School photos will be taken tomorrow. Please ensure you bring your envelope and money to give to the photographer. Children will need to wear winter uniform, their red, white or grey school shirt and the black v neck jumper. If you do not have a black v neck jumper, one will be provided to your child to wear for the class photo. If your child is having individual photos, you can decide if your child will wear a jumper or not.

It's pleasing to see our choirs and band getting ready for the eisteddfod in a couple of weeks. It's always a big job and thanks to the teachers and volunteers for their dedication to ensuring the children will represent Burke Ward with great pride.

Thank you to Mr Stephenson for relieving for me while I have been on leave. It's wonderful to hear how well the boys and girls have started the term with such enthusiasm - keep it up Burkies.

I will be at a Principal network meeting on Thursday and Friday. Our network and school will be beginning strategic planning for the 2015-2017 cycle shortly. We rely on our parents and community to assist us in this planning process and I will advise how you can help in the coming weeks.

Have a great week.

Brad Lyne
Principal
Library News

Premiers Reading Challenge
With just over 1 week to go, don’t forget to continue reading books for the Premiers Reading Challenge. **Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by Friday, 22nd August.** Congratulations to Corrin Fillery 2W and Maya Fillery 1N who have completed the Challenge and have had it validated by Mrs O’Mally. So far only four students have completed the Challenge. Let’s see if a few more students can complete their reading log before next Friday.

For each student to log on to their personal reading log they need to enter a user name and password. This is the same user name and password that they use to log on to the computers at school. If your child is unsure of what it is then simply contact Mrs O’Mally to find out.

**Overdue Books**
Overdue notes will be sent home with students this week. If your child thinks they may have an overdue book then keep an eye out for a note in their bag on library day.

**P&C Meeting**
The P&C meeting that was scheduled for tonight has been moved to **Monday, 25th August at 6:30pm.** The meeting is held in the staff room with everyone welcome to attend.

**School Photos**
Our 2014 school photographs will be taken **tomorrow.** Envelopes need to be returned with the **correct money enclosed** whether you are purchasing photographs or not. Family photo forms are available from the front office.

Kindergarten 2015
Burke Ward is now taking enrolments for kindergarten 2015. If you have a child starting next year please ring the front office on 8088 4700.
Burkie Read-A-Thon

Our Burkie Read-A-Thon has now been going for two weeks and together as a school we have read 560 hours and 15 minutes. We have made a great start and are encouraging students to continue recording their home reading and keep their eye on the thermometer! Let’s see if we can blow the mercury right out the top!

Why Can’t I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

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1,800,000 words

282,000 words

8,000 words

90th percentile

50th percentile

10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student “A” will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student “B” will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school…and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)
Arrival at school on time is important because:
- This ensures your child does not miss out on important learning activities
- It helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- It gives students time to greet their friends before class
- It allows the students to begin their school work with everyone else in their class therefore decreasing the opportunity for disruption

Lateness is recorded as partial absence and needs to be explained by parents/caregivers in the same way as other absences.

**Missing school leaves gaps in your education**

**Thursday 4th September**

7:30 am

In School Hall

Bacon, Eggs, Hash Browns, Toast, Orange Juice, Tea and Coffee

$5 Adults
$3 Kids

FATHER'S DAY Breakfast