Burkie Read-A-Thon
Our Burkie Read-A-Thon began today. All students and teachers participated in DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) and will be doing so on a daily basis as part of the daily routine for the next four weeks. We are hoping all parents will encourage children to read and record their reading every night. These hours also count as we try to bust our thermometer in the front office. Perhaps parents could be involved with this part of the homework and make it a part of the evening routine to relax for 15 minutes, turn the TV off and simply read for 15 minutes for pleasure together.

P&C Pie Drive Collection
Pies that were ordered from the P&C Pie Drive will be available for collection on Wednesday, 30th July. They can be collected between the hours of 1:00pm to 3:00pm from the school hall.

Narrabeen Excursion
Payments for the Narrabeen excursion are due to be paid by Friday, 22nd August. If you still have chocolate fundraising money outstanding please return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Choral Festival
Both our Junior and Senior choirs will be performing in the Barrier Schools Choral Festival this Wednesday, 30th July at the Broken Hill Civic Centre. They will be performing in the morning session, which commences at 11:30am. Please come along and listen to our wonderful singers.
Library News

Overdue Books
There are a large number of books that are overdue from 2nd term. Overdue notes will continue to be sent home with students this week. Thank you to those people who have already returned their books.

Book Club
Order forms for Issue 5 are currently being distributed to the classes. They are due back next Monday, 4th August.

Premiers Reading Challenge
With just over 3 weeks to go, don’t forget to continue reading books for the Premiers Reading Challenge. Students must complete their Student Reading Records by Friday, 22nd August.

Bakers Delight
The staff and students of Burke Ward send out a BIG thank you to Bakers Delight for donating the bread for our NAIDOC day lunch. Your continued support of our school is very much appreciated!

Celebrating Education Week
This Thursday, 31st July parents and carers are invited to join in with some activities we are holding in conjunction with Education Week.

- **9:00am to 10:40am** classrooms will be open for parents and carers to come and have a look at our classes in action
- **10:40am to 11:00am** we are having a “whole school reading” session to support our Read-A-Thon, which aims to develop a love of reading in children helping them to achieve in all subject areas
- **11:00am to 11:20am** parents are invited to stay and have recess with their children
- **11:30am to 12:00 noon** we are holding a PRIDE assembly where 6F and 6J will be presenting a class item

Come along and join us in our Education Week celebrations.
PRIDE Awards

**Play safely in the right places:** Zac Lewis, Lillie Beer, Skylar Chapman, Jorja Adams, Jaiden Carr, Alan Coxon, Yirri Sullivan, Caleb Evans, Tatum Champion, Leidghan Esam, Makayla Coulls, Zara Cox, Jazz Newman, Ella Robson, Elias Wolferstan, Tyler Chapman, Makayla Haywood, Bayliss Gould, Molly-Kate Behrens, Lukas Cox, Ky Gilmour, Blake Rogers, Zayden Harvey, Abbey Hill, Lara Pascoe


**Instructions of our teachers are to be followed:** Tamsyn Grillett, Sharna Kochaniec-Pollard, Abbey Butcher, Livia Slater, Jazmyne Sumalinog, Elle-Joy Yamomo, Joshua Niarros, Paige Robson, Cheree Whyman, Jagan Baxter, Phoebe Lane, Montana McAvaney

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2014 Choral Festival

**When:** Wednesday, 30th July

**Where:** Broken Hill Civic Centre

**Morning Session:** 11:30am

**Afternoon Session:** 1:00pm
NAIDOC Day Celebrations
Serving Country – Centenary and Beyond

Last Friday the entire school community participated in a number of activities to help celebrate NAIDOC day. Students participated in art, cultural and physical activities that helped celebrate the many different aspects of traditional aboriginal life. You will be able to view some of the students work in the hall in the coming weeks. After the activities had concluded, students along with many parents and carers enjoyed a free lunch which made it a great day for the whole school community. A big thank you to the aboriginal education team for their work in organising the day.