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Term 3

Week 8

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians.

Buronga Public School celebrated NAIDOC Day on Wednesday 30 August. We were proud to welcome a number of Community members and Elders into our school, who provided us with a wealth of knowledge and further understandings about an ancient and rich Indigenous culture.

Thank you to Narelle for organising and running such a successful day.

Students, staff and the wider community were privileged to share stories, knowledge and skills with Indigenous volunteers who made the day a great success.



Students participated in

- Cooking Johnny Cakes on the fire
- Traditional Games
- Art
- Dance
- Cultural stories & artefacts
- Didgeridoo playing



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2017 National NAIDOC Theme

Our Languages Matter

The importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages will be the focus of national celebrations marking NAIDOC Week 2017.

The 2017 theme -*Our Languages Matter* -aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.



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Our Sporting Schools Program is gaining momentum with all students actively participating in whole school sport each week with Buronga staff and external coaches.

Our growing sporting prowess is also evident in the playground, where we have the majority of students engaging in active play and using the new sporting equipment available at playtimes.



During 2017 students have been offered a variety of sports and coaching instruction. We currently have a basketball group who work with Russell Knight (Mildura Heat Basketball Coach) each week. Our goal is to practice, develop skills, learn the game and eventually have a Buronga Basketball Team. We have also had coaching instruction from Mildura Athletics, where students received some tips and practice opportunities before the Athletics Carnivals this year. Buronga did very well this year, with a large number of students qualifying to compete at the Barrier carnival and two students who broke records at this level. Stay tuned for a full report in the next newsletter when Mr Stewart and Year six return to school with all the details and some great photos.

We are currently participating in a tennis program at the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club, where all students receive coaching experiences from the experts. I had the pleasure of watching Kindergarten in action at Tennis coaching and was extremely impressed with all the students' ability to listen, concentrate, follow advice and connect with the ball. I believe we may have some budding talent at Buronga.

During term four we will use Friday Sport time to deliver a swimming program across K-6. Lessons will be delivered by qualified swimming instructors at Mildura Waves, where lessons will be tailored to individual student need. We look forward to the warm weather and a chance to go swimming every Friday.



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P&C News

Hello Everyone

Hello Parents and Families!

A big thank you to all who donated items for our Father's Day Raffle or sold tickets. Also a big thanks for your participation in the Father's Day Stall!

Festival is fast approaching. If you are able to help on the night, please let me know! Without the help of parents and families, we could not run a successful Festival. Every volunteer is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the parents and Year 6 students who helped at the Barrier Athletics Canteen. It was a great success and would not have happened without your help.

Enjoy your week!

Sarah

The Band

Jake and Carla Harriss have been busy practicing in a combined band opportunity each week at Gol Gol Public School. The band held a performance last week at the Gol Gol Hall, where both Jake and Carla delivered outstanding performances.

We also had a number of students perform in the combined Wentworth/Buronga Band and sing the National Anthem at the Wentworth Show. This was another outstanding performance from our students. Well done and thank you for being such excellent ambassadors for Buronga Public School. Thank you to Mr Donald Robinson for organising this event for our students and for his expert instruction.

School Planning

Buronga Public School wants to hear your feedback. Constructive feedback is vital for our school to continue to develop and improve.

Students, staff and parents are asked to complete a short survey that will keep us informed and provide some directions for future planning. Please take the time to fill in the survey. We are hoping all parents and carers are able to participate. It is short, quick and easy.

If you need any assistance in accessing the survey or would like to use school technology to complete the survey please feel free to call in and we can arrange this.

You can access the survey at

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/buronga>

You can complete the survey using 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.

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Head lice

We have a number of cases of head lice reported at school.

Please check your child's hair and treat appropriately at home. If you need assistance treating your child's hair, please come and see us at the office and we can help.

Untreated cases cause extreme discomfort and allows head lice to spread throughout the school community.

Please talk with your children about not sharing hats and students with long hair consider wearing it tied up. These simple actions can minimise the risk of head lice spreading. Thanks for your cooperation.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 15 September at 9.00am in the Library.

This will be the last assembly for the term. Next term we will be back in our beautiful big room for assemblies and music. This means our kitchen will become a fully functional kitchen again. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we have had our facilities compromised.

Parent Teacher Interviews

We will hold end of term Parent Teacher Interviews on **Tuesday 19 September** between 3.15pm and 7.00pm. All interviews for all classes will run between these times with the exception of Kindergarten. Class teachers will be sending home booking sheets early next week. Return these to school to secure a time to speak with your child's teacher/teachers. If this time does not suit, please contact the school to arrange an alternate time.

Parent teacher interviews are an excellent way to keep in touch with what is happening at school, provide your ideas and feedback to staff as well as discussing your child's progress.

Light snacks and water will be available, at no cost during the interview timeframe.

Buronga Public School EFTPOS

We have now EFTPOS facilities at the school office. Parents and Carers can pay for school expenses using this system.



Footy Colours Day

On Friday 22 September (last day of term) we will support the Cancer Foundation as well as celebrating all the hard work we have done over the term by participating in FOOTY COLOURS DAY. Students are invited to wear their FOOTY COLOURS to school, order a pie for lunch and participate in a variety of Footy skills sessions. Further information will be sent home next week with all the details and organisation for the day.

You are invited to donate a gold coin to the CACER FOUNDATION on the day.

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Kinder Transition at Buronga Public School

You are invited to join us for six transition sessions in preparation for an important milestone for you and your child – starting school!

The advantage of participating in a transition program is to familiarise students with the school environment, school staff and school routines and expectations. This time allows students to ease into school life and reduce apprehension at the start of 2018 when learning begins.

Part of our program includes introducing Kindergarten students to their year five buddy who will assist in providing support and reassurance to the newest members of our team.

During our transition sessions, students will spend time in the Kindergarten classroom with their teacher for 2018. New students will be involved in:

- Learning school routines
- Craft
- Outdoor play
- Listening to stories
- Creative and developmental play

Parents will have the opportunity to spend time in the classroom followed by information sessions with the Principal and various school and support staff while your child attends class sessions. Information sessions will include:

- Parents in class with students
- School routines/expectations/policy
- Learning and Support Staff/Wellbeing, Health
- Parent and Citizen Association
- Computational Thinking & Digital Technologies
- Community Engagement / Afternoon Tea

“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.”

Margaret Mead

Dates for our Transition Program are as follows.

Wednesday 1 November	2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 8 November	2.00 – 3.00pm
Wednesday 15 November	2.00 – 3.00pm
Wednesday 22 November	2.00 – 3.00pm
Wednesday 29 November	2.00 – 3.00pm
Wednesday 6 December	2.00 – 3.00pm



Current Kindergarten STARS!!

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Buronga Public school Year six students are currently in Canberra enjoying the sights and sounds of the Nation's Capital. Students have sent us all a message that they are having a wonderful time and not missing us too much.



The group have assured me they definitely need those warm clothes we insisted they pack.



We look forward to their return and lots of stories for the following newsletter.



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