



15th May 2014
Term 2 Week 3

Principal's News

Today I am sending home the school calendar of events. Please keep this and put it somewhere so you can refer to it to see what events are coming up.

Well done to all the Year 3 and 5 students that completed the NAPLAN tests today. I was so proud that everyone had a go. Please remember the results come out later in the year.

Congratulations to all the students that competed in the Murray/Darling Cross Country at Euston on Monday. Congratulations must also go to Lauren Boundy for coming first in her age group, well done.

Thank you to all the P & C members that ran the Mothers Day stall last Friday. The students loved being able to buy their mums, grandmothers and carers presents. This is such an important stall as it allows the students the opportunity to buy something special. Thank you.

Last newsletter I mentioned we were voting in a new P & C President. I would therefore like to announce Trudy Tyson as the new Buronga Public School P & C President. Congratulations Trudy, I know you will do a fantastic job in this important role.

Please have a look at the back cover of the newsletter about the importance of home reading. All teachers spend a great deal of time and effort in assisting your children to learn but we can't do this by ourselves. We rely on you to help give your child the best opportunity to learn to their full potential. Home reading is a major part of this learning. We do understand that there will be times when you are unable to listen to your child read and that is OK but we have many students who have just reached 60 nights reading. I encourage you to have a look at your child's reading log and see just how much reading they have done. The books we send home will be familiar to them and easy at times. Home reading is not about making reading hard, it is about your child enjoying reading and sharing their abilities with you. Please don't worry about the LEVEL of book that is sent home, just focus on the reading time and the consistency of listening to your child read EVERY night. Thank you so much to the parents that listen to their child read every night and I am sure your child will thank you when they get older.

Have a fantastic fortnight.

Kind Regards

Belinda Mirana

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 4

Wednesday 21st May

Souvlaki Lunch

Week 5

Thursday 29th May

GRIP Leadership conference

Friday 30th May 2pm

P & C meeting

Week 6

Friday 6th June

Barrier X-Country -Broken Hill

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App of the Fortnight

Scribble Press

Cost: Free

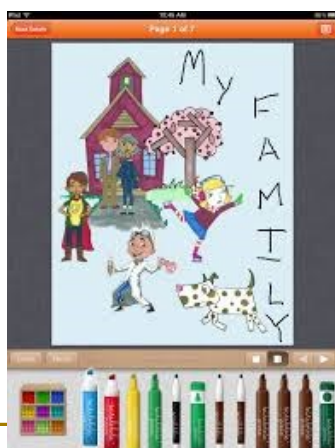
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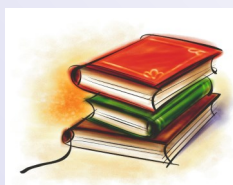


LIBRARY, LEGS & OUTDOOR ED

LIBRARY

There are SO SOOOOOO many overdue books at the moment. Overdue notices have gone home so PLEASE get your children to hunt down those overdue books and return them. We have students asking to borrow books that students have had out since the end of last year!!! Please find them and return to school as soon as possible! It would be fantastic to get them back to school before Mrs Cock returns at the end of the term.

Mrs Gebert
and Mrs
Harriss



LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE GROUP

The L.E.G.s Program has not been operating this week due to NAPLAN.

Last week the Shepherd's Pie was very much enjoyed. We look forward to getting back into lots of work next week. Mrs Cock is having a fantastic time overseas and sending us lots of pictures of her adventures. We are taking it in turns to ask her some questions about her travels. It has been a fantastic learning experience. We have loved learning about England and look forward to hearing about other countries.

WE WILL BE COOKING TOMORROW SO LEGs students don't need to bring their lunch.

Ms Niemann and Mrs Gebert

OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS

This term in Outdoor Education we will be working to re-establish the vegetable gardens and plant some lovely new vegetables. K/1 last week did some colour mixing - we learned about primary and secondary colours and experimented to see what colours we could make with paint. This week we are looking at air pressure... We made a ping-pong ball fly... ask your children how and why it happened. 1/2 are continuing to explore life cycles and food webs. Grade 3/4 are looking at plants. Next week we will collect some real plants, dissect them and look at the different parts and what they do. We will be learning about plant vascular systems and plant cells. 5/6 will be exploring anatomy and watching while some animal organs are dissected to learn about their structure and function in our bodies. Next week we will be starting with the lungs... The students will not be asked to look at the items if they don't want to and none will be touching the tissue but if any parents have any issues with their students being involved, please send a note to myself or Mrs Mirana.

Ms Niemann

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Website of the Fortnight

Kids Helpline

<http://www.kidshelp.com.au>

This week I am sending home a flyer and a magnet with information about Kids Helpline. This is a free service which helps thousands of children each year.

Kids Helpline web counselling lets you connect one-on-one, real time, with a Kids Helpline counsellor, over the web.

Because a lot of kids use web counselling, there is often a wait time before a counsellor is available.

If you need to talk to someone now, call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Web counselling is open 7 days a week.



P & C NEWS

- Pie drive orders due back on the 19th May, remember \$1 from each pie sold goes into your family account to put towards school camps and uniforms.
- Plate fundraiser also back before the 23rd to get our discounted price.
- We have started festival plans if anyone has any contacts on donations for our raffle please see Trudy.
- Lunch day next Wednesday, Souvlaki this time.
- Next meeting on the 30th May at 2pm all welcome looking for new ideas so come and have a say.
- Don't forget Bendigo Bank days are Wednesday. Hand all bank books into the office.

P & C Facebook Page

We now have a Facebook reminder page, please join it "BURONGA Public School Parents reminders".

Reforms to NSW State P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>

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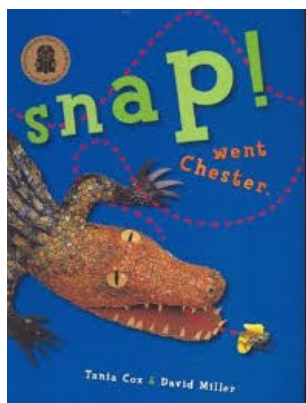
Book of the Fortnight

Snap went Chester

By Tania Cox

Illustrated by David Miller

Children's picturebook about a baby Nile crocodile. Chester discovers that it is a lot of fun snapping his big jaws at the creatures around him. He snaps at a fly, a frog, a duck, a bird, a monkey, and a baby deer, until he finally snaps at an animal that snaps right back! Simultaneously published in hardback and paperback. By the author of 'Little Bat and Baby' and the illustrator of 'What's For Lunch'



chances dare to dream

Is your child interested in playing sport?

Maybe they would like to learn an instrument?

Or have a go at Guides or Scouts?

Are you worried your family budget won't stretch that far?

If you have a health care card then you may be eligible.

The Chances **Connecting Kids with Community Fund** provides funding to eligible applicants so that kids can 'have a go' at an after school activity. Please contact Lesley Cordoma on 5021 4789 for more information.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We, the Missionaries of Charity sisters are starting classes for Baptism, 1st communion, confirmation and Reconciliation.

If you wish your child/children to receive these sacraments, please contact the sisters on Tel: 50274684 (Sister Shin Lei).



Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

We also have this chart available at the front office.



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Card games to play at home for maths:

Addition and Subtraction (K-2)

Players divide the cards evenly between themselves and place one card face up in the middle. The first player places their card next to the card in the middle. If it is a black card the cards are added together. If it is a red card subtract the number from the previous total. The player at the end with the highest amount wins.

Addition and Subtraction

(3-6)

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CLASS NEWS

K/1 News

Since the last newsletter we have welcomed two new students into the class. Rhiannon Slade has returned and Joyce Kiuk has come from South Australia. I am sure both girls will quickly settle in to routine here at Buronga. This week we will finish work on "Snap, went Chester". The class had great fun changing the name of the main character and have done some excellent writing. In maths we have looked at making half from a whole and from a collection and also how to measure and compare areas. Mrs Eddie visited the class on Monday as part of her role as Instructional Leader. She was very pleased with what she saw and I am sure we will see lots more of Mrs Eddie. Keep returning reader folders. It is great to see so many coming back on a regular basis.

Louise

3/4

What a busy time we have had, with NAPLAN testing taking over most of the week. I am so proud of our Year 3 students that tried hard and had a go. We should get results of these tests back at the end of Term 3.

We have been looking at fractions and time in Maths during the past week. We would like to encourage you to talk about these areas with your child at home too.

Keep up the great home reading 3/4:)

Mr and Mrs Mirana

1/2

I hope all the mothers and grandmothers had a lovely Mothers day on the weekend.

The children wrote some wonderful stories about their weekend spoiling their mums!

We have been busy learning about digital and analog clocks. We are learning and revising O'clock, half-past and to the quarter hour using the terms 'past' and 'to'. We have been making our own clocks to work with. Help with this at home would also be of great benefit.

As part of our COGS unit the children will be planting some seeds and recording their growth. I am needing some empty 2 litre plastic bottles to help with this activity. If you have any to bring in this would be great.

I would like to encourage all parents to assist their children with their home reading and homework.

Thanks

Bernadette Hogarth

News from Buronga Towers

This week is Naplan week. Year 5 completed the tests during class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Results will be available later in the year. If you have any questions about the tests please contact me at school.

In other exciting news (which you may have already heard!) we have a Minecraft Education server at school. There is an ever expanding community of teachers who are setting minecraft tasks for students to complete. Over the term we will be doing some activities using minecraft. I will have an information night for parents later in the term (after I've learned a bit more).

Congratulations to all the children who competed in the MDPSSA cross country at Euston yesterday. Well done.

Have a great week

Mr Stewart

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The uniform shop is
operated through
the school office.

You may purchase
school uniforms at
any time, during the
school day.

Could parents
and carers
please let the
office know if
your details or
phone numbers
or home
address has
changed in any
way, so that we
have an up to
date record on
your child. It is
very important.



K/1/2 Cross Country

On Monday, the Infants finally ran their Cross Country. It was fairly warm, but everyone competed and finished the course.

Well done.

Year 2

BOYS: 1st Sam Noble, 2nd Colby Downing, 3rd Labroun Winters.

GIRLS: 1st Maddison Brennan, 2nd Jorja Int'ven, 3rd Sarah Evans

Year 1

BOYS: 1st Oskar Driscoll, 2nd Bryce Adcock, 3rd Ollie Heywood.

GIRLS: 1st Naliandrah Blair, 2nd Sienna Heywood,
3rd Molly Heinrich

Kinder

BOYS: Harry Sobkowiak, 2nd Marlu Kirby, 3rd Rhys Barden.

GIRLS: Liana Gale, 2nd Illeana Files, 3rd Marissa McLean



Don't forget this weekend is head
lice check weekend:)



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Student Name: _____ Class: _____

My child was absent from school: Date/s _____

Reason: _____

Signed (Parent/Carer) : _____

Cut here _____

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Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

James

reads 20 minutes per night,
5 times per week



Travis

reads only 4 minutes per night
...or not at all



In one week:

100

minutes of reading



20

minutes of reading

In one month:

400

minutes of reading



80

minutes of reading

In one school year (9 months):

3600

minutes of reading



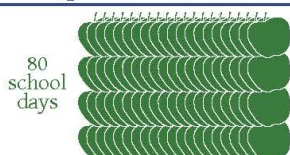
720

minutes of reading

By the end of eighth grade:

28,800

minutes of reading



5760

minutes of reading

Which student would you expect to read better?
Which student would you expect to know more?
Which student would you expect to write better?
Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?
How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?



It is important your child completes home reading **every night**.

K–2 are given books every night to read, these should be recorded in their reading log.

3-6 are responsible to change or choose their own books but should be reading every night too.

