



28/7/ 2016
Week 8 Term 2

Buronga Public School

BURONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Welcome back to term three. I hope everyone enjoyed the school holidays and found some time to spend with family and friends.

Ethan Heywood along with many other students from Sunraysia spent some time in the holidays involved in some of the Lego challenges available in Mildura.

What a great way to put fabulous young minds to work in an enjoyable and engaging way. Some of these young people may be designing our homes or engineering things in the future that we have not even thought of yet.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 2

Thursday 28 July

Friday 29 July

Year 6 Transition Day Coomealla High
Athletics Carnival

Week 3

Tuesday 2 August

Wednesday 3 August

Thursday 4 August

Friday 5 August

L3 teacher training at Buronga
L3 teacher training at Buronga
Principal Meeting Coomealla High
Education Week Open Day

Week 4

Wednesday 10 August

Buronga NAIDOC Day celebrations

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The Tell Them From Me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **5/8/2016**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. If you require the use of a computer to complete the survey, you are more than welcome to use our school facilities.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

If you would like to order one of the new shirts please return the order form below with payment to the front office. We will send our first order on 22 July 2016.

Size: (circle the size you wish to order and write the number of shirts you want for each size.

P&C News

The P&C Committee will be running a Silver Coin Challenge from August 1st to August 29th. We will be placing a jar in each classroom and encouraging the students to fill them with silver coins. The class that raises the most money will get a morning tea provided by the P&C. Please help us by sending in your spare change. Without your support, we would not be able to complete the projects we have so far, or future projects.

This Friday, July 29th, is the Athletics Carnvial. The P&C will be running a canteen for students and spectators. Below is a list of items available and cost.

Hot Chicken & Gravy Rolls - \$4

Hotdog w/ Cheese and Sauce - \$4

Pumpkin Soup and Roll - \$3

Cakes, Slices, Biscuits, Jelly Cups, etc will also be available with prices ranging from \$1.00-\$3.00.

Chips and Lollies will be for sale as well.

Drinks

Soft Drinks (adults only) -\$2

Fruit Boxes - \$1

Water - \$1

Milo - \$1





Class News

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Welcome back to the start of term 3. It is wonderful to see all students keen and eager to come back to school.

Home reading is continuing with wonderful support from parents. Please make sure you enjoy the reading time with your child. Take home readers are a time to enjoy listening and sharing a book together. Please come and see me if you have any concerns regarding readers

.Library day for 1/2 is still every Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Cock. Your child will need a library bag so they may borrow. Music with Mr Robinson is on Thursday each week.

The Athletics Carnival is on this Friday and we have been practicing for this. If your child is in the 8years age bracket they will be participating with the senior section of the school. The rest of the class will arrive at the Aero Ovals and participate in 5, 6, and 7 year old sprint events. We will then be holding our own mini carnival with the focus on participation only. Please encourage your child in these events. Every child will be given participation ribbons. Good luck to everyone! All the children will be writing and sharing some recounts about the day.

The class have been busy working on entries for the Wentworth Show. They have been discussing, looking and sharing quality work and gaining a better understanding of the importance of quality presentation. Looking forward to an exciting and busy term 3

Have a great week.

Mrs Bernadette Hogarth

K/1 News

This week K/1 had to say goodbye to Georgia Shiner. We wish her all the best in her new life in WA.

The class have been making posters to advertise the upcoming Wentworth Show. Hopefully some of these will be displayed around school or further afield. We have started looking at a beautiful book called "Little Beauty" about a gorilla who needs a friend and in maths we are learning the operations + and - . Please remember to listen to your child read on a regular basis, and sign the reading log. Don't forget the athletics carnival on Friday, if you cannot volunteer any time, just come and cheer. Students are encouraged to wear house colours but please ensure they are appropriate for the weather and for sport activities. Participation is more important than winning and I hope all students in K/1 have a go at all the activities on offer.

Thanks, Louise

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