



5th March 2015
Week 6 Term 1

Principal's News

It has been a great term so far. All the classes are really settled and the students have been doing some fantastic work. I have been to every classroom and even taught some of them. Thank you to all parents and carers that are working hard to make sure their child is in school uniform every day and that all students have hats. Hats and jumpers are always an issue, as they are easily lost, so please make sure you label all of your child's items.

The district (Murray Darling) swimming carnival was on today in Dareton. Congratulations to all the students that did qualify. Please remember that even if you child came first or second in the Buronga carnival, it goes on times and stokes as to whether they made it to the district carnival. Well done to everyone who participated.

I would like to welcome many familiar faces back to the P & C and some new faces. I would like to thank Trudy Tyson for all her hard work over the past 12 months as President. I would also like to thank the other committee members too. The P & C is a tough job and one which can seem thankless at times but please remember we are all very grateful of your hardwork and enthusiasm, which has given our school amazing resources over the years.

I would like to acknowledge the loss of Mrs Maurveen Cock. Mrs Cock was Merren's Mother in Law and Barry Cock's mum... Barry is our General Assistant-he looks after the school grounds. Maurveen was 91 and ran scripture lessons at Buronga Public School for many years. She also ran stalls at the Buronga International Food Festival and was on the P & C along with her husband, as all her children came through the school. It was of request of the family that no flowers be sent but we made a donation to Stewart House this week on her behalf.

I myself lost my mother this week and I will be taking from Friday 6th to Wednesday 18th off school. Merren Cock will be relieving Principal while I am gone. Mrs Ruth Gebert will be filling in the role of Mr Mirana on 3/4 and also Mrs Cock's library lessons. I would like to thank the P & C for the beautiful flowers they gave me.

In a couple of weeks we have a dinosaur science show on at the school. This will be paid for by the school and will be at no coast to families. It should be a great show. Unfortunately, due to numbers, we can only have the Buronga students attend this event as we also have another couple of small schools joining us on this day.

At the end of the term our 4 school captains will be attending a leadership camp at Mungo National Park with the school captains of 7 other city/country schools. This will be from Tuesday 31st March to Thursday 2nd April. I will send a note home once I am back from leave. This camp will be at no cost to the students, as we will be staying in tents.

Finally, please make sure your child is getting enough sleep. Please have a look at the back page of the newsletter...this outlines the importance of sleep and school. We have many tired students at the moment, and although it is hard to get them to bed early, when the sun is still up, it is beneficial to their learning to have a good sleep, so they are not tired for school the next day. Ipods, ipads and TV are not a good bedtime buddy. Try reading your child a book and having some quiet time before bed. It is hard work but the benefits are amazing.

Have a great fortnight.

Belinda Mirana

Mr Stewart with his
cooking hat on:)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 6

Friday 6th March

Murray Darling Swimming Carnival

Week 8

Wednesday 18th March

Dinosaur Science Show

Week 10

Tues 31st March - Thursday 2nd April

Captains camp Mungo NP

9:30am Thursday 2nd April

Reward Day K-6 Lifestyle Plus

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App of the Fortnight

1 2 3 SHEEP

COST= FREE

1 2 3 Sheep! is a beautifully crafted counting game for young learners that adapts to match their progress.

Players explore counting concepts in three fun activities - flying a helicopter around the farm, herding sheep into pens and guiding the sheepdog into the ute. Kids are drawn in with friendly, detailed graphics, playful audio and lots of humorous encouragement.

The easy-to-follow instructions require basic reading ability, but with a parent or teacher's help even young children are able to play independently within a short time.

1 2 3 Sheep! was developed in consultation with teachers and has been evaluated by students in the classroom environment



COOKING

Congratulations to 1/2 class who received the inaugural

Our Kitchen Rules trophy

for the Class of the Month award; for their great work as a group in the kitchen. Listening, following directions, trying unknown or unusual foods and cleaning up as well.

I hear that 5/6 are throwing out a challenge with great work in the kitchen on Tuesday. Next week 3/4 will be cooking again.

Merren

WENTWORTH DISTRICT



JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

Registration Night

Registration for the 2015 season will be held at the Dareton oval on Friday 20th March from 6:30pm.

Please join us for a sausage sizzle to meet the coaches and register for your team.
Registration is \$90 for 1, \$170 for 2. \$200 for 3

For more information contact Scott on 0419505678 or Maritta (Netball Coordinator) on 0428210902.

A Great Family Club.

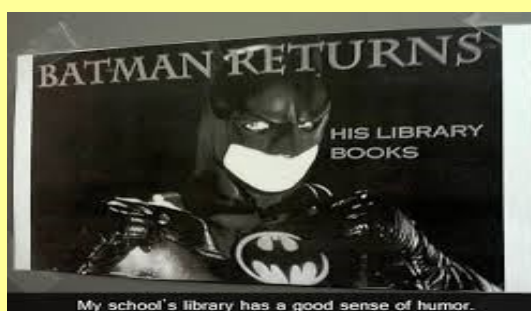
Library

Library sessions are on **Tuesday K/1, Wednesday 1/2, Thursday 5/6 and Friday 3/4**. A library bag to put books in is essential for all students, other than 5/6.

In Library we have some new books available for borrowing with a great many more to be ready soon. So make sure your child has a library bag please.

Also, there are still students with books overdue from last year so please have a BIG HUNT and return those please.

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

Thank you to all the parents who attended the AGM last Monday. The night was a success with all positions filled.

The new Committee is:

Vivian Riley - President
Dawn Evans - Vice President
Sarah Hando - Secretary
Cassie Hannigan - Treasurer
Michelle Dowdy - Fundraising Coordinator
Sub Committee
Jaime Collins - Lunch Coordinator
Catherine Driscoll - Festival Coordinator

The Hot Cross Bun order forms were sent home yesterday.

Just a reminder that for every pack your family sells, you will have \$1 deposited into your family fundraising account, which are funds you can use within the school to pay for uniforms or school excursions etc. So make sure you sell as many as you can. Orders are to be returned by Monday 20th March. Hot Cross Buns will be delivered Friday 27th March. Happy Fundraising!!

Next P&C Meeting will be held on the 28th of April at 2.00pm in the Multi Purpose Room. Hope to see you there.

Vivian



ALCHERINGA JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

Once again, winter tennis is getting ready to start.

All ages, from 8 to 16 welcome.

All abilities catered for.

Competition is run each Saturday morning starting in May through to September.

Practice sessions each Wednesday afternoon.

There will be several sign up/come and try days each Wednesday from 5.00 - 6.00pm:

Wed 18th March, Wed 25th March, Wed 1st April, Wed 15th April, Wed 22nd April.

(at Gol Gol courts, Sturt Hwy.)

Bring a tennis racquet, drink bottle and hat.

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Book of the Fortnight

The Red Piano

by

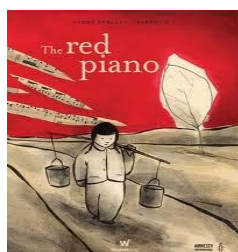
[Andre Leblanc](#) (Author),

[Barroux](#) (Illustrator)

This stirring and beautiful picture book relates the moving and inspiring story of a gifted young girl's passion for the piano in a time of historic turmoil. During China's Cultural Revolution (1966 – 1976), a young girl is taken from her family and sent to a far-off labour camp. Forbidden to play the piano, she nevertheless finds a way of smuggling handwritten music into the camp and sneaking away at night to practice a piano in a secret location.

Then, one night, she is caught ...

Inspired by the amazing true story of the international concert pianist Zhu Xiao-Mei, Andre Leblanc and Barroux's acclaimed picture book from France poetically relates an extraordinary story of perseverance set against a cataclystic period of history which is, to this day, still shrouded in mystery.



Zucchini Slice

1 cup Self Raising Flour

1 cup grated cheddar cheese

5 eggs

375g Zucchini

1 large onion

3 rashers of bacon

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of oil

salt and pepper

1. Pre-heat oven to 180C
2. Coarsely grate unpeeled zucchini and finely chop onion and bacon.
3. Combine zucchini, onion, bacon, cheese, flour, oil and lightly beaten eggs, season with salt and pepper.
4. Pour into a well greased tin (16cm x26cm)
5. Bake for 30-40 minutes or until golden brown.

Serves 4-6.

You can also use carrot instead of all zucchini.



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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.



CLASS NEWS

K/1 News

We have had a very busy two weeks and I continue to be amazed by the amount of work that is being achieved. Well done to all students in K/1. We are looking at various nursery rhymes and what they really mean, I have encountered a few new ones myself. Home reading is being done by most students on a daily basis and some Kindergarten students will begin to take home books they can read themselves over the coming weeks. In maths we are looking at single digit and two digit numbers and counting groups of objects.

Just a reminder that we are trying to foster independent learners so it would be great if you could ensure your child carries in their own school bag and organises themselves each morning. They will learn far more by doing it themselves and maybe forgetting something every now and then, than having it done for them each day.

Thanks,

Louise Olofsson

3/4 NEWS

We have been very busy in the 3/4 room this fortnight. Ms Niemann has returned from leave and we have been learning about nouns, common and proper, in literacy. We have been writing recounts, learning about the differences between facts and opinions and practising editing to ensure our writing makes sense and has all the appropriate elements. Well done to all those students who have been taking their readers home and doing their spelling each day. Please ensure reading folders and spelling books come to school EVERY DAY even if you have not done the reading and spelling. We use the books in our language rotations so we need them please. In maths we have been estimating length and measuring in centimetres and metres. We have also been practising our tables and working on subtraction.

This term we are focusing on products, services and systems. We are wanting some boxes and basic recycling materials for a craft project, so it would be good if we could get some brought in.

Good luck to all our swimmers today. We hope you have had a lovely day at the pool!

Ms Niemann and Mr Mirana :)

1/2 News

I would like to congratulate Jesse Hando and Nali-andrah Blair who are participating at the Murray Darling swimming carnival this week. Good luck to both of you.

Just a reminder that the 1/2 class have Library with Mrs Cock on Wednesdays and Ms Niemann for Outdoor Education on Thursdays.

I am very pleased to see so many readers being returned daily. We are making a familiar book box for each child in the room. If you have any spare shoe boxes that you could bring in for us to use this would be greatly appreciated!

This week during our literacy we have been looking to extend our written work. We have been discussing what quality writing looks like and using descriptive words in our writing. We have been spending time creating a plan for our writing. Each child has their own individual spelling words and they work on these in class during the week.

We have also been talking about independence. In 1/2 it is expected that the children be able to do simple tasks independently. This means completing tasks on their own. Simple tasks such as putting their lunch and drink bottle in the fridge. Remembering to put their own reader in the home reader box. Please support and encourage your child with this.

Have a great week.

Mrs Hogarth

“Views from Attic”

Dear Parents

I will be on leave from March 16 until the end of term. My interviews have been postponed until next term. If you would like to see me before then please let me know so we can arrange a time.

We have a number of children competing at the Murray-Darling Swimming Carnival this Friday at Dareton. I'm sure they will represent our school well.

If you would still like help with or to know about the NSWDEC Microsoft and Adobe software licences let me know.

Have a great week

Greg Stewart

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Please be careful not to park in the Bus Zone out the front of the school.

The Police will be Blitzing the area over the next couple 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

In Outdoor Education/Science this week we have been setting up our special science room. Thank you to the grade 5/6 people who have been helping me at lunchtime. Most appreciated. We have been looking at fish and the aquaponics system in the senior grades, looking at the PH scale and where we need the level to be for optimum fish health. The friendly bacteria levels are building up and the PH is coming down to near neutral which is what we need. We have also been measuring temperature and using a logue to record the results. When the fish arrive, we will also need to start monitoring ammonia, nitrate and nitrite levels to ensure the system is working properly. If the PH keeps falling, we will introduce the fish in about three weeks. The infants have been leaning about living and non-living things and finding out a bit about fish and how they are the same and different to us.

We are currently looking at a new chook pen and relocating the chooks to the orchard area of the school-yard. A huge thankyou to the P&C, who have offered to purchase a pre-fabricated chook pen for the school. As soon as it is built, our hens will be returning!

The Giant Bubble recipe from last year is below if you want to try it at home.

Ms Niemann



GIANT BUBBLES

6 cups **water** (filtered tap water is fine)

1/2 cup **dish washing detergent**

1/2 cup **corn flour**

1 tbsp **baking powder** (not baking soda)

1 tbsp **Glycerine** (can get it at the supermarket)

Mix cornflour with a little water first to avoid the lumps. Add rest of the water, detergent, baking powder then stir through the glycerine. Don't make it foamy. Leave stand for at least an hour, (even overnight). A wire coat hanger bound with stocking is a good giant bubble maker, or cotton rope made into a triangle with weights. Enjoy!

Please check with your children if they like the sandwiches and food you are sending with them to school. We are seeing a lot of food going to waste every day, ending up in the chook bucket.

We will be putting out lots of ideas in the coming weeks for healthy lunch ideas and food tips.



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 _____

Reason: _____

Signed (Parent/Carer) : _____

Cut here _____

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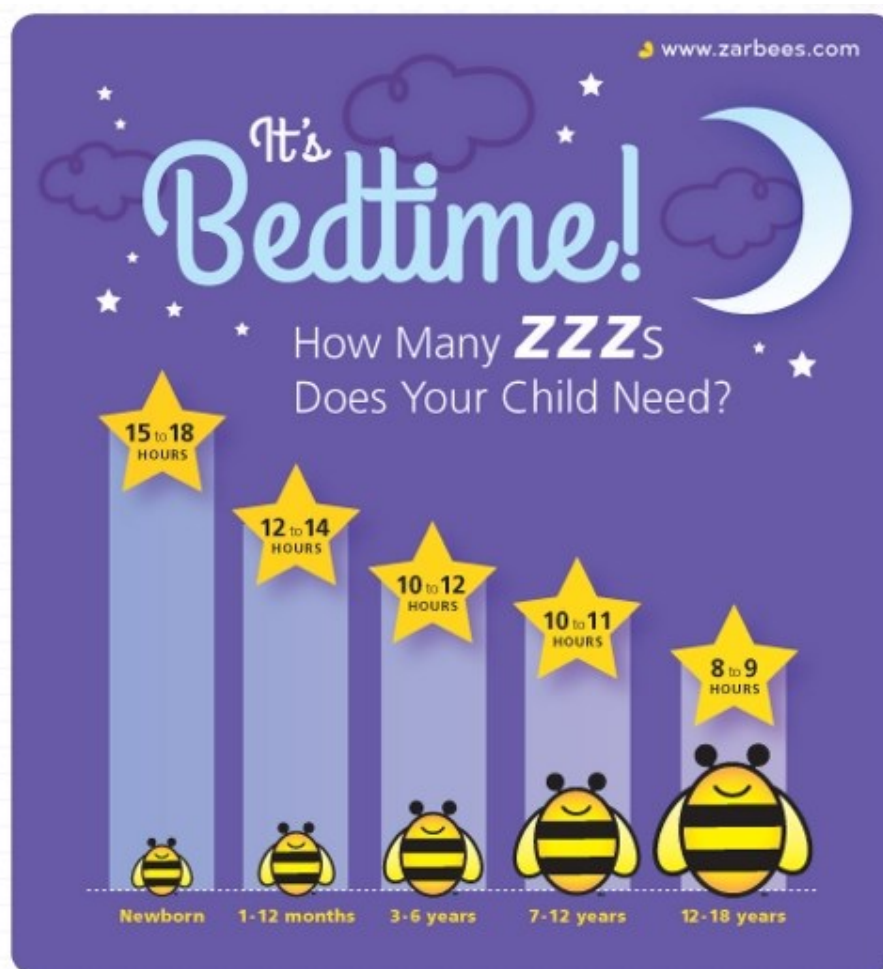
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Get your routine right

About 30 to 40 minutes before your child goes to bed, carry out the same steps every night - make this routine your bedtime ritual. Having a regular routine means your child's body will start to prepare for sleep as soon as you start this process. This is especially important when you are making adjustments to their bedtime to help with the clock change.

Lighting
Dim the lights in the bedroom ready for your return from the bath, as this will help with the production of the sleep hormone melatonin.

Story time
Read one or two stories or sing a gentle lullaby. Have a cuddle and kiss goodnight and tuck them in with their favourite soft toy so they are warm and cosy.

Warm bath
Give children a warm, relaxing bath lasting no longer than 10 minutes. But this should not be playtime as this could over stimulate your tired child. Washing hands and cleaning teeth can be done in the bathroom before you all go straight into the bedroom. Do not go back into the living area, as you will lose the focus and magic of the routine.

Dress for bed
Have all your little ones night clothes ready for your return from the bathroom so they can quickly get dressed and climb into bed.

Time alone
Now that they're drowsy, leave the bedroom so that they learn to fall asleep independently. Your child should be asleep about 15 minutes later.

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