

22/09/ 2016
Week 10 Term 3

BURONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Buronga Public School

It has been a fantastic term of learning and fun. Thank you to all our wonderful families and students for your ongoing support of Buronga Public School.

We have been busy making lots of improvements to our school yard, including some upgrades to the gardens and playground facilities. Our new sandpit will be completed over the holidays and ready for use next term. We look forward to seeing lots of imaginative play and social skill development in the sandpit.

Palinyewah Public School students visited our school on Monday 19 September in preparation for our 3/4/5 school camp to Woodhouse next term, when Palinyewah students will join us on our adventure to the Adelaide Hills. We welcome Emma, Georgia, Meg, Riley and Jake and look forward to a positive and lasting relationship between our schools.

I would also like to thank the P&C for their ongoing support and acknowledge the fabulous work you do for our school and students.

Organisation for the annual Food Festival is well under way and our P&C are getting busy. If you are able to help with preparations, please let us know.

Enjoy spending time with your precious children over the break and I look forward to working together next term.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 10

Friday 23 September	Assembly
	P&C lunch
	Movie afternoon

Week 1

Friday 14 October	Water Week Activities
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Week 2

Monday 17 October	Kindergarten School Tour
18 – 20 October	State Athletics
19 – 21 October	3/4/5 Camp (Woodhouse)

Week 3

24 – 28 October	Swimming Program
Wednesday 26 October	Cyber Safety Session - Parents

Week 4

Friday 4 November	Kindergarten Orientation
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Week 5

Friday 11 November	Kindergarten Orientation
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Week 6

Friday 18 November	Kindergarten Orientation
Saturday 19 November	Food Festival

Week 7

Friday 25 November	Kindergarten Orientation
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Week 8

Friday 2 December	Kindergarten Orientation
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Week 9

Friday 9 September	Written reports home
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Week 10

Tuesday 13 December	Presentation Night
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This is our calendar of events so far. As you would be aware term four is extremely busy and dates are filled very quickly. We will keep you updated as important dates are added.

Athletics

Congratulations to Lleyton Johnson, Tamika Dixon, Zac Boundy and Xavier Leech who competed at the Barrier PSSA Athletics Carnival held in Mildura. It is wonderful to see our students enjoying themselves competing for Buronga Public School. Xavier qualified to compete at State Athletics in Sydney next term. Well done and good luck!!!

Happy Students – Successful Students

CLASS NEWS

K/1 News

Firstly, it is with regret that we say goodbye to Dorissa and Kelsey. These girls now live in Mildura and I, and the class would like to wish them well in their new school. We will miss you both.

Secondly have a safe and restful holiday. One more term to go. Reader folders will not be sent home until next term. If you want some books, go to the library and read quality story books together.

As we are quickly moving to the end of the year, now is a good time to let your child become more independent in preparation for a new classroom. I would like to see all students carrying their own bag and unpacking it themselves. Parents and carers are still welcome to visit the classroom, but let your child do things for themselves. A child who can care for their belongings now, becomes a far more organised and successful learner.

K/1 entered an outstanding entry in the Wentworth Show. This display now looks fantastic in our Multi-Purpose Room.

Thanks, see you all next term
Louise



Year 1/2 Newsletter

Year 1/2 have been working hard to complete tasks that have been given to them. Our possums that we were working on with our buddies are now hanging in the classroom. They look great!

In Literacy the children have been working on independently self- correcting their own work and using a dictionary to spell unknown words.

They have also been learning about words that have Magic e. They have been participating in fun activities to reinforce this concept.

During mathematics we been finishing work on time. The children have also been playing dice games and activities that help with number concepts.

This Friday is P& C lunch and a note has gone home yesterday.

A big thank you must go to Donna who has helped in our classroom this term.

We hope you all have a happy and safe holiday break and we will see you all for a very busy term 4.

Regards

Bernadette.

Hi again everyone!

We are in full Festival mode at the moment. A note has been sent home regarding volunteers needed to help at Festival. Please have them back by tomorrow. If you are unavailable in the evening, we also need some help during the day, even if you can only help for an hour or two.

There will be a cook day on October 21st to prepare for the Italian Stall. Any extra help would be greatly appreciated.

Raffle tickets are printed and have been sent home. If you didn't receive any or would like extra books, just let me know.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19th at 1pm.

I hope you all enjoy your holidays! See you next term!

Sarah

Health and Safety

The focus of health and safety in NSW Department of Education workplaces is on the prevention of illnesses and injuries. WHS legislation sets out obligations that assist workplace managers in ensuring the health and safety of employees and others including students and visitors.

In order to ensure the safety of your child it is vital that we have up to date information, meaning we can provide appropriate and timely treatment. If your child requires a health care plan it is the responsibility of the parents/carer to provide this documentation to the school. The plan needs to be up to date and signed by a doctor.

If your child has any other medical information that is relevant to the school in regard to providing a safe learning environment, it is also the responsibility of the parents/carers to provide this information. We have had a number of students during cooking lessons inform teachers they are allergic to certain foods. When we check our records, we are finding that we do have this information provided to us.

If your child requires an asthma plan, has any allergies, anaphylaxis or any other medical conditions please fill out the attached form and return to school.

If your contact details have changed, you will also need to inform the school. If we need to contact you, particularly in an emergency accurate information is vital.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential, and encouraging regular attendance is a core school responsibility.

Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

Please make sure your child/children attend school every day unless they are sick or have approved leave. Every time your child is absent, they miss vital learning opportunities and are disadvantaged in terms of learning time and often progress. We work hard to provide the best possible learning opportunities for your children and need your support in making sure your child is here and on time.

PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOON

Cyber Safety Information Evening

Wednesday 26 October 2016

2.00pm to 3.00pm Buronga PS

Mr Stewart will share some information and ideas about Cyber Safety and strategies that may help with the use of the internet and social media at your place. This will be a great opportunity for parents to find out more about technology and what affect it has on children. The afternoon will provide an opportunity to share ideas and discuss strategies to assist you and your family.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by calling the school and leaving your name. We will run the Information session with a minimum of ten participants.

Year 3/4 MDPSSA Sports Skills Day

Notes were sent out this week for this event. Please disregard. We have a clash of dates. Our students will be attending the Water Week Activities at the Mildura Show on this date, so unfortunately we are unable to participate.

Lunches at School

School is a time when children start to make independent choices about their lifestyles. School aged children learn quickly and are influenced by friends and popular trends. This is an important time to talk about and encourage healthy food habits.

Involving children in planning and preparing their own lunchboxes gives them the opportunity to learn about healthy eating, and also gives them a chance to make autonomous decisions about what they will be eating during the day.

Involve your children in healthy choices

Some tips to help get your kids involved include:

Talk to your children about what they would like to have in their lunchbox. Discuss healthier food and drink choices and decide what will be in the lunchbox together.

Write a shopping list together. Take your children shopping with you and let them choose foods and drinks from the shopping list.

Encourage your children help prepare their lunchboxes. Older children may be able to prepare most of their lunch themselves, and younger children can help with making sandwiches or cutting up soft fruit. It is a good idea to prepare lunchboxes the evening before to allow children to participate.

Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch each day for school. As part of our duty of care we will follow up with students if they do not have food. We can also support your family if you need help providing lunch.

Footy Colours Day

Staff and students enjoyed dressing up for Footy Colours Day. We all got to show off the team we support.

A number of different codes were represented on the day.

Can you guess who owns this leg and what team is represented?

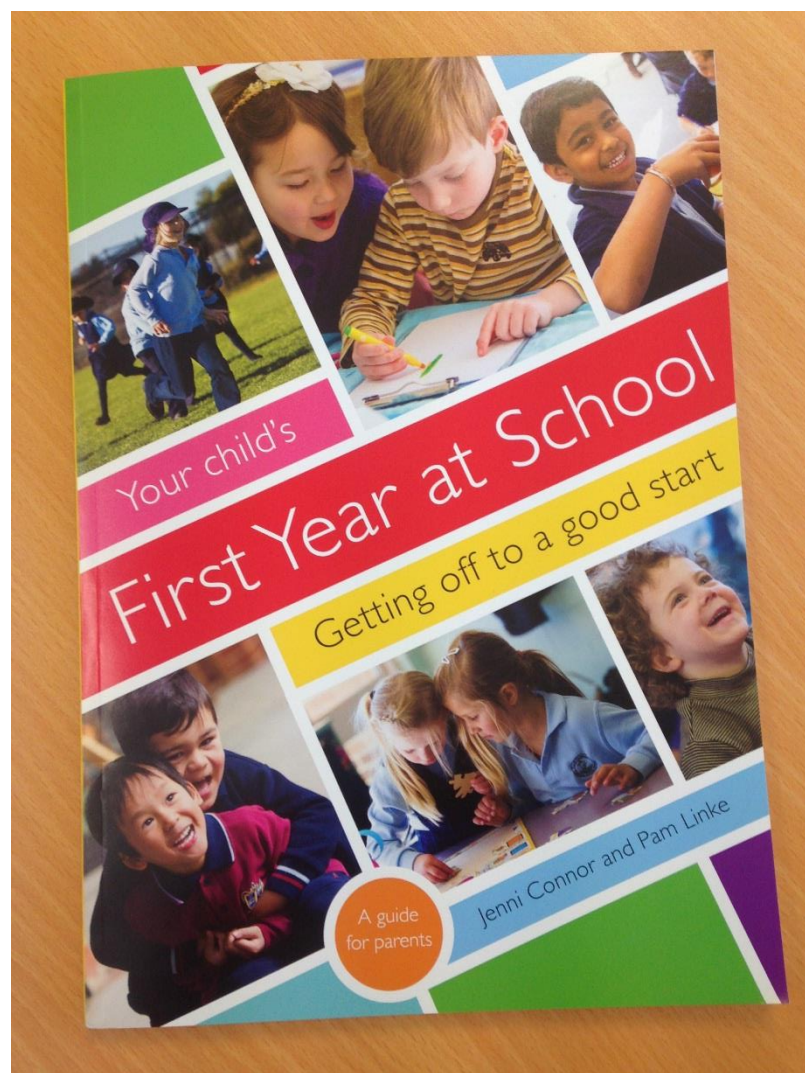


We have for sale at school the book, "Your Child's First Year at School." This publication is put out by Early Childhood Australia, which is a non-profit, non-government early childhood advocacy organisation.

The book outlines information, tips, and strategies about:

- Getting ready for school
- Starting school
- Learning and Development
- Curriculum in the first years
- Emotional wellbeing and social skills
- Learning literacy
- Learning numeracy
- You and your child
- Working with your child's school
- Keeping in touch
- Contacts and information.

If you wish to purchase a book, they are for sale at the Buronga School office at a cost of \$20.00. Goods must be paid for before being collected.



**Wentworth Shire Libraries
School Holiday Activities
September 2016**



Dragons!



Story,
Craft
&
Dragons!



Bookings Essential

Dareton: Weds 28 September, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Ph. 5027 4258

Wentworth: Thurs 29 September, 11:00am-12 noon
Ph. 5027 5060

Buronga: Friday 30 September, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Ph. 5023 3078



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Knowledge is Power

8th September, 2016

Dear parent/guardian,

Buronga Public School has been asked to perform some music at the International Food Festival on Saturday the 19th of November. In order to produce a good performance we need to have committed groups of students who will be willing to be at the Food Festival to perform.

We also need to know how many students from each class that will commit to performing on the day so that we can plan and arrange music to suit the students who will perform.

Please indicate on the section below whether your child/children can or cannot perform at the festival and return it to the school.

Donald Robinson

Music Teacher

Buronga Public School

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Buronga International Food Festival

- Saturday the 19th November 2016

Family name

My child/ children will be / will not be able to take part in
performing at the International Food Festival on 19th November 2016.

Signed Date

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

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Student details – additional information

8. What is the expiry date of the adrenaline autoinjector that will be provided to the school?

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month			year			

If not known at the time of completing this form, the school will require this information on enrolment.

9. Does your child have an ASCIA Action Plan for Allergic Reactions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10. If yes, is this plan attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

It is important that any updated plan is provided to the school.

11. Please list any other medication prescribed for this allergy

The school will require further details in relation to prescribed medication on enrolment.

Parents of children who require their child to be administered prescribed medication at school must complete a written request. The school can provide you with a copy of a request form. Information is also available on the Department's website.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS OTHER THAN ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS (EG ASTHMA, SEVERE ASTHMA, DIABETES, EPILEPSY)

Please identify and provide details below of any other medical condition for which your child is being treated. (If more than one condition or insufficient space, please attach additional pages and include answers to all 7 questions that follow).

Medical condition

1. Has a doctor diagnosed this condition? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Has your child been hospitalised with this condition? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. If yes, which hospital?

4. Does your child have a documented action plan from a doctor (eg asthma action plan)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. If yes, is this plan attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Is your child taking prescribed medication for this condition? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. If yes, what is the prescribed medication?

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