Principle’s Report

Isn’t it hard to believe we are in the last week of term? Term 3 has again presented our students with many opportunities to represent themselves and Burke Ward with great pride. We are part of an amazing school – what a great feeling it is to be a Burkie!

Thank you to all of the teachers and the parents who were able to attend the gala day last Friday. Our girls played basketball and the boys played cricket. Everyone had a great time and both boys teams were runners up in their competition, our senior girls came third at the basketball and our junior girls won! Well done to all concerned. We have another gala day on Wednesday with the girls playing soccer and the boys playing basketball. Good luck!

Thank you to the parents who were able to spend some time with me last week to discuss strategic directions for our school. A survey will be sent out at the beginning of term 4 so that all parents can contribute to the discussion about our school. It’s important that everyone has their say. Please contact me at school if you want to discuss further.

As you would be aware, I will be leaving Burke Ward as I head to Boambee PS. I am starting at Boambee in 2015 so I will be able to finish the year at Burke Ward. I’m looking forward to working with you all for the remainder of the year. The panel has been formed to start the process of sourcing a new Principal for Burke Ward. It should be completed by the middle of term 4.

If you are travelling these holidays, please do so safely and we’ll see you all in term 4.

Have a wonderful week.

Brad Lyne
SRC Sports’ Colour Day

WHEN: This Friday, 19th September
WHAT: Wear your favourite sport’s uniform, eg. Netball, cricket, basketball, football
WHY: As part of the National Footy Colours day, raising money for kids’ cancer but also a fun way to end the term!
COST: Gold coin donation

SRC Wheel-A-Thon Draw

At Thursday’s recess assembly, we will hold the draw to find out which students will win the following prizes:

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

A big thank you to all the students who raised money from our Wheel-A-Thon. If your child is still to return their sponsorship money, please make sure it is in by this Wednesday so that they can be included in the draw.

Good luck to those eligible students!

Helping Your Child Develop a Love of Reading

With the holidays fast approaching here are some suggestions to help kids continue with their reading during this time:

- Visit the local library
- Do not restrict reading material to only books
- Make a regular time to read
- Praise your child’s efforts
- Read to your child
- Be interested in the kind of materials your child likes to read. Share your favourites.

Year 4 Adelaide Excursion

All permission, medical notes and final payments for the Year 4 Adelaide excursion need to be returned to the school office by this Friday morning. Pocket money should be placed in three envelopes, one for each day clearly marked with your child’s name and Day 1, Day 2, Day 3. This should be sent to the school before students leave.
Entry forms to be returned to Maari Ma or CentaCare by the 3rd October 2014. Either hand deliver or email to:
Corina Kemp  email: corina.kemp@maarima.com.au
Kate Phillips  email: kphillips@centacarewf.org.au
**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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**Did you know?**

*If your child misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education!*

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**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.

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