5/6 Dinner Meeting
All Parents of year 5 and 6 students who are interested in being involved in the organisation of the 5/6 dinner, there will be a meeting this Thursday at 3:05pm in 6J’s classroom.

Silver City Show
Don’t forget to enter the colouring-in competition boys and girls. Copies are available at the front office. Completed sheets can be returned to Mrs Pascoe. Also if you wish to enter the craft, cooking, art, photography or gardening competitions see Mrs Pascoe for more information or an entry form. I’m sure there are many children at Burke Ward with hidden talents in the above categories…you’ve got to be in it to win it!

Mrs Pascoe

Helping your child develop a love of reading
Our Read-A-Thon was an outstanding success with children reading for a grand total of 2129 hours and 30 minutes. That totals to 88 days and 54 minutes of reading! Developing a love of reading is well worth investing time in to as it assists children to meet with success throughout their education and in adult life. Here are some suggestions to help your child continue with his or her reading now that the Read-A-Thon is over.

- Parents need to be seen as readers themselves
- Turn off the TV and read as a family
- Find a comfortable place to read
- Have the daily paper delivered
- Do not restrict reading material to only books
Principal’s Report

What a wonderful week for all Burkies last week! Congratulations to all of our year 5 students for their wonderful behaviour and participation at the Narrabeen camp last week. All reports were favourable (as expected!). Thank you to Mrs Robins, Mrs Paech and Mr Thompson for sacrificing time away from their families to provide our students with this opportunity. Excursions don’t happen without the goodwill of the teachers – thanks! Thank you also to Jim Niarros who also went on the excursion and from all reports, went above and beyond the call of duty numerous times! Thanks Jim!

I heard we had some very favourable results from the Barrier athletics carnival which was conducted in Sunraysia last Friday. Congratulations to all Burkies – we’ll have a full report in next week’s newsletter.

NAPLAN results were handed out to year 3 students last week. Year 5 results will be handed out this week as they were on an excursion. Our school will analyse the data and include any necessary actions in future planning. If you would like to discuss your child’s results, please contact your child’s teacher.

As we are moving in to the new planning cycle, we need community input into the strategic directions of the school. If you have time, after our PRIDE assembly on Thursday, I’d like to talk parents about directions you’d like to see Burke Ward take in the coming years. Discussions will be based around what you think we do well, what you like about Burke Ward and what you think we can do better. If you can’t attend, you’ll also have an opportunity via a survey that will be sent out shortly. If any parents are interested in being more involved in the school planning process, please contact me at school on 8088 4700.

We anticipate school photos to arrive shortly. When they arrive, we’ll hand them out straight away – it should be by the end of term.

Don’t forget if your child is going to be away and needs to travel for a medical appointment, or is travelling on an educational family holiday interstate or overseas, you can apply for an exemption. Please contact the office if you’d like more information.

Have a wonderful week.

Brad Lyne
Principal

“May your dreams stay big and your worries stay small”
Library News

Book Club
Order forms for Issue 6 were due back today. Late orders will be accepted as long as they are handed in tomorrow morning.

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 yellow note in their bag on their library day. The students are allowed to have books over the school holidays so try to return any books by next week so that you can have new books to read over the school holidays.

SRC Wheel-A-Thon
PRIDE Awards

Play safely in the right places: Savannah McKellar, Kai Shorrock, Michael Cossey, Tyson White, Shiloh Kennewell, Jessica Benton, Alice Blore, Ellie Bottrell, Georgia Capper, Summa Collins, Wezley Edwards-Riley, Sophie Nevill, Jaime McInnes, Lukas Milne, Ashton Wonson, Giana Adams, Dylan Young, Krystal Lithgow, Rory Capper, Jaxon Collins, Jake Muttock


Do all your work the best you can: Sienna Thompson, Ava Cannard, Capri Paech, Livia Slater, Brock McInnes, Ashton Pollard, Elle Joy Yamomo, Jazmyne Sumalinog, Phoebe Lane, Montana McAvaney

Expect and use your best manners: Abbey Butcher, Isabella Day

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