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#### Newsletter

It is with great pleasure that I formally introduce our Assistant Principal at Buronga Public School.

Mrs Carolyn Tiley was the successful applicant at the conclusion of last year and has taken up the position at the commencement of the 2018 school year.

The Assistant Principal position is part of the staffing allocation that comes with our increase in student numbers and consequent reclassification.

Carolyn has taught in the Mildura area since 1995 at a number of schools within a variety of contexts. Carolyn's work included time at Dareton, Irymple, Gol Gol and at Leeton as a Special Education Early School Support Teacher.

Carolyn is a wonderful asset to our school and will lead teaching and learning initiatives within the school.

#### School Captains & Vice Captains

It is also with great pleasure that I formally announce our School Captains Sarah Evans and Brandon Sobkowiak and Vice Captains Maddison Brennan and Zac Boundy for 2018. Student leadership within the school is a positive and valuable aspect of education, not only for developing student skills, but for future planning and feedback opportunities.

Schools are places for students to succeed and thrive, so it only makes sense that we work with students and gain their perspective on how best to achieve optimum outcomes. I am looking forward to working with our student leaders this year and anticipate some insightful and constructive ideas.

#### Welcome

I would also like to welcome our new families to Buronga Public School.

I trust you will enjoy your time here. We are an inclusive and friendly school community and encourage you become involved in any way you can.

Please let us know if we can help in any way to make your transition to a new school as stress free as possible.









Term 1 Week 4

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#### Years One and Two

Goodness if the term passes as quickly as the first two weeks of school we will be getting ready for Easter before we know it!

Thank you very much to all those parents who have popped in to have a look at the room with their children, they love to know you are interested. It's still a work in progress and as we have more published work ready for display we will do so.

A big thank you to all of you who are listening to your children's readers and especially those who make a comment in the record book. It gives me very helpful feed-back on how your child is going with those books. Please don't be too concerned about the level in the books that come home, these books need to be easy and good practice. The reading in class is more challenging and where the actual learning to read and the strategies required are taught.

In the next couple of weeks I will be asking for volunteers in the classroom to help run activities during our literacy block. Due to a NSW department regulation any adults who work in the classroom require a NSW Working with Children clearance which needs to be sighted at the office. If you are unsure how to go about this, please enquire at the office.

The children have settled well and we are all remembering our class expectations of \*Active listening \*Sitting nicely \*Good manners \*Hands up All of which mean we are showing each other RESPECT.

Any concerns please contact me.

Merren C

#### Student Book Lodged in National Library



Last year, year 5 and 6 students at this school researched, wrote and published their own book as part of the *Creative Catchment Kids* program. The book, *Tractors and Chooks!*, told the story of two farm families, one that raised chooks and one that grew cereals. The year-long program was funded by the Western Local Land Services. The aim of the program was to give primary students an exciting and stimulating opportunity to learn and write about how farmers, schools and businesses were contributing to productive agriculture, healthy landscapes and managing pests and diseases in local communities.

Last week the book, written by the Wentworth students was lodged with the National Library of Australia in Canberra. The book will be displayed, recorded, given a special barcode and then stored forever in a huge and secure warehouse, along with all books written in Australia. It will be available for reference, research and family and community histories. The library's oldest book is the diary of James Cook who was commander of *The Endeavour*. Cook and his crew were the first Englishmen to sail into Botany Bay in 1770.

A copy of the book was also lodged in the NSW State Library.

#### Photo caption

Adrian Wells of the Creative Catchment Kids program gives Michael Porter of the National Library of Australia a copy of the book written by students of our school.

#### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

At Buronga Public School we are implementing a program called PBL. The school will offer a number of information sessions for parents and carers to keep you fully informed. Dates are included on the term calendar. Please call the office to RSVP if you wish to attend these sessions.

We look forward to your participation.

#### Positive Behaviour for Learning, known as PBL is an evidence-based whole school systems approach that:

- addresses the diverse academic and social needs of every student to support them to be successful
- supports students in early childhood settings through to senior years of schooling
- enables schools to establish a continuum of supports that are intensified to meet the needs of every student
- is team driven, using a problem solving approach (data, systems and practices) that engages students, parents and all school staff
- establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community
- provides a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student.

Part of our PBL process is to introduce student values that drive our Behaviour and Discipline code. Our school values are taught in every classroom. Students will be taught strategies to assist in making these values part of our everyday behavioural practice. The first value we are working on is:

# Respect

- Adhere to school expectations
- Show consideration
- Be courteous
- Honor other people's opinion
- Be tolerant



We are currently running a school competition to support the Values we are learning about in class. If you would like to enter the competition, the details are below.

Happy creating.

Ms Treverrow

# Principal Competition

Create a poster on A4 paper to support our school value – Respect.

Use lots of colour, big bold writing and some images of what respect means to you.

Take your time and be neat. Remember a poster usually promotes something, has not much text and is eye catching.



# The Poster

Hand your poster in to the front office between Monday 26 February and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Judging will be completed before our next assembly on Monday 5 March.

One prize will be awarded for each class at the assembly.





## <u>5/6 Art!</u>

This term in art we are looking at how lines can help add definition to our pictures. We have been busy working on our 'Henna' hands and they are starting to look fantastic!





Please remember to send in a pair of headphones with your child's name on them. Pencil cases also need to be ready to go no later than next week. Your child will need; coloured pencils, a rubber, gluestick, a ruler, 2 x highlighters and a pencil sharpener.

Thanks - Leanne Hunt

# Medical Updates-Urgent

Please note that each year the school is required to update medical information particularly in relation to students who have a medical plan prescribed by the doctor. All medical plans must be updated at the commencement of each school year. Parents need to make an appointment with the school to update plans even if existing medical plans have not changed.

#### ASCIA and Asthma Forms for your doctor to complete

Parents who have students who suffer from anaphylaxsis, asthma or other allergies need to provide the school with a completed doctors action plan form upon enrolment. These need to be updated every 12 months or if your child's condition changes. Please note that different action plans suit different people, but all plans should have the same key information.

You can download the relevant form from the websites below for your doctor to complete or you can collect one from the front office.



#### Anaphylaxsis (Red) and Asthma (Blue)

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(examples below)

https://www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/ascia-plans-action-and-treatment

https://assets.nationalasthma.org.au/resources/MSC1178-NAC-Asthma-Action-Plan-2015\_Web-Colour.pdf

Remember you must provide the school with the necessary medication unless you have provided the school with the form requesting the student to carry his/her own EpiPen, Anapen or asthma reliever medication. This has been sent out to families last week. These forms can also be collected from the office.

Warm Regards

Bernadette Hogarth Learning and Support/ Welfare Teacher Buronga Public School

#### Assembly

Thank you to all who returned the assembly survey. In total we had 29 responses. 13 votes for Friday, 11 votes for Monday, 1 vote for Wednesday, 2 votes for Tuesday, 2 votes for Thursday.

#### Our next assembly will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Assemblies will run each fortnight from this date.

We did not schedule an assembly on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March as the Murray Darling Swimming Carnival is on this day. Some suggestions we received for future assemblies include:

- Microphone for students
- Awards & Principal awards remain
  - Principal Competitions
- Birthday awards, school song and anthem
  - Happy songs for students to sing
- Parents informed that students are getting an award
  - Sporting ribbons handed out close to the event

Thank you for your feedback. All your suggestions are discussed and considered.

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Help raise Money for your **Schools PnC** By Banking local with your Wentworth and District **Community Bank** 

We will give back to your school 5 % Of total banked each term 😳

We will pick up your banking every Wednesday morning and return it the following day.

For new accounts, applications can be found at the school's office

Wentworth & District Community bank have put back in to Community over 3 million dollars just by people banking local Thankyou



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Two Rivers Early Learning is a purpose built early education facility located between the beautiful Murray and Darling River providing a picturesque setting for the learning environment. Two Rivers Early Learning boasts a large natural outdoor play scape perfect for the little ones to explore and reconnect with nature. The Buronga services has been custom designed to facilitate each child's individual learning through purposeful and deliberate learning environments.

If you are looking for a high quality early learning program for your child,

please come and join us in the parent lounge for a chat about your child's aspirations.





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#### Wentworth Area Skate Park Committee presents

## FAMILY NIGHT ON THE DARLING

When:

Saturday 3 March 2018

Where: On the lawns between Wentworth **Rowing Club and Willowbend Caravan** Park

#### **BYO Chairs**

6pm x 10pm Time:

- \*\* Entertainment by Shoestring (Tony Smith), Shared Affair, Greg & Julia Evans \*\* 3 Jumping Castles for all ages
- \*\* Lolly Lucky dip \*\* Face Painting \*\* Cake Stall \* Pie eating competition
- \*\* Alcohol can be purchased from Wentworth Rowing Club \*\* BBQ tea & Cold Drinks @ really low prices
- \*\* Auction of great items including 3 pictures by local artist Marg Whyte, an Adelora Houseboat Holiday and heaps more!!

#### **Entry Prices:**

\$10 for adults—\$5 for students—Kids under 5 free—Family \$25

ALL money raised will be put towards the construction of the Wentworth Area Skate Park

The Committee thanks you for your patronage & sincerely appreciates all goods donated by local businesses.



## Scouts

# building rafts this week...



Wednesday Feb 21st, 7pm - 9pm (normally 7pm - 9pm)

Join us for another awesome night of fun! Boys and Girls Welcome (11-14yrs)

Want to know more? Drop in to my place (normally at Gol Gol School

or contact me Wear solid shoes and bring building tools!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page too! (just search "alcheringa scouts")

# **Cub Scouts Monday!**

Feb 19th, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Join us for another awesome term of fun! Boys and Girls Welcome (7-11yrs)

Want to know more? Drop in to the Gol Gol School Hall or contact me (we're not at the hall every week)

Keep an eye on our Facebook page too! (just search "alcheringa scouts")

Sharon Kellett - 0447 832 650 - shazpops@bigpond.com



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# **Reinforcing safety in school zones**

Seven new school zone offences enforced from 1 February 2018.



To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic offences with new fines.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but now in a school zone they each come with two points.

The changes are:

- 1. Stopping in intersection Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
- 2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
- 3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
- 4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
- 5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.
- 6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.
- 7. Parallel park close to dividing line Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

Share these changes with your school community encouraging safer driving and parking behaviours.

# Driving and parking safely near your school



The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools. You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop your child off and pick them up on the school side of the road
- never call out to them from across the road it is very dangerous
- always take extra care in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs these help keep your child as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if it means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or a three point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your child
- always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Some great 'action' photos from the Swimming Carnival held last week

