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Welcome to term three and another busy learning time for our students.

It has been wonderful to visit classrooms and observe highly engaged and happy students.

This term we continue to make Future Focused Learning a priority.

What is Future Focused Learning?

Future focused learning is about looking at the way we currently implement learning and teaching and challenging ourselves at whether this is the most effective way of preparing our students for THEIR futures.



Will learning each subject separately enable students to learn how to construct knowledge and create solutions for complex problems?

Will a heavy focus on knowledge consumption allow students to think creatively and critically?

Do we deliver the curriculum in a way that is accessible to all students?

Is our current physical environment conducive to optimum learning?

Our Computational Thinking and Digital Technologies program includes a number of initiatives including robotics, coding, Makey Makey STEM activities and online collaboration tools.

Each week students have the opportunity to work with their class teacher and Mr Stewart in highly engaging and explicit learning opportunities that promote problem solving, creative and critical thinking while exposing students to a variety of technology and IT devices.

At Buronga, we are currently working towards implementing Future Focused Learning strategies into our daily work.

### School Calendar

I have included a calendar for term three with current dates and events. Additions will be made to the calendar as the term progresses. We will keep you updated with a revised version each newsletter.



### **Education Week**

Buronga Public School Open Day

Thursday 3 August

We would like to welcome parents, family and friends to attend our annual Open Day to celebrate Education and the fabulous work that students are engaged in every day at school.

The day will begin with open classrooms at 9.30am. Guests are invited to visit classrooms where they can not only observe student s at work, but also interact and engage in the learning alongside students. This time also enables students to display their work and strengthen the link between home and school.

Pack a picnic morning tea to share with your children between 11.00 &11.30am in our Buronga grounds.

We will then move into outdoor groups where you can also join the students in some gentle exercise and games.

Lunch is provided, prepared by our hard working P&C. Thank you in advance.

Each visitor will receive a ticket as they arrive. This will place you in the draw to receive a prize presented at lunch time.

Good luck.



Time	Activity
9.30 – 11.00am	Open Classrooms
11.00 – 11.30am	Picnic morning tea
11.30 – 1.00pm	Tabloid Sport
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	End of Event
	Students return to class

#### **P&C News**

Hello Parents & Families,

A big thank you to everyone who submitted orders for our Minter's Pie Drive. Orders can be picked up on Thursday, August 3rd in the afternoon.

We are already in the swing of things for this year's Festival. If you would like to volunteer, please let myself or Vivian Riley know.

We received a very generous grant from the Wentworth & District Community Bank Branch of \$5000, which will go toward fixing up the library, now known as "The Hub." We are very grateful for the support of the WDCL, who has been very generous to our school over the years. If you have not already, please look into our school banking program. It is a great way to put money away and also support the Buronga P&C.

Have a great week! Sarah



### Genes for Jeans Day

Buronga Public School will support Jeans for Genes Day this term by inviting students to wear their jeans to school on Friday 5 August.

We will not ask students for a donation to wear jeans, but the P&C will have a range of drinks for sale at lunch with all the money being donated to the Jeans for Genes charity.

### Dental Van

The Dental Van will be arriving at Buronga Public School on Thursday 27 July. Lisa and Shelby's days of work are on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Dental consent forms will be issued to all new students and students who have not received a form previously. Students who had a dental check with the service in December 2016 will not require a new consent form as the consent for check-up is valid for 12 months. We are planning to commence dental checks on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Please ensure forms are returned before this date.

Contact number

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### **Athletics Carnival**

Buronga Public School Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday 1 August at Aero Ovals. The day will start at 9.30am and we will finish in time for students to return to school by bus to be dismissed, or catch the connecting school bus home. Students will travel to and from the carnival by bus. If you are providing private transport for your child, please let your child's class teacher know with a written note.

Students can wear house colours on the day of the carnival. It is essential however, that clothing worn is suitable for students to be able to safely and comfortably compete in the organised events. The priority for our school carnival is for all students to participate and enjoy being involved in physical activity. For those more competitive students there will be opportunities at the following Murray Darling, Barrier and State Carnivals. Students do need to qualify to compete at these carnivals and you will be notified if your child is included.

Buronga Public School P&C will run a canteen at the carnival. We will send home information regarding food available and prices closer to the day.

This year we do not need a separate permission note for your child to attend the carnival as the general permission note that was sent home at the start of the year included permission for students to attend. If circumstances have changed since the initial permission was given, please contact the school and let us know of any new or alternate arrangements.

If you are able to assist on the day, please contact Greg Stewart, our carnival organiser.

#### Assembly

Our first assembly for the term will be held in the School Library on Friday 28/07/2017 between 9.00am and 9.30am. We welcome all visitors to help us celebrate the achievements of Buronga Public School Students.

Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.

Albert Einstein