Principal’s Report

How wonderful it was to see all the parents, grandparents, carers and friends of Burke Ward around the school. The feel of the playground is positive and so many smiles from the students.

Thank you for all the positive responses for my successful application as Principal of Burke Ward Public School, the handshakes, high fives, knuckles, comments and Facebook messages on our APP have been overwhelming. I thank you for your continued support and I will strive to continue all the hard work we have achieved in the past and bring it to a new level in 2015 and beyond.

With the weather getting cooler, please ensure your child remains ‘Sun Safe’ and also brings a water bottle to school. We continue to encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day and to apply sunscreen. Remember that if your child doesn’t have a hat on, they need to play under the shade shelter or go to the library.

A big thanks to Catherine and the Palmqvist family for providing sunscreen to all the classes. With this generous donation all Burkies will continue to be ‘Sun Safe’ when they are out and about.

Have a wonderful week, how about make someone smile today.

Corrie Stephenson
Principal

“...Live long and prosper...” Leonard Nimoy
(Spock)

Paakanjti Language Classes
Paakanjti language classes for parents will be held every Tuesday between 2pm and 3pm. For any enquiries please contact Cindy.


**Library News**

**Borrowing**
Please ensure that your child has a library bag for borrowing and returning books to the library. The bag provides protection to the books against damp and leaking water bottles. If you don’t have a cloth bag then just bring a plastic shopping bag to carry your book in and protect it.

Those students who still have books out from last year will be unable to borrow until the book is returned. If you receive an overdue note anytime throughout the year and you think that the book has been returned then please either write a note or call into the library then we can have a look to see if the book is back on the shelf. Last week a number of overdue books were found when other students tried to borrow and the computer told them that the book was already on loan.

**Book Club**
Order forms for the Scholastic Book Club are currently being distributed to the students during their library lessons. Scholastic provide a wide range of books suitable for all ages. For each book purchased the school earns points. The school is then able to use the points to select a number of books free of charge that then go into our library.

The students need to return any order forms with the money in an envelope marked with their name and class. They should be returned to either Mrs O’Mally or Mrs Heinicke in the library.

There are several payment options. You may pay by cash or cheque (made out to Scholastic) or you can pay by credit card online or over the phone at home. You will be given a receipt number to write on the order form that you return to the school.

If you wish to purchase something for a special occasion like a birthday and don’t want your child to know about it, then just mark that on your order form or let Mrs O’Mally know. When the orders come back we can keep your items in the office until you are ready to pick them up.

Order forms for Issue 2 are due back in 2 weeks’ time on **Monday, 16th March**.
This week’s sounds are –
  d, g, o, u

School Banking Reminder
School banking day this year is Tuesday. If you would like your child to start school banking they may use either an existing or new Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. Bank books are to be brought in to the school office on Tuesday mornings and will be returned the next day.

Jolly Phonics in Kindergarten
Students in KC, KJ and KI are participating in the Jolly Phonics Program. If families would like to reinforce the sounds at home, the actions we are learning for the current week and previous weeks’ actions are found on our school website. Just head to http://www.burkeward-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ then “School Years” tab and “Kindergarten” and you will see “Jolly Phonics”.

P&C Easter Raffle
The P&C are once again holding class Easter raffles in the last week of term. In order to provide every class with 3 Easter prizes, it is asked that families make a donation of an Easter egg. All eggs can be taken to the canteen for storage. Tickets for the raffle will be sold during the final weeks of term. Thank you for your support.

Thank You
A huge “thank you’ from all the staff and students of Burke Ward School goes out to Catherine Palmqvist who has donated pump bottles of sunscreen to all of our classrooms. SunSmart recommends that all schools implement a SunSmart policy to ensure a healthy exposure balance.

Slip  Slop  Slap  Seek  Slide

PROTECT YOURSELF IN FIVE WAYS FROM SKIN CANCER
Burke Ward Public School has an APP available on iTunes and for Android phones. Just search **BWPS** and you will see our APP with the school logo.

If you allow push notifications, messages from the school with reminders and important information will be sent straight to your phone.

You are able to see upcoming school events, send through absent notes and send the school photos through this APP.


Notes are also uploaded if you misplace a note or the note does not make it home.

On **Facebook**, just search for **Burke Ward PS** to see our official page.

It is generally accessed only before and after school hours, so if you have a question during school time, it is a good idea to contact the office.

Follow us on **Twitter** through [@burkeward](https://twitter.com/burkeward)

Listen to teachers reading quality stories, watch maths strategies and other exciting developments on our **Youtube Channel**.

You can subscribe to this channel. Search for [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbRUmEOUcKPFy6ecor_w5g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbRUmEOUcKPFy6ecor_w5g)