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Term 3

Week 4

Buronga Public School celebrated Education Week with an Open Day on Thursday 3 August.

Parents, family and visitors were invited to visit classrooms to observe and join in the valuable learning our students are engaged in every day at school.



We had also planned a picnic morning tea, sports activities with students and visitors and a shared lunch. Unfortunately, the weather was not kind to us in regard to our outdoor activities, however lots of our local community were pleased to see the rain.



It was wonderful to see parents, grandparents and visitors in our classrooms to see first hand the outstanding work our students do.



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Developing and maintaining positive relationships between school and home has an enormous impact on positive outcome for students.

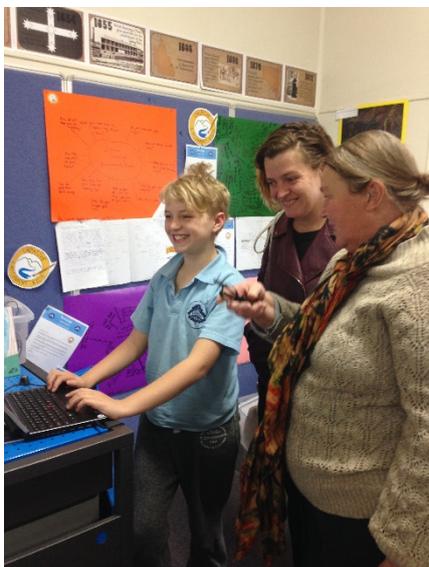
When children feel supported and cared for by the significant people in their lives, their world becomes a safe and secure place to grow and learn.

Together as parents, carers and educators we can work towards creating this environment for all the children in our care.



Coming together is a beginning;
Keeping together is progress;
Working together is success.

Henry Ford



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Tell Them From Me Survey

Student 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 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.

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.

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

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 21 August and 13 October. Please let us know if you do not want your child to participate in the survey.

Parent 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 on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 21 August and 13 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

We would love all our parents to complete the *Tell Them From Me* Survey. This provides us with valuable information to inform our future. If you would like help to complete the survey, please contact the school and we are more than happy to help. If you would like to access digital devices at school to complete the survey, please let us know and we can arrange to do so.

The school will send home detailed information closer to the opening date (21 August) letting you know how to access the survey.



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P&C News

Hello Everyone!

First of all, a big thanks to those who donated cakes, slices, etc for our Athletics Day and to those who helped in the canteen. We are catering for the Murray Darling Athletics on Friday (Aug. 11th). If you are available to help, please let Jaime Collins know.

Festival planning is in full swing. If you or someone you know would be willing to donate towards Festival, please be sure to let me know.

Thanks to all who ordered Minter's Pies! I hope you are enjoying them!

Enjoy your week.

Sarah

Year 1/2

Thank you to all those who have sent boxes etc. in, but we still need more! Also, yoghurt containers, plastic lids or anything else you think might be usable in open ended construction.

Thanks Merren

School Planning

We are currently in the process of evaluating our current three-year school plan and developing the next three-year plan. The purpose of our school plan is to set strategic directions for the future and prioritise what is important to our school. Once we have decided on the direction we want to go, we can develop ways to ensure we achieve our goals.

Buronga Public School wants to hear your ideas and opinions. We want to develop a plan that is progressive, future focused and relevant to all stakeholders. (Students, parents, carers, community, educators)

Next week I will be sending out some information and surveys asking for your input. We will also send links where you can access an online platform to provide us with feedback. Towards the end of term, I will invite parents and carers to a gathering where we can further discuss the development of the Buronga School Plan.

Start thinking about your ideas and priorities for the future at Buronga Public School and as the term progresses we will become involved in listening to, discussing and prioritising these ideas.

Book Week

We will celebrate Book Week this year with a variety of in class activities and our annual Book Week Parade. The Parade is on Friday 18 August. Mrs Carolyn Tiley and Mrs Merren Cock will be organising the event. Additional information with further details will be sent home with your child during the week.

Assembly

There will be no assembly this Friday due to the Murray Darling Athletics Carnival.

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

Albert Einstein

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