Principal’s Report

Can you believe there are a little over two weeks until the end of the school year? It’s been an amazing year at Burke Ward and I’m looking forward to recognising some of those achievements at our Presentation Night on Wednesday. There will be several performances as well so it should be another night Burkies can be proud of.

What a wonderful time our students had at SciWorld last week! The conversations and engagement of our students was just sensational! Thanks again to the P & C for funding the program for our kids.

Swim school concluded last week and weren’t there some remarkable stories! It was so great to hear so many of our students had improved in such a short space of time. Thank you to Mr Roe for coordinating the program. It is important for those students to follow up with regular opportunities to practice their new skills.

It is with great delight that I announce that Mr Daniel Roe was successful at merit selection and was appointed as Assistant Principal at Burke Ward (Mrs Jardine’s position). Congratulations Mr Roe!

Thank you for returning the school planning surveys. Our students have also completed the survey and we will be using the feedback to help guide the development of our school plan.

I sent a letter home last week advising that we are in the process of forming classes for 2015. If you would like to discuss the placement of your child, please contact me at school.

Have a wonderful week.

Brad Lyne
Principal

“Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them”
**Active After School 2014**

This Thursday, 4\textsuperscript{th} December is the last day for our Active After School program for the year. Thank you to all the students who participated each week. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. Also thanks goes out to the wonderful ladies in the canteen who provided our healthy afternoon snack each week, it is very much appreciated! Lastly, a huge thank you goes to Mrs Farquharson, Ms Blackshaw, Miss McLerie and Miss Wells for your amazing efforts week in week out in running the sessions.

Mr Hughes.

**5/6 Dinner Meeting**

There will be a 5/6 Dinner meeting tomorrow, Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December at 3:00pm in the 6J classroom.

**Year 6 to 7 Orientation**

**Orientation Day – Wednesday, 3\textsuperscript{rd} December**

The day commences at 9:20am and concludes at 2:45pm. This day provides an opportunity for children to be accustomed to the surroundings, staff and students at Broken Hill High School. The school canteen will be available for students to purchase their recess and a sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch. Students should wear their school uniform.

**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.
**Presentation Night**

This year Burke Ward will be holding their annual Presentation Night on Wednesday, 3\(^{rd}\) December. Presentation Night will be held at the Entertainment Centre and will commence at 6:30pm.

A rehearsal for Presentation Night will be held on the morning of Tuesday, 2\(^{nd}\) December. Those students requested to attend the rehearsal for Presentation Night are as follows:

- Prefects
- All Year 6 students
- Band and senior choir members
- Prize winners
- Primary PRIDE students who achieved Medallion
- Dance Group members

Students will be transported to the Entertainment Centre by bus with the school incurring costs. All students will leave school at 9:10am and return after recess.

Please note that all students participating in Presentation Night, who are not in the band or choir, are expected to be dressed in full school summer uniform.

- Boys – grey shorts, school polo shirt, black shoes and socks
- Girls – school polo shirt and shorts or dress, black shoes and socks

Band, choir and dance members will be informed by Mrs Jardine, Mrs Jenkins and Ms Pascoe about additional clothing requirements for the night.

There is a specially marked box located in the front office for all signed permission notes to be placed. All notes should have been returned last Friday.

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**Teddy Bear’s Picnic**

You are invited to join our Kindergarten to Year 2 students on Friday, 5\(^{th}\) December for our Burke Ward “Teddy Bear’s Picnic”. Our activities will commence at 12:00 noon in the school hall, followed by a picnic lunch, which will be held on the grassed area in the top playground. Students can bring their favourite or most loved teddy bear to join in the picnic, as well as their lunch, hat and a water bottle. During this time, “Little Burkies” will be presented with a bag and certificate for graduating from the “Little Burkies” Transition Program. Parents are welcome to come along and join the fun.

Mrs Ryan
Library News

Book Club
Order forms for Book Club No 8, the final Book Club for the year were due in today. Late orders will be accepted as long as they are handed in tomorrow morning.

Borrowing
There will be no more library lessons or borrowing for the remainder of the year. Please return all library books by the end of this week.
Yellow overdue notes are being sent home today with all of the classes.

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.

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.

Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday 3rd Dec** – Presentation Night
- **Friday 5th Dec** – Teddy Bear’s Picnic (K to 2)
- **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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