



20th March 2015
Week 8 Term 1

Principal's News

I would like to thank Merren Cock for relieving for me whilst I was on leave. It was fantastic to come back to hear about all the great things that have been happening.

We recently had some students from Buronga travel to Broken Hill for the Far West PSSA Swimming Carnival and I would like to congratulate Matthew Watson on coming third in the 12/13 Year Butterfly and second in the 12 Years 50m freestyle. Matthew has now qualified for the State Swimming carnival in Sydney, if he chooses to attend.

The Dinosaur Science show was a huge hit on Wednesday. Listening to all the students they loved the show and we have seen some great talking and writing come from it.

Two Saturdays ago, Buronga Public School was represented by Jake Harriss and Oscar Collins at the "Festa Della Vendemmia" Dinner Under the Vines- Slow Food Mildura. The boys manned a Buronga Public School stall along with Ms Niemann, Mrs Cock and myself. It was a very successful night, promoting the school and the \$1000 donation that Slow Food Mildura gave the school last year. This donation goes towards our cooking with all the classes and our garden and aquaponics program.

I have booked the end of Term Reward day. It will be on Thursday 2nd April at Lifestyle Plus. Every family signed a note a few weeks back which covers permission and travel for this event. Congratulations to everyone so far. We have 100% attendance for it, keep up the good behaviour.

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. A note will go home on Monday for this. This camp will be at no cost to the students, as we will be staying in tents. Later in the year ALL of Year 6 will be attending a leadership conference in Mildura, this is part of the GRIP leadership program.

Finally, please check your child's lunchbox and have a big think as to what you are packing each day. I would like to congratulate all those parents that think about healthy options when sending food with their child to school. With so much processed food available these days it may be easy to add it to your child's lunchbox but it may not give them the energy to last them throughout the day. Also just check with your child to make sure what you send to school with them they will eat. Over the next couple of newsletters I will give you some ideas. Please see the back page today for our first lot of ideas.

Have a great fortnight.

Belinda Mirana
Principal



Jake and Oscar @
"Festa Della
Vendemmia"

The Buronga
Public School Stall
@ the Slow Food
event



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 10

Tues 31st March - Thursday 2nd April

Captains camp Mungo NP

9:30am Thursday 2nd April

Reward Day K-6 Lifestyle Plus

Thursday 2nd April

Last day of Term 1

Friday 3rd April

NO SCHOOL — Good Friday

Term 2

Tuesday 21st April

First day back for students K-6

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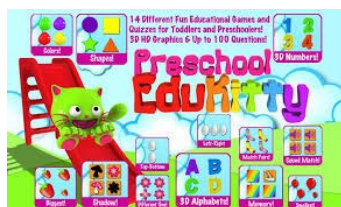
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COOKING

In cooking the 1/2 and 3/4 classes made tasty vegetable and mince rissoles with Mrs Gebert.

3/4 also made Beetroot dip using beetroot from the garden.

The recipe is in the newsletter.

Mrs C

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.

A big thank you to all the families who received over due library book notes and returned the books. Much appreciated. I am happy for children to borrow books over the holidays, but I really need to get some of those over due books back still.

Mrs C

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LOVE THE
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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

The P & C Committee is:

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

The Hot Cross Hot Cross Bun order forms were due back today and will be delivered Friday 27th March.

The Easter raffle tickets are due back Wednesday 25th March.

Hot dog lunch is next Friday 27th March.

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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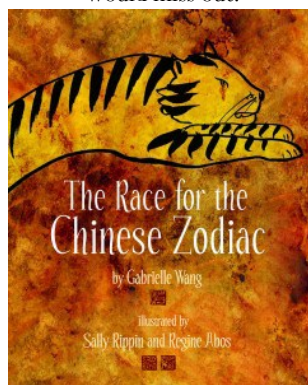
Book of the Fortnight

The Race for the Chinese Zodiac

by
Gabrielle Wang (Author)

A long time ago in ancient China, the Jade Emperor, ruler of heaven and earth, held a great race between the animals. He declared that the first twelve animals to cross to the other side of the mighty river would have a year named after them and thereby be forever immortalized on the Chinese Zodiac.

The animals lined up on the shore eager to begin. Some chose to race honestly. Others were more devious. Some helped their friends along the way, while others raced alone. Some were distracted, while some focused with all their might on winning. But thirteen animals raced for only twelve places on the Zodiac. Who would come first? And who would miss out?



Beetroot Dip

Boil 1 fresh beetroot till soft, allow to cool.

Grate finely.

Mix with sour cream,
minced garlic S&P



Serve with carrot sticks
or celery sticks etc.

Apple and Celery Salad

Slice apples finely,

Slice celery sticks,

Cube cheddar cheese into
small cubes,



Mix with a small amount of coleslaw dressing.

Celery Boats

Using the open celery sticks, fill the cavity with
cream cheese spread.



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CLASS NEWS

K/1 News

Another very busy two weeks has flown by. Well done to most students who have really settled in to the work ethics of the classroom and continued to work in level c. We have been continuing our unit on nursery rhymes, very few students knew 'Sing A Song Of Sixpence', but 'Miss Polly' was a favourite! In maths we have been learning the days of the week and the duration of time. On Wednesday the whole school were treated to a very humorous dinosaur show. All students in K/1 behaved superbly and lots of discussion was generated from the show. Every-one wrote about what they saw or learned on Thursday. Interim reports will be going home soon and I will be making appointment times to discuss goals and expectations for the remainder of the year.

Thanks, Louise Olofsson

1/2 News

Year 1/2 have been extremely busy in our classroom.

All the children seem to have settled in as the term has progressed!

In Literacy we have been learning about common and proper nouns. We have been using these in our written stories.

This week we have been cooking healthy hamburgers. Ask your child about what they did. Get the recipe and make some at home. This would be a great sharing experience with your child.

During Mathematics this week, we have been working on addition and subtraction. Today I have sent home a times table sheet for your child to start practicing! We are working on our 2's, and some children are working on 5's and 10's.

Yesterday we had a Dinosaur show. This was a great experience and the children have been writing all about it.

Thank you to the wonderful children who have been reading their take home readers on a regular basis.

Children who practise reading more, become better readers.

Have a great fortnight.

Bernadette Hogarth

Card games to play at home for maths:

K/1

Number Recognition

Teacher turns over a card.
The students see how long it takes to name all the cards in a pack.

2/3/4

Salute

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.

5/6

Salute

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 multiplied together. Each player has to determine the value 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.



3/4 NEWS

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 looking at area. We have had lots of fun with this subject, please ask your child about it.

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.

Ms Niemann and Mr Mirana :)

"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.

For the rest of the term we will have Mr Denning on the class.

I look forward to seeing you all next term.

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 we have been planting some seedlings in the aquaponic grow bed. It has only been just over a week and already the plants are thriving. We have lots of different vegetables that we will be able to use in our class cooking.

The fish will be arriving next term, as the aquaponics is up and running again. The Silver Perch will be a big feature of our Outdoor Ed program and we will be learning about water PH, nitrates and nitrites. Once the fish are big enough, we will also be using them in our cooking. All these programs are very exciting and I'm sure your children would love to talk to you about them.

The P & C gave the school a donation towards a new chook pen. We have been busy re-searching and finding the best one for our prize chickens. Next term the chickens will also be back with their new home. We will be fencing off a section near the old truck shed, so the chickens will have a big area to free range in.

There are so many exciting things happening over the next few weeks...keep your eyes peeled for the arrival of all these animals.

If you are new to the school we will have a walk around for par-nets to have a look at our aqua-ponics and chicken next term.



Have a great fortnight.

Ms Niemann

GIANT BUBBLES

6 cups **water** (filtered tap wa-
ter 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)

Giant bubble recipe again
for those that have
requested it:)

Mix cornflour with a little water first to avoid the lumps. Add rest of the water, deter-gent, 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. We won't be banning foods, just giving you suggestions:)



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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When packing a lunchbox for your child, you should feel confident that you're providing them with a nutritious supply of food that will get them through the day with the energy they need to function.

Follow this rule to make packing a healthy lunchbox easy:
PACK THE CORE 4 (plus 1 for active and fast growing kids).

What are the CORE 4?

- 1 Main lunch item** – a sandwich, roll, wrap or salad based on grains such as pasta, rice or quinoa.
- 2 Nutritious snack** – choose a snack from the five food groups such as a cold chicken drumstick, crackers with cheese, veggie sticks and hummus, or yoghurt.
- 3 Piece of fresh fruit** – whatever is in season.
- 4 Drink** – always include a water bottle. Add an additional small reduced fat milk drink (less than 300ml) or a 99% fruit juice drink (less than 200ml) once or twice a week.

PLUS 1 additional snack

Every child is different and depending on their activity level or rate of growth, they may need an additional snack in their lunchbox. If this is the case, we recommend choosing a fifth item from the five food groups first, such as those listed in lunchbox item number 2 (the nutritious snack). This will provide the extra nutrients some kids need.

Occasionally...

For variety and enjoyment it's OK to include an occasional "extra" item in place of this fifth snack option. Extra foods include sweet biscuits, muesli bars, packets of chips, confectionary or dry noodle products. These kinds of items should not make a daily appearance in the lunchbox, but can be added once a week for variety and enjoyment and to teach balance.



