It was a wonderful way to end the week on Friday with our Mother’s Day morning tea. As I remarked on Friday, our school is so lucky to have such a wonderful community support. The Burke Ward ‘family’ is a privilege to be part of and it’s one of the many reasons that make our school so great. Thanks to the P & C for their organisation – well done.

You may have seen some of the signage that is now on the corner of Gypsum and Rakow Street. We have recognised some of the traditions of Burke Ward as well as displaying some of our current students. It’s great that we are able to display some of the wonderful things that Burke Ward can be proud of.

NAPLAN commences tomorrow and is for students in year 3 and 5. As mentioned last week, all children will be supplied with fruit before each assessment. We use information gathered from NAPLAN to identify areas of strength for students and the school as well as identifying areas that can be improved on. If you would like to discuss NAPLAN, please talk to your child’s teacher. The schedule for NAPLAN is:

Tuesday - Language Conventions, Writing
Wednesday - Reading
Thursday - Numeracy
Friday – catch up day for anyone who may have missed a test during the week.

Thank you to Mr Fennessy for organising last week’s Cross country. Well done to all students for participating and it was great to see so many parents there supporting as well.
A note will be sent home shortly to the top 6 runners from 8 years up so that they can represent our school at the Broken Hill cross country.

We have had a couple of minor issues with the new elements of the uniform and it has been frustrating for all of us. We have been able to source another supplier who can guarantee a short turnaround of the new black jumpers as well as the unisex shirt. There is an issue with the emblem on the black jumper as it doesn’t have the school name or motto. It is still acceptable to wear but the next stock will have our school name and school motto on them as well. If you have purchased a jumper already but would like to swap a jumper with the updated emblem, you can do so free of charge. If you are happy to keep the jumper you already purchased, it is still acceptable as part of our school uniform. The new unisex shirt is now available. We would have liked all elements of our uniform available at all times but unfortunately, suppliers have not been able to produce the goods in a timely manner. The canteen sells the uniforms but they have no control over what is available and when. In future, we should be able to fill your requirements within 3 working days if any of the elements of the uniform are not available. Please remember that children can wear their old grey jumper, new black jumper or their hooded jumper on any day during the week. Thank you for your understanding and if you have any concerns, please contact me at the school.

Our first PRIDE assembly will be conducted Thursday at 11.30am. PRIDE assemblies will be conducted every 3 weeks to recognise the children achieving each level of our PRIDE system. PRIDE awards will only be handed out at these assemblies. You will receive an invitation if your child will be receiving an award.

Brad Lyne
Principal

“Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen”

Approaching Your School

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:
Discuss the progress or welfare of own child
Express concern about actions of other students
Enquire about school policy or practise
Express concern about actions of staff

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:

- Provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- Ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
- Support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- Help reach and agreed solution.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

NOTE: No parent should directly approach another person’s child.

In very rare cases, where people wishing to express concerns, do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the “Inclosed Lands Act” to:

- Direct the person to immediately leave the grounds.
- Call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse.
- Withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the principal.
- Seek further legal avenues.

**PSSA BASKETBALL**

Angus Dowling, Cody Meehan and Daniel Ryan were selected as part of the Barrier team that travelled to Bathurst last week to compete in the PSSA Basketball competition. They won a game against Western 35 to 31 and came 12th overall. The boys played extremely well and showed more skill with each game played. **Well done, boys**
**Library News**

Borrowing – Just a reminder that as of term 2, Kindergarten students are able to borrow two books per week.

Overdue Books – There are still a large number of books that are overdue from 1\textsuperscript{st} Term. Overdue notes will continue to be sent home with students this week.

Book Club – Order forms for Issue 3 are due back next Monday, 19\textsuperscript{th} May.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Don’t forget to continue reading books for the Premiers Challenge. Listed below is a reminder of what is involved.

The PRC runs from 3\textsuperscript{rd} March to 29\textsuperscript{th} August. Students may also include any book that they have read since the 1\textsuperscript{st} September last year. The Challenge is for students from Kindergarten to Year 9. Infants students need to read 30 books and primary students 20 books. The majority of the books must come from the Challenge booklist but students are able to choose 5 books of their own. Students may select books from the Challenge booklist from their own grade or from the grades above. See the table below. All students who complete the PRC will receive an official certificate.

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On the back of this sheet there is a reading log that students can use to record the books they have read. To officially enter the Challenge all students must submit their reading records online.
Your can do this as you complete a book or enter several books at once. If a student wishes to participate in the Challenge any they don’t have the internet at home then a time will be organised where they can register and enter their books online at school. Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by 22\textsuperscript{nd} August.

As many of the students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are still learning to read there are some special rules that apply to their age category. Students in this age category may count a book as being read if they;

A. Have listened to the story being read.
B. Participated in a shared reading of the book
C. Read all or part of the book independently

If the students are read a book in the library that is part of the PRC list then a note will be made on the newsletter so that parents can add it to their child’s reading log.

For further information on the Challenge simply go to Google and type in NSW PRC. There will be information on how to log in and register, obtain a personal reading log and you can look at booklists for each age category sorted Alphabetically by either title or author.

To make it easy for students to find books in the library, a large number of PRC titles have been removed from the shelves and placed in 3 different coloured tubs, one for each category. During library lessons the students will be given information about the Challenge, shown where the tubs are located and the types of books that are included in each age category.

**PRIDE AWARDS**

**Play safely in the right places:** Brock McInnes, Isabella Day, Maya Fillery, Indyanna Kooyman, Tayla Meuret, Tait Girdler, Ruby Sladden, Abbey Butcher, Livia Slater, Molly-Jo Stubing, Jagan Baxter, Phoebe Lane, Montana McAvaney, Georgia Brook, Meg Butcher, Savannah McAvaney, Hans Mendoza, Paris Stellini, Jaida Grampton, Paige Robson, Cheree Whyman, Chantel Huxtable, Joshua Niarros, Lucas Stacey, Elle Joy Yamomo, Jazmyne Sumalinog, Sharna Kochaniec-Pollard.
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Fish & Chips  Burgers
Steak Sandwiches  Hot Packs
Yiros  Salad & Dessert Bar
PSSA Basketball Team

LOST PROPERTY

There is still lost clothing in the Sick Bay room that could be collected. If your child has lost any clothing in the last couple of weeks, could you please come in and have a look.