



26th November 2015  
Week 8 Term 4

## Principal's News

Only a month until Christmas day!

It will be a busy few weeks leading up to the holidays.

Firstly I would like to thank the P & C, parents and community for all the hard work that went into the Buronga International Food Festival on the weekend. From last count we had raised over \$18000, which is a record for the night. None of this would be possible without the support of local businesses that either donate money or resources for the night and the community that turn up and buy food and other products. Some people say it is great money for just 3 hours of work but as you know, the P & C have spent months organising the event and I would like to thank them for the late nights and stress. The P & C should be so proud of what they have achieved this year, now on to the planning for next year.

Last week our captains travelled to Sydney to visit our sister school at Narraweena. We had a fantastic week and the students were kept busy. They were invited to Parliament house in Sydney, where they were shown around by the local member for Lakemba, Jihard Dib. They even got to sit in question time in parliament and were mentioned by "Madame Speaker". They were amazed at what goes on in question time, it really was an incredible experience. On the Thursday we travelled to Narraweena and the students participated in lessons for the day.

Whilst at Narraweena, Buronga Public School was presented with a cheque by the Aboriginal Support Group Manly Warringah Pittwater and the family of the late member and treasurer, David Harrison. David passed away in August this year and his grandson, Tim attends Narraweena Public School. The family felt it fitting to donate money, which was given in lieu of flowers, to Buronga Public School. We have decided that the money will go towards art supplies and an Aboriginal artist-in-residence next year. I was moved by this lovely gesture and will be sending some artwork and a thank you letter to the family.

Today the Year 5/6 students are heading out to Wentworth for a Rugby League Gala day with Gol Gol PS and Wentworth PS. I am sure they will do their best and have a fun day too.

I hope you all have an enjoyable fortnight. Only one more newsletter before school breaks up for the holidays.

Kind Regards  
Belinda Mirana  
Principal

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Week 9

Thursday 3rd December

Reward Day K—6 Inflatable world

#### Week 10

Thursday 10th December

Yr 6 Farewell

Friday 11th December

School Disco "Dress to Impress" theme

#### Week 11

Reports home this week

Tuesday 15th December

Presentation night

Wednesday 16th December

Last day of school.

2016—School starts Thursday 4th February Yrs 1-6 and Monday 8th February for new Kindy.

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### App of the Fortnight

#### **LEGO FRIENDS STORY MAKER**

Cost : FREE

Parents need to know that *Lego Friends Story Maker* is a publishing tool that lets kids create multimedia books using background images, Lego Friends characters and accessories, and their own text and audio. With the iOS version, kids can publish their books to iBooks and share them. With the Android version, the book is saved and read within the app. It's free with no in-app purchases required -- not even to publish. A few bugs that cause text not to be saved were still being worked out at the time of review, though some issues already have been fixed. Kids may want to save often to check that their text is saving correctly before getting too far along in a project on their own.



## Library

Mrs Cock will be returning next week. I would like to thank everyone for their support while I have been filling in for her.

Library lessons will be changing a little, as of next week, please see below.

New library days are:

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

Have a great fortnight

Mrs Gebert

Harrison Family presenting a cheque to Mrs Mirana for resources and an Aboriginal Artist in Residence program for 2016.





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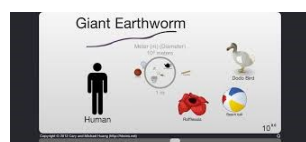
### Website of the Fortnight

## The Scale of the Universe

<http://htwins.net/scale2/>

This fantastic website is great fun. We were shown it at Narraweena Public School last week.

Trying to imagine the smallest things in our universe is a rather difficult task. Similarly, it is hard to truly conceive of the largest things in the cosmos—[supermassive black holes](#), [large quasar groups](#), and the [most massive stars](#). So it's not too surprising that simultaneously imagining the smallest of the small and the largest of the large is a mind-bendingly difficult task. Fortunately, this awesome interactive graphic let's you do just that. You can slide all the way from the tiny nucleus of a hydrogen atom to the scale of the observable universe (note: this may not be responsive on mobile devices, so bookmark for later).



## P & C NEWS

Hi Everyone

A huge thank you to everyone who came and helped at festival. We raised over \$18000 which is fantastic!

There is a disco on the 11th December for an end of year dance. No need to buy new outfits— just wear something nice. The theme is “Dress to Impress”. Notes with more info will go home next week.

Presentation night is coming up and as usual we will have a Christmas raffle. There will be a box in the office if you want to donate something small, but you're not obligated to.

Thanks again for all your hard work.

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## Buronga International Food Festival 2015



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### Book of the Fortnight

#### *The Lorax*

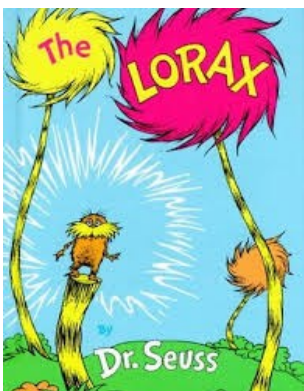
by  
Dr Seuss

Since *The Lorax*, a picture book by Dr. Seuss, was first published in 1971, it has become a classic.

For many children, the Lorax character has come to symbolize concern for the environment.

However, the story has been somewhat controversial, with some adults embracing it and others seeing it as anti-capitalism propaganda. The

story is more serious than most Dr. Seuss books, and the moral more direct, but his wonderful zany illustrations, use of rhyme and made-up words, and unique characters lighten the story and make it appealing to children 6 and older, although I would recommend it primarily for ages 8 to 14.



Pylon Climb with the  
Narraweena Captains

Sydney Harbour



State Parliament with Jihard  
Dib—Local Member for  
Lakemba



With the Narraweena Yr 6  
teachers

Mrs Mirana with Mr White (Principal  
of Narraweena Public School)



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

#### Salute K-2

Three people need to play this game. Use a short deck – cards 2-10. Deal one card each face down. When the dealer says salute each player raises the card to his or her forehead. The dealer states the total of the cards when added together. Each player has to determine the total of the card being held to his or her forehead by looking at the other person's card and subtracting this amount from the total.

#### Salute 3-6

Same as above but multiply the numbers.



## CLASS NEWS

### K/1 News

Wow! It was great to see so many of the class at the food festival on Saturday and they have produced some amazing pieces of writing and posters about the event. Well done. Mrs Cock is returning next week, so library will also return to a Tuesday afternoon.

I am very busy benchmarking reading and completing assessments for state and school reports. I will hopefully catch up with all parents some time next week for an informal chat about where your child sits on the continuum and goals for the coming school years. Any immediate concerns, please come and see me for an earlier appointment time.

Thanks

Mrs Olofsson

### 3/4 NEWS

In literacy, we have received more letters from our Narraweena Pen Pals, which has been very exciting! We are currently drafting new letters to send back before the end of term! In grammar we have been learning about synonyms and antonyms. In maths we have been re-viewing Volume and Capacity and working hard on our subtraction and problem solving.

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 - send a book bag so students can borrow!***

Ms Niemann & Mr Mirana

### 1/2 News

We have had a fantastic week, with lots going on in 1/2.

We are learning about different types of celebrations and also traditions from other countries.

In mathematics we have been working on addition and 3D shapes and their properties. It is also great to see evidence that some children are learning their times tables at home. Test results have shown an improvement in this area.

Thanks to all the volunteers that helped out at the Buronga International Food Festival. It was a great night! The children have written some wonderful recounts about the event.

Have a lovely week.

Bernadette Hogarth

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

Dear Parents

We had a great week in Sydney. The schools captains were excellent ambassadors for our school wherever we were. The children enjoyed joining in with the year 6 classes and I enjoyed visiting the classrooms and talking about the technologies being used as well as getting to know the staff and the children.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be practising our concert items and getting ready for end of term.

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

Congratulations to everyone involved last Saturday for the International Festival. It was a fantastic night and great to see such a large crowd and so much money raised for our school! This fortnight in Outdoor Education Science the K/1 have been consolidating our knowledge of what makes an insect and the features we can recognise when classifying mini-beasts. Grade 1/2 have been finishing up our unit on dirt and rocks and we are now planning to make a pet rock for the end of term. Grade 3/4 and 5/6 have continued talking about water and its importance to our area. We have been learning some facts about water usage in this area and how water gets to our homes. The chooks are now back at school and happily laying us some delicious, fresh eggs!



Ms Niemann

## Travel 2016

If your child is going to travel by bus next year, you can apply for a bus pass by filling out a travel form available from the school office.

Most parents, guardians and students won't need to apply for a school travel pass for 2016 if a school student travel pass for the current year has already been issued. These will be automatically sent to the school by the relevant transport operator for Term One 2016.

However, students should use the new form if they;

- are starting school and have not had a pass for travel before
- are moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7
- are changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school
- or if their personal details have changed (e.g. address)



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



**1800 55 1800**

Kids Helpline is a service of BoysTown.

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

My child was absent from school: Date/s

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

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

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# BEFORE YOU



# THINK

**T = IS IT TRUE?**

**H = IS IT HELPFUL?**

**I = IS IT INSPIRING?**

**N = IS IT NECESSARY?**

**K = IS IT KIND?**





