A big thank you goes to all of the Burke Ward students and teachers who helped make our float “fabulous”. A special thank you goes to Emma and Sam Edwards, Greg Barratt and Broken Hill Hire for donating their time and truck.

Infants Christmas Concert
Our infants Christmas concert is on Tuesday, 9th December in the school hall. The matinee performance begins at 11:30am, please be in the hall and seated by 11:20am. The evening performance begins at 6:00pm. Students need to be at school by 5:30pm to get ready with their class. This year promises to be as good as ever! See you there.

K-2 Teachers

The canteen will be running a BBQ at the evening performance of the infants concert from 5:30pm onwards. The prices are as follows:

- Sausage in bread $2.00
- Sausage & onion $2.50
- Hot Dog $3.00
- Bottled Water $1.50
- Cans or Drink $2.00

Canteen CLOSED
The school canteen will be CLOSED this Friday, 12th December due to the PRIDE party. Please ensure your child brings both recess and lunch with them on this day.
Wasn't Presentation Night a wonderful evening?! Thank you to Mrs Jardine for her organisation of this event. Well done to all award winners and performers. It was a great evening of celebration - well done Burkies!

We announced the newly elected school leaders for 2015 as well. We were so proud of all of the students who put themselves forward to be considered. It is always tough choosing just 8 children. Our 2015 student leaders are:

School Captains: Joshua Niarros, Isabella Ball
Vice Captains: Nicholas Schofield, Katie Letcher
Prefects: Daniel Ryan, Billy Lane, Ashlee McConnell, Ruby McIntyre

I'm sure you'll do a wonderful job!

Thank you to all who were able to support our float at the Christmas Pageant. It's always a great community event and trust you enjoyed yourselves if you were able to attend.

The infants Christmas concert had a dress rehearsal in front of all the classes today. They perform again tomorrow and tomorrow night - it's always a wonderful event and we hope you can join us.

I had the pleasure of having lunch today with the students who reached Commendation level in our PRIDE system. Children have to earn 80 awards (wow!) to receive a commendation. We had 5 Burkies reach the magic mark this year. Congratulations to Joshua Niarros, Paige Robson, Isabella Day, Livia Slater and Abbey Butcher!

The AGM of our P & C is being conducted tonight at 6pm. Current President, Kerri Johnstone was recognised at our Presentation Night last week and was awarded life membership for her tireless efforts. You're an amazing lady!

Our 5/6 Dinner is being held on Thursday evening. The organising committee has certainly been busy and will no doubt deliver a wonderful night for our departing year 6 students.

Our PRIDE party is being held on Friday at the pool. It is sure to be a wonderful event with both pools, inflatables, slide, jumping castle and many more activities being held throughout the day. What a great way to celebrate achieving "I". Parents are more than welcome to join their children on the day. The canteen will be open at the pool for children to purchase food throughout the day or children can bring their own lunch.

Congratulations to the Burke Ward cricket team for winning the 2014 Hardball competition.

Brad Lyne
Library News

Borrowing
There will be no more borrowing for the remainder of the year. Please get your child to return their library books by Wednesday. As there are no more library lessons for the remainder of the year someone will go to the classrooms each morning this week to collect any library books.

Overdue Books
A final set of overdue notes will be sent home with students today. Thank you to those parents who have looked for books and returned them to the library.

BWPS Hard Ball Cricket Tryouts – 2015
Children who are interested in playing in the 2015 Saturday morning cricket competition will need to attend try-outs this week. This competition is open to children who will be in years 5 and 6 in the 2015 school year.

VENUE: Burke Ward Cricket Nets
DATE: Tuesday, 9th December
TIME: 3:15pm

All students are to bring along a hat, extra water bottle and cricket gear e.g. pads, bat gloves and helmet. Don’t worry if you don’t have your own cricket gear as Burke Ward has a kit with equipment you can use on the day. Every child that tries out MUST have their own groin protector (cricket box). These are available for purchase at Torpy’s for $5 each. Any questions call Matt: 0403 624 158 or Tristan: 0412 962 528.

Lost Property
As we approach the end of the year please come in to the front office and check through the lost property box for any of your child’s belongings. At the end of the year ALL items of lost property will be donated to Lifeline. Please remember how important it is to clearly label your child’s belongings with their name. This includes lunch boxes, water bottles, hats and anything else that is brought to school.
**Contact Details for 2015**

Please ensure all your current details are up to date. If you have changed any of the following please contact the school on **8088 4700** to enable us to update your child’s records.

- Address
- Phone Number
- Mobile Number
- Emergency Contact details
- Medical Details
- Other Parent Details if they require copies of correspondence, reports etc.

**Leaving Burke Ward in 2015?**

In order to organise classes for next year it helps to know if your child/children will not be attending Burke Ward in 2015. Please notify the front office or ring 8088 4700 if you will be leaving at the end of the year.

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**Dates to Remember**

- **Monday 8th December** – P&C AGM
- **Tuesday 9th Dec** – Infants Concert
- **Thursday 11th Dec** - 5/6 Dinner
- **Friday 12th Dec** – PRIDE Party
- **Monday 15th Dec** – Talent Quest
- **Monday 15th Dec** - Parent Helpers Morning Tea
- **Tuesday 16th Dec** – Class Party Day
- **Wednesday 17th Dec** – Last day of School for 2014

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