**Principal’s Report**

Well it’s official, as of today I am the principal for Burke Ward Public School. I am so excited to take the next step and work with our whole community to ensure Burke Ward is a leader among schools in educational delivery, engaging initiatives and community involvement.

What another great week we have had. I have been out and about chatting with students and parents and carers around the school. It has been great to hear so many positive things about our school. I would like to thank all of the parents, carers, students and teachers for putting in such a big effort to help keep the happy vibe around the school.

Our Outdoor Musical Equipment will be ordered this week and installation will start early next term. There are some very excited students waiting to bang out a rhythm on the bongos and strike a few notes on the xylophones.

Just a reminder that hats must be warn during morning, recess and lunch break times. Hoodies and caps are not accepted as a hat in our hat policy. Any students without a hat should go the Shade Shelter.

A parent survey will come out in the next few weeks asking for feedback and on a range of topics. Please ensure your voice is heard and fill in the survey and send it back to school. I have an open door policy and always have to time to have a chat and work with our school community to create positive solutions.

Corrie Stephenson
Principal
Jolly Phonics in Kindergarten
Students in KC, KJ and KI are participating in the Jolly Phonics Program.

This week’s sounds are –
  l, f, b and ai

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”.

Burke Ward Cricket Results
Burke Ward cricket team played well on Saturday making 6/136 to defeat Morgan St/SOTA, 5/53. Run makers were Tom Burke 31 no, Nick Schofield 19 no and Cooper Burke 8, with a host of players on 7. The tight bowling was a great all-round effort from all players keeping the runs to a minimum. A great catch in the outfield by Jackson Savage was a highlight with wickets to Cooper Burke, 1 for 5 and Caleb Fenton 1 for 4. With good fielding resulting in 3 run outs, Burke Ward are undefeated with one game left in the season.
Craig Burke

National Parks and Wildlife Visit
This Tuesday, the students in Stage One are being visited by Julieanne Doyle, a ranger from National Parks and Wildlife. If you would like to join your child and share in this experience, please meet us in the AV room at the following times: 11:30am – 2B and 2R
  2:00pm – 1/2N, 1P and 1T

Parking in School Grounds
Please remember that parking in the school grounds is not permitted at any time unless arrangements have been made with the Principal. For the safety of our children please do not drive into our school and adhere to speed limits whilst in the vicinity of all schools.
Burke Ward Swimming Champions

Congratulations to the following students who were the 2015 swimming carnival age champions:

- Senior Age Champions – Jade Scott and Will Campbell
- Senior Runner Up – Aalisha Kochaniec-Pollard and Caleb Fenton
- 11 Years Champions – Lachlan Stenhouse and Clair Roberts
- 11 Years Runner Up – Jaida Crampton and Cooper Burke
- Junior Age Champions – Talon Zammit-Harvey and Lauren Pace
- Junior Runner Up – Maddi Baxter and Corrin Fillery
- Winning House - Stuart

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.

Book Club

Order forms for the Scholastic Book Club are currently being distributed to the students during their library lessons. Scholastic provides 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 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 next Monday, 16th March.
P&C Easter Raffle
The P&C would like to thank the families who have donated Easter Eggs. Every egg that is donated is used to make the prizes for the Easter raffles. If every family donates an egg, we will be able to supply 2 to 3 prizes per class. All donations can be taken directly to the canteen. Tickets for the raffles will go on sale during the final 2 weeks of term. We appreciate your support.

SRC Induction
This Thursday, 12th March, students will be presented with their SRC badges at assembly which commences at 11:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

West Panthers Soccer Club
West Panthers Soccer Club are holding a training/rego day this Wednesday, 11th March at 4:30pm at the Norm Fox oval. All new and existing players are welcome to attend. For more information phone Theresa on 8087 5377.

Burke Ward performed at the St Pat’s Extravaganza

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