your school  
starts.  
DON'T BE LATE!**

