Burke Ward Public School

Week Six ~ Term Three
Monday, 18th August 2014

Principal’s Report

We have a big week at Burke Ward! Some highlights include our readathon coming to an end, Book Week, Variety Bash Breakfast and rehearsals for Eisteddfod. Thank you to all teachers and parents for making these wonderful events happen.

On Thursday morning, we welcome members of the variety bash for breakfast. They will be donating money to our school and the P & C will be providing breakfast to the participants. Breakfast starts at 7am so it’s an early start for some teachers and parents! Children can come along to meet the participants but make sure they eat breakfast before they come to school!

Our readathon concludes on Wednesday. Thanks to Mrs Southon for coordinating this wonderful initiative. We have a bbq and reading in the sun activity on Wednesday to conclude this great event. Keep reading!

I have been successful at merit selection and have accepted the position of Principal at Boambee PS. (pending the cessation of an appeal period) I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Burke Ward and my starting date will be negotiated upon completion of the appeal period. More information will be provided when it is available.

Enjoy this wonderful week!

Brad Lyne
Principal

“Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all”
PRIDE AWARDS

Play safely in the right places: Lucas Evans, Jordan Stewart, Bryce Bottrell, Indiah Clark, Isabella Toigo, Tayla Curran, Malakai McKenzie, Shanika O’Donnell, Sam Brook, Brandon Garner, Charlie Silva, Aaliyah Walden, Talon Zammit-Harvey, Jackson Savage, Caitlyn Toigo, Riley Robertson, Alisi Kelly, Brayden Kremmer, Carla Christos, Makayla Robinson, Shakira McKellar, Lauren Menz, Connor Walters, Jeorgina Muttock, Jontie Brooks, Jackson Everett, Ray Robinson,


Instructions of our teachers are to be followed: Braidyn Holmes, Jesper Palmqvist, Caitlyn Kochaniec-Pollard, Chloe Stone, Mahli Guise, Callaghan Shepherd, Akira Stubing, Sienna Thompson, Elka Roberts, Ava Cannard, Capri Paech, Brock McIntnes, Ashton Pollard, Maya Fillery, Indyanna Kooymman, Tayla Mauret, Ruby Sladden, Madeline Evans, Aalisha Kochaniec-Pollard, Katie Letcher, Siarrah Olsen, Alyssa Cadd, Jaida Crampton, Ada Palmer, Jade Scott, Jan Kenneth Sumalinog, Meg Butcher

Do all your work the best you can: Tamsyn Grillett, Sharna Kochaniec-Pollard, Abbey Butcher, Isabella Day, Paige Robson, Cheree Whyman, Jagan Baxter

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.
Public Speaking

On Wednesday 13th August, Remi Nevill, Georgia Brook and Hannah Jenkins represented Burke Ward Public School at the Broken Hill District Public Speaking competition held at Morgan Street Public School.

The competition involved giving two speeches, a prepared and an impromptu speech. For the prepared speech, the girls were required to choose a topic and write a speech prior to the competition. Remi, Georgia and Hannah achieved this, writing their speeches in their own spare time, before and after school. On the day of the competition, the girls presented their speech and thoroughly entertained the audience.

The impromptu speech section was conducted entirely on the day, with the girls being given the topic on the spot and only having 5 minutes to gather their ideas and plan this speech. After only 5 minutes planning, the girls then presented this speech to the audience. I’m sure you’ll agree, this sounds like quite a difficult task! But, once again Remi, Georgia and Hannah rose to the challenge.

The girls should be extremely proud of their efforts and achievements on the day, as Public Speaking is an awfully difficult and nerve-racking experience for many people, but the girls managed to take this in their stride and we should congratulate them on their efforts.

Remi, in her first competition (juniors) also showed she has a bright future in public speaking with wonderful confidence and voice projection. It is also wonderful to note that Hannah won the senior competition and Georgia received an Honorable Mention!

Congratulations Remi, Georgia and Hannah. Fantastic effort😊

Michael Hughes
Public Speaking Coordinator
Library News

Premiers Reading Challenge
With only a few days to go, don’t forget to continue reading books for the Premiers Reading Challenge. **Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by Friday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} August.**

Congratulations to Ashtyn Vine 1H, Madison Vine 5P, Madelaine Baxter 2W and Angus Baxter 6J who have completed the Challenge and have it validated by Mrs O’Mally. So far only eight students have completed the Challenge. Let’s see if a few more students can complete their reading log before Friday.

For each student to log on to their personal reading log they need to enter a name and password. This is the same user name and password that they use to log on to the computers used 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 continue to 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.

Book Week
This week in the library we will celebrate Book Week with all classes participating in a poster competition. Kinder and Year 1 have coloured posters while Years 2 to 6 have designed their own posters based on the books nominated for this year’s Book Week awards. Prizes will be awarded to the best entries from each class. All posters will be displayed in the library. Parents and caregivers are welcome to call into the library and have a look.

Some students from years 3 to 6 decided to take their posters home so they could complete them. To ensure that all posters are ready to go on display they need to be back by tomorrow.

SRC Wheel-A-Thon
Students at Burke Ward will be participating in a Wheel-A-Thon on **Friday, 29\textsuperscript{th} August.** Students will attempt to complete 10 laps of the Wheel-A-Thon course within a half hour period. We are asking that your child seeks sponsorship from home, friends and relatives. Sponsorship can be either paid for each lap completed or just an overall donation may be given.

An information note and sponsorship form has been sent home today and parents are welcome to come along and be a part of this fun day.
Burkie Read-A-Thon

Our Burkie Read-A-Thon has now been going for three weeks and together as a school we have read 1399 hours and 30 minutes. We have made a great effort 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!

Breathe – Blow – Cough – Chew

Healthy Ears for You…

Breathe – Blow – Cough – Chew… and

Splish, Splosh, Have a Wash

Hearing plays an important part in children’s ability to learn. Research shows that at least 15% of children aged 4 to 9 years will have a middle-ear infection for at least 3 months of the year and their learning will be affected during these times.

This week, Kindergarten classes will start the Breathe – Blow – Cough – Chew – and – Wash Program. This program teaches children correct nose-blowing as it is the best method of clearing passages to the ears and preventing the build-up of fluid and infection.

Eating two pieces of crunchy fruit each day also improves ear health and general well-being.

Children will each need 2 to 3 tissues per day so parents are asked to please send in a large box of tissues for classroom use.

Thank you very much.

Father’s Day Stall

The P&C are conducting their Father’s Day Stall on Thursday, 4th September. Parents are asked to send in a Father’s Day gift to the value of $3 wrapped in clear cellophane. Please ensure gifts are appropriate (nothing sharp or flammable).

Students who bring in gifts will need to show their class teacher so that their name can be recorded, then the gift may be taken to the canteen. Children will then need to bring in $3 on the day to make their purchase. The opportunity to shop can only be made available to those children who have brought in gifts for the stall.

Remember, if your child is to buy more than one gift they will need to bring in more than one gift for the stall.
As a conclusion to our Burke Ward Read-A-Thon, parents and caregivers are invited to join us this Wednesday at 12:40pm for “Read Together in the Sun”. A BBQ lunch will be available from the canteen following the reading.

- Sausage in bread $2
- Steak Sandwich $3.50
- Cans of drink $2.00
- Fruit Boxes $1.50
- Bottle of water $2.00

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
Parking Around the School
Police will be increasing patrols around our school to ensure road rules are being obeyed and parking is legal. Please be considerate of the neighbours around the school and ensure that adequate space is left for them to access their driveways.

Burke Ward app
Remember! Our school has a mobile phone app. What’s that you may ask? It is a little application that sits on your phone and gives you instant access to our school information when you click on it, 24/7. The app gives parents the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, or to send in a sick note while you stand outside the school because you forgot to write a paper note! Download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for Burke Ward. Once you have found it press install or download.

Athletics Carnival Champions
Congratulations to our athletics carnival age champions and runner-ups. Those students who missed out on getting their ribbons will be presented with them this Friday at recess assembly. Also a reminder that notes for the Barrier Carnival must be returned to Mr Fennessy as soon as possible.
Year 5 Narrabeen Excursion

Medical forms and money for the Year 5 Narrabeen excursion are due in this Friday, 22nd August. Students will be departing from the school at 5:00am on Sunday, 31st August and return to school at approximately 11:00pm on Friday, 5th September. A list of requirements for the excursion was included on the note sent home.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life. Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child misses learning the basic skills in the early years of primary or high school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

- 1 day off a week = 10 days a term (2 weeks – gone!)
- 1 day off a week over the period of 1 year = most of term 1 – gone!
- If this pattern starts in Kindergarten and continues through to year 6, almost 1 and a half years of learning is gone!!
- If this pattern continues through high school students will miss nearly three years of learning.
- If students miss days of learning they reduce the chance of achieving to their academic potential.

Free Public Dental Service

All children aged 0 to 18 years are entitled to free dental treatment at Far West Local Health.

1300 552 626
Dental Clinic
Morgan Street School Grounds
Union Street, Broken Hill

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