



3 March 2016
Week 6 Term 1

Principal's News

Dear Parents

It is wonderful to see students settle into classes and complete some fantastic learning with their teachers. As I visit students and get to know them individually it is encouraging to hear stories and opinions where students value their learning and the opportunities provided to them by their parents and the school.

I would like to encourage students to read each night at home to further develop their reading skills. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better at school than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, there's evidence to suggest that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

It is important that students attend school every day. When your child misses just one day per fortnight, which is four weeks per year, meaning from Kindy to Year twelve is nearly one and a half years of school missed. When your child is away they are missing important lessons which makes learning harder for them when they return. If your child is away from school for any reason, it is a legal requirement that we receive a note to explain the absence. You can use the note format attached to the newsletter.

Thank you to those parents who attended our Meet and Greet evening. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your child's teacher to discuss class routines, procedures and learning expectations. It was also wonderful to see the fantastic support for Buronga Public School at the P&C AGM. Working together we aim to provide quality education in a safe and happy learning environment. The P&C and I have already begun to discuss some exciting improvements for our school for 2016.

"Children should be taught how to think, not what to think." M.Mead.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 6

Friday 4 March

MDPSSA Swimming Carnival

Week 7

Friday 11 March

P&C Lunch

Week 8

Wednesday 16 March

Cyber Safety Information Session

Week 9

Friday 24 March

Easter Celebration
P&C lunch

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Cyber Safety Information Evening

Mr Stewart will be presenting an information evening on

Wednesday 16 March

6.00pm at Buronga PS

About Cyber Safety

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to gain knowledge, ideas and strategies to help deal with the ever increasing use of technology, including the internet and social media by children.

You will also have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss possible solutions to issues raised.

Assembly News

Congratulations to all the hard working students who received awards at our assembly last Friday. It is always impressive to see students who are making the most of learning opportunities at school and contributing to our school experience in a positive way. When we all work together we can achieve so much more.

I enjoyed having a lovely morning tea with the Star Students last week and look forward to seeing who will achieve these prestigious awards this week.



Swimming News

Congratulations to our Swimming Age Champions from the Buronga PS Carnival. Good luck to all the students competing in the MDPSSA Carnival tomorrow. I am sure you will have a great day out.



**Well done
Kookaburras!**



Brandon Sobkowiak on the blocks at the Broken Hill Swimming Carnival. Great job Brandon.

P&C News

The Hot X Bun drive order forms will be sent home on Monday 29th March, with orders to be returned by **Friday 18th March**, and picked up from School on **Wednesday 23rd March**. Please remember that for every pack your family sells, the P&C will put \$1- into your families fundraising account, which can be spent on anything within the school ie camps, uniforms or lunches.

Our 2016 P&C committee is:

President – Sarah Hando

Vice President – Dave Collins

Secretary – Cassie Hannigan

Treasurer – Vivian Riley

Lunch Coordinator – Jaime Collins

Fundraising Coordinator – Michelle Dowdy

For Sale

We have some school equipment for sale. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please come to the front office. The items will be for tender, so simply ask for a slip to fill out, mark the price you are prepared to pay and return to the box. The highest bidder receives the goods on payment. Purchased goods will require pick up.



The Chook House



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Stomp Dance Presentation

It was fantastic to see so many students and parents supporting the Stomp Dance Presentation. The students did a fantastic job and learnt a lot in a just a week of instruction.

The level of enjoyment was high throughout the program, culminating in an energetic and entertaining presentation despite the very hot weather.



Darwin Bombing Commemorative Ceremony

Oscar Collins, Alesha Corrie (school captains) and Jodynn Boundy (vice-captain) attended the Bombing of Darwin Commemorative Ceremony on Friday 19 February. These students did an excellent job of representing Buronga Public School. Their willingness to accept responsibility above our regular school day expectations is appreciated.





Class News

K/1 News

The students are settling in very well to school life with most taking an active role within the class community and following school values. We are beginning to learn common sounds of the alphabet as well as numbers, shapes and position words. Our literacy unit is focusing on fairy tales and recounting the stories with a beginning, middle and end. Please come and visit the classroom one morning or afternoon and see the great work your child has been doing displayed around the room.
Thanks, Louise

1/2 News

I would like to congratulate Harrison Sobkowiak, Carla Harriss and Indiana Tyl who are participating at the Murray Darling swimming carnival this week. Good luck to both of you.

It was wonderful to catch up with parents last night. The children were eager to share some of their work that we have been doing so far in our classroom.

Just a reminder that the 1/2 class have Library with Mrs Cock on Wednesdays and Mrs Hunt for science on Fridays.

I am very pleased to see so many readers being returned daily.

Mrs Hogarth

3/4 News

I'm currently away on sick leave but the students have been working really hard and having a great time with Mrs Slade. I look forward to seeing all the hard work they have done when I get back to school next week.

Ms Niemann

News from Casa del

4/5/6

What a great couple of weeks. We've had our school swimming carnival and congratulations to Kookaburra on your win in the pool. It's been a while. A special congratulations to Brandon Sobkowiak who swam at the Broken Hill Swimming Carnival last week. He swam very well.

Year 6 shirts are in the hands of the printers at the moment and should be ready very soon. I sent home a Canberra note this week. If you have missed this note please see me.

Next Thursday I have Jury Duty in Mildura so I may or may not be at school.

If you would like to catch up with me, you can make an appointment, catch me in the playground or just email me at greg.stewart@det.nsw.edu.au.

Have a great week
Greg Stewart



More News from 1/2

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

Recipe of the Week

Little Ladybirds

Cut 2 slices of bread into circles

Spread one with cream cheese

Spread the other with jam and cut in half for the wings

Add a smaller circle for the head

Add blueberries for spots

Use cream cheese to stick on 2 berries for eyes.



Buronga Public School

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

My child was absent from school: Date/s

Reason: _____

Signed (Parent/ Carer) : _____

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School Grounds

The school grounds are closed to students and the public out of school hours, including weekends. Please do not enter the school grounds out of hours, unless you have the permission of the Principal. We have encountered some minor damage to school property recently during these times. The Police will assist us with this matter.

Health Care Plans

We are currently updating our school information, including medical records. If your child/children have a medical condition we need to know. If your child has an ongoing condition that may require treatment during the school day you need to provide a Health Care Plan from your doctor. This information is to keep your child/children safe at school.

Scripture

Scripture classes have begun for 2016. Students who participate in Catholic Scripture are invited to complete their confirmation. If you want your child to participate you need to contact the Sisters of Charity on 5027 4684.



Please remember the Bus Zone out the front of the school.
Police regularly patrol school zones, especially during drop off and pick up.
Fines do apply if you are parked in the bus zone at these times.

