At the time you’re reading this, our junior choir, senior choir and band would have performed at the Eisteddfod. I am very proud of all of our students, parents and teachers for putting in the time and effort to ensure we were all at our ‘Burkie Best’. Well done everyone. We’ll publish a report in next week’s newsletter.

I have been informed that an application to replace the timber veranda on B Block (currently the Kindergarten rooms) has been approved. Funding has been made available from the State government and I’m hoping that the work will be completed this year.

I was also informed last week that funding for the health hub that is due to be built at Burke Ward has been released. This partnership with the UDRH allows our students to access allied health services at school. Our health hub will be built adjacent to our hall. I am unsure when construction will commence but this facility will be well worth the wait!

What a wonderful sight it was last Thursday when participants from the variety bash arrived to have breakfast at Burke Ward last week. Thank you to all of our volunteers including parents, grandparents and teachers for assisting with the cooking and organisation. All of the helpers had just as much fun as the variety bash participants. Well done Burkies!

It was fantastic to see so many proud Burkies receiving PRIDE award last week. We acknowledged the children upholding the values of Burke Ward on a regular basis. Well done!

Enjoy this wonderful week!

Brad Lyne
Principal

“If we do not plant knowledge when young, it will give us no shade when we are old.”
**SRC Wheel-A-Thon**

Students at Burke Ward will be participating in a Wheel-A-Thon on **Friday, 29th 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.

The following times and places for our Wheel-A-Thon are:

(Bottom Playground) (Top and middle playground)
9:15am for Kindergarten 9:15 for Year 3
10:00am for Year 1 10:00am for Year 4
11:30am for Year 2 11:30am for Year 5
12:15pm for Year 6 12:15pm for Year 6

Students who raise over $100 will go into a draw for an iPad mini. Students who raise between $50 and $100 will go into a draw for a scooter. The highest overall money raiser will win an iPod touch.

Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy the day.

**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.

**Library News**

**Overdue Books**
Thank you to those parents who have returned overdue books after receiving their yellow overdue note.

**Book Club**
Order forms for Book Club No 6 will be distributed this week. They are due back in two week’s time on Monday, 8th September.
Silver City Show

The Silver City Show is fast approaching. Our school will be entering the “Schools Display” and this year the theme is the “Golden Years” of the show in Broken Hill. Our display will look at the history of the show and how it has changed over the years. If anyone has any information, photographs, memorabilia etc. that they would be willing to share, please see Mrs Pascoe at school.

If any student would like to enter the Silver City Show colouring-in competition, Mrs Pascoe will be handing out copies at school this week.

The show also offers the chance for individual students to enter a variety of sections to showcase their hidden talents or skills, such as cooking, art and craft, home grown produce and flowers. See Mrs Pascoe if you are interested.
Year 4 Environmental Excursion
A reminder to those children attending the Environmental Excursion to White Leeds Wetlands tomorrow they will be leaving school promptly at 9:00am. They will need to wear full school sports uniform including comfortable shoes and school hat. Children need to bring their recess, lunch and drinking water.

Arrival to 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. Explanations can be made by note, text message, email or verbal depending on the systems set up in your child’s school.

Kindergarten Meeting
All Kindergarten parents are invited to a meeting to discuss changes in structures of learning in our Kindergarten classes. The meeting will be conducted tomorrow, Tuesday 26th August at 8:45am in our AV Room. If you are unable to attend, a note will be sent home with all children tomorrow outlining what was discussed at the meeting.

School Website: www.burkeward-p.schoo ls.nsw.edu.au
facebook.com/burke.ward.7 twitter.com/burkeward