



14th August 2015  
Week 5 Term 3

## Principal's News

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We are now half way through the term.

I have been on leave the last couple of weeks and I would like to thank Merren Cock for relieving in my place.

Next week we have our sister school, Narraweena PS, coming to visit us. There will be 3 teachers, including their specialist French teacher and their AP, Sally Bell, accompanying the six Year 6 students. We have activities organised for the Buronga Year 5/6 students (please see the note going home today) and all other students in the school will experience French lessons and be taught by the other visiting teachers during the week. It should be very exciting.

This Thursday we have Questacon, from Canberra coming to visit and run specialised workshops with all students K-6. This will be an exciting opportunity for all students to see and experience this amazing science team. There will be no cost to students for this event, the school will cover the cost.

I would like to thank Mr Stewart for running the District Athletics carnival. The feedback I have had from all schools involved was outstanding, saying that was it was a well run day.

I would also like to thank Nello for running NAIDOC day a couple of weeks ago. It was such a success, with our local pre-school even coming to be involved on the day. A huge thank you to all the Parents and carers that came up to help on the day too.

At the end of the term all students (K-6) will be attending swimming lessons at the Mildura Waves pool. The cost for this is; one child \$20 and \$40 for 2 or more students (from the same family) for the 2 weeks. All students attend the lessons and receive a certificate of their achievement for the 2 weeks. If you need another note, please see the office.

During the last week of term Year 6 students attend the Canberra excursion. The school only asks students pay some of what it costs us to send them, the school funds the rest. A note has already gone home about this.

Please remember if you are dropping your child off late or picking your child up early from school, you will be required to report to the office to sign them in and out. We already have this system in place but some parents are forgetting to come in to sign their children in. We do this so we can make sure the child has not come in late without a reason and without parents knowing. Parents that need to pick their child up early will be given a yellow slip which they will have to give to the teacher in order for their child to be released. This is just to make sure the office is not left unattended at any time. So parents will need to go and collect their child themselves, once they have been given a yellow slip. I would like to thank you for your cooperation.

Kind Regards  
Belinda Mirana

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Week 6

18th to 21st August

Narraweena PS visit Buronga PS

Thursday 20th August

Questacon K-6

#### Week 7 - Book Week

Friday 28th August

9am Book Week Parade

10am Swag of Tales performance

1pm Shared lunch ( each family to send a plate of food that can be shared for lunch)

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### App of the Fortnight

#### **SCHOOL A TO Z APP**

Cost : FREE

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments?

The free **School A to Z** app is an essential tool for every parent of school-aged children.

It has; English A to Z, Maths A to Z, Technology A to Z and games like; Spelling Bee and Maths Mon-key Times Tables. There is even an assignment starter page.

This is a fantastic app that is worth downloading.



## **Library**

### **Book Week at Buronga Public School**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of August we will be holding our Book Week activities.

We will kick the day off with a parade of all the students who have come dressed as a favourite character – preferably from a book (not a movie).

Then we have a visiting performer who is a storyteller - the original form of books!

After recess we will have book related activities for the children.

At lunch -time; as in the past we will be having a shared lunch.

Each family needs only to supply a plate of food corresponding to the oldest child in the family.

5/6 party pies and pasties etc

3/4 sandwiches

1/2 sweet treats such as biscuits or cakes

K/1 fresh fruit to share.

Thank you

Merren Cock

Librarian

### **Deputy Mayor Visit**

On Wednesday afternoon, 3/4 had a visit from the Wentworth Shire Deputy Mayor, Brian Wakefield. 3/4 are studying the local council this term and Brian came in to talk to the class about what the council does and answer any questions the students had. It was a very informative afternoon and all students learnt something from him. I would like to thank Brian for his time and helping our students understand the role of the council and the role of the Deputy Mayor.



Ahlia and the Deputy Mayor

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### Website of the Fortnight

### Discovery Kids Website

<http://discoverykids.com/>  
DISCOVERY KIDS is a great site that encourages kids to stay active. The site includes games that are challenging and educational and activities that push kids to get outside and explore. Parents and kids will both be drawn to the activities page. The section offers adventurous alternatives to staying indoors, such as taking laborious hikes, searching for rare insects, or making acid rain.

Also, the short educational articles are perfect for holding kids' attention spans and teaching both random and common knowledge facts. Why do squirrels have bushy tails? Do jellyfish really sting? What are the seven wonders of the world? These topics will more than just interest kids; they will also provoke thought and spark further discussion.



## P & C NEWS

Hi Everyone,

A big thanks to Jamie and everyone that came in to help with the Footy day lunches today.

Next week we will be sending home raffle tickets for the fathers day raffle. If families could send in something for the hampers in each class that would be great too. Each class hamper will be raffled off, closer to fathers day.

Next week a form will also be sent home, asking how families can help for the Buronga International Food Festival in November. Please fill out what stall or job you would like on the day. This is our major fund raiser for the year and it always great to see so many families helping us out.

Have a great fortnight

Vivian



## Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)



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**Book of the Fortnight**

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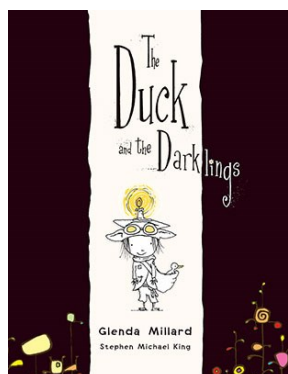
***The Duck and the  
Darklings***

by  
Glenda Millard

SHORT-LISTED: CBCA Picture  
Book of the Year, 2015

Grandpapa's eyes shine when he remembers the beauty of the world, long-ago. Peterboy wants to find something wonderful to bring the light to Grandpapa's eyes and keep it there. What he finds is a duck, wounded and broken, and Grandpapa mends her from top to tail; quack, waddle and wing!

*The Duck and the Darklings* is a triumphant story, for children and adults, about the coming of hope in dark days, the warmth of friendship and the splendour of a new dawn.



**Cooking with Ms Niemann**

***Ricotta Cheese Recipe***

1 Litre full cream milk

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup cream

2 tablespoons white vinegar

Put milk in saucepan and on the stove. Add cream and stir. Heat until 93 degrees Celsius. Take off heat. Add vinegar and stir for a couple of minutes. Refrigerate for a 4-5 hours. Drain the whey off the curd through a fine colander and press out excess liquid. Turn onto a plate and enjoy on your sandwiches, or maybe make a cheesecake.



**Photos from NAIDOC DAY**



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## CLASS NEWS

### K/1 News

Over the next few weeks K/1 will be extremely busy sewing an item to enter into the Wentworth Show. If any-one has scraps of bright, normal ply coloured wool they don't want, feel free to bring it in for our sewing cards. Our motte and bailey castles are looking very realistic and I am amazed at how much information the students are retaining, just mention 1066 and William the conqueror and see what they can remember. On a more academic note, it is great to see so many reader folders being returned regularly. Year 1 are now changing their own books to give them some responsibility. Many Kinder students will be getting books they have already read, this is a great chance to practice reading with fluency and expression as the book is a known book. Looking forward to the visiting Narraweena teachers coming into the classroom next week, K/1 have lots of questions about how a larger school operates.

Thanks, Louise

### 1/2 News

Year 1/2 children have had a few busy weeks. We are now over half way through the term!

Our class cooked Donna's Sausage Rolls and had an enjoyable lunch.

It was great to see them working cooperatively with each other.

We have been investigating how we generate and use products and services that meet our needs and wants.

The children have been working towards understanding how money is used and its value when purchasing products.

Thankyou to the parents who have allowed their child to share some old currency or money from another country. The children have found this very interesting.

The next few days will be busy as we need to complete our show entries.

Have a great week.

Regards

Mrs Hogarth

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

#### Cross out K-2

Cross out is an activity for two students. Each student writes the numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 on a piece of paper. They take turns to roll a regular dice, and cross out the total on their piece of paper. The first player to cross out all the numbers is the winner.

#### Cross out 3-6

Cross out is an activity for two students. Each student writes the numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 on a piece of paper. They take turns to roll two regular dice, add both numbers rolled and cross out the total on their piece of paper. The first player to cross out all the numbers is the winner.



### 3/4 NEWS

Year 3/4 have been working very hard this fortnight. In Literacy, we have been writing a comprehensive recount/procedure of our last cooking session. We have written about making vegetable chips, braised celery, roast flash potatoes and cauliflower au gratin. We have been practicing editing, where to use full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. We have also been learning more about verbs and adverbs, nouns and adjectives and how we use them to make our writing more interesting! In maths, students have been practicing their times tables, reviewing 3D shapes and learning about the factors of numbers.

Some students have not been bringing their reader regularly. I will be making this a priority for the rest of this term. There are lots of aspects to reading well. Practising at home as well as the work we do at school helps students consolidate all these important skills.

This term's theme is Local Government and we were very happy to have Mr Brian Wakefield, Wentworth Council's Deputy Mayor, in to talk to the class on Wednesday. The students learned a great deal and Mr Wakefield enjoyed talking to the class.

We are making hand-sewn sheep for the Wentworth show, so look for our little sheep if you are going out in a couple of weeks.

There is so much happening for the test of term. Very busy! Chickens will be hatching in the room in week eight. Book week activities, Questacon Science visit, Wentworth Show, Naraweena visit... Busy, Busy!!!

Mr Mirana and Ms Niemann

### *"Views from Attic"*

Dear Parents

If you haven't had a parent teacher interview yet or returned a form please make sure you organise a time as soon as possible.

The next few weeks are very busy for year 5/6. We have a visit from Narraweena PS, which includes an excursion, Questacon and visiting teachers. Book week is coming up as well as swimming and the Year 6 Canberra excursion. If you haven't returned your Canberra note please do so as soon as possible.

Thanks

Mr 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

This fortnight, Year 3/4 and 5/6 have continued our work on incubation and learning all about eggs. K/1 and 1/2 are looking at Kitchen Science and how everyday things change this term. Last week we made butter and this week Ricotta cheese from milk. We looked at the different steps and the science that helps with the process.

Our new chook pen has now been erected and we just have to finish off the paving and we will have new chooks at school. Fish are growing well and looking forward to our chicks, poults and ducklings hatching in week eight.

*A huge thankyou to the Harriss family for tracking down some duck eggs for us. Thank you!*

Remember, now is the time to plant fruit trees and to start planning your Spring veggie gardens.

Ms Niemann



Would you be interested in Scouts starting up in  
Gol Gol/Buronga?



Hi I'm Steven Munro, a local who is born and bred in Gol Gol. I went to Gol Gol Primary, Coomie High and have lived here all my life. I have also been in Scouting for 30 years (started at 1<sup>st</sup> Buronga Cub Scouts).

Now the local District Scout team and I have seen the need for a Cub Pack and Scout Troop in the Gol Gol / Buronga region. I'm very committed to trying to see if we can get a Scout Group up and running. Scouting has provided me with a life that extends past that of a normal. Scouting is the largest youth organisation IN THE WORLD!! And The Aim of Scouting is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people, so they take a constructive place in society, and as a member of their local, national and international communities.

To get a Scout Group off the ground I'm prepared to put in the hard yards, however I may need some assistance along the way, which is where as parents you can get involved with your child's development.

Here is my plan. Term 3, have some "Come and Try" nights. No commitments just bring your "Scout" along and have some fun. I will bring some will helpers and even a few invested Scouts to help run the night. If we have good numbers I will get the big ball rolling to form a brand new Scout Group, with a possibility of returning to the place I started, the Buronga Scout hall.

OK some details:

#### Come and Try Nights

Date: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Location: Gol Gol School Hall

Contact me if you want more info, or even just let me know if you are coming;

#### Steven Munro

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



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My child was absent from school: Date/s

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

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This week Mildura Party Hire came to our rescue to provide disco lights to our school for free.

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#### Testimonials

*Thank you so much for the marvelous job you did in supplying the marquee and other necessities for our Wedding day on the 21st of April.*

*The marquee looked fantastic in our garden and we've had many comments about how great it came up.*

*You were all very helpful and accommodating as we arranged and re-arranged what we needed and wanted for the day.*

*So thank you very much for that.*

*Your services were highly professional, but still very personal and caring. Thank you.*

*We will definitely be recommending your services to others.*

*- Tammarra & Glenn Fogarty*

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