



BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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‘Quality Teaching - Quality Schooling’

TERM 4 NO. 17

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DIARY DATES

November

- 24** Years 6-9 Girls Cricket
Years 6-10 Boys Wellbeing Day
- 25-26** Goyder House Excursion weekend
- 28** 5/6 Excursion to Gawler Cinema
- 29** Year 11 class excursion
- 30** Storytime in Library 9.30am
Last day of formal lessons for Year 11s
Year 2 Sleepover

December

- 1** Primary to High School Transition
- 7** Presentation Night : school commences at 1.30pm
- 8** **Student Free Day**

STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday 8th December

TERM DATES 2017

Term 4 16/10/17 - 15/12/17

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1	29/1/18	-	13/4/18
Term 2	30/4/18	-	6/7/18
Term 3	23/7/18	-	28/9/18
Term 4	15/10/18	-	14/12/18

Respect

Honesty

Responsibility



Government of South Australia

Department for Education and
Child Development

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A Gala Night

A huge thank you to the staff who assisted in organising and chaperoning our ‘stunning students’ at our school formal last Friday. I unfortunately could not attend, and usually enjoy seeing the wonderful red carpet display, the cavalcade of cars, suits and dress designs. Behaviour from *our* students was exemplary as always, and I look forward to seeing the great photos and hearing all about it this week.

A special mention must go to our resident DJs - Chase and Ace - well done!

Get Well Soon

The staff would also like to send a speedy recovery and return to work for Robyn Thomas, who is recovering at home after a short stay in hospital. Take care Robyn.

Classes and Staff for the new year

Our preparations for the 2018 year are well underway and we are currently working through a number of staffing positions for next year. These are almost finalised and we will notify students, and families, hopefully by the next newsletter.

Facilities Developments

We are preparing to remove carpet and lino in the holidays, with new floor coverings funded by the government. Painting of external walls and some paving is to occur in the new year.

Attendance
Weeks 4 & 5
87.0%

MUSIC



Litter in the Yard and Damage to Facilities

This continues to be an issue, and with Derek and Shep tirelessly trying to keep up with mowing and clearing of long grass, this uncovers yet another lot of litter. As our grounds are a community tourist spot, it is so disappointing to see, and when I hear the many students exclaim their disgust at the grounds also, I have to ask myself what do we do about the apparent small group of individuals who are continuing to drop litter and not use the nearby bins?

We ALL need to take ownership of our grounds and facilities and remind others of their carelessness and responsibility to take pride in our school.

Recently we have had some broken windows to our school, a broken classroom light, damage to some tables/chairs – all through accidental carelessness; but could have been clearly avoided if responsibility and care was taken in the first place. These have been very costly repairs; amounting to thousands of dollars, as scissor lifts and scaffolding has been required to reach the repair work.

Attendance/Uniform Reminder

It is important that students attend school on a regular basis in order to maximise their learning opportunities. Any absence needs to be explained via a text message, phone call or note in the student diary.

Our SunSmart Policy states that students are expected to wear a hat if they are out in the sun during Term 4. If not, they will need to be put in the shade. Open shoes, short shorts and singlets are not acceptable for school. This also applies on any casual day that may occur.

Timetabling Planning

The process for constructing next year's timetable is slowly underway, but staffing is delaying it at this stage. If students do not intend to be at Burra Community School next year, it is vital that you let us know as soon as possible.

Encore!

I'm looking forward to Encore in Week 9, as this is where our students really shine. Singing, dancing, entertaining us all is on the cards, as always – so come along and support our students because a full audience with cheers and applause is all we ask! ☺

***Yours in learning,
Susan***

Encore! 2017

Our showcase of Performing Arts talent at Burra Community School is right on target to premiere at the Burra Town Hall on Wednesday December 13th from 7.00 pm. Tickets will be available at the Front Office – Adults \$5.00, school-aged children free!

Free Instrumental Music Lessons

Our Music Programme at Burra Community School is expanding! Our very talented Woodwind/Brass teacher Dominic Meehan is able to offer group lessons to students in Years 4 - 12 for Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, Trumpet or Trombone, and lessons are free of charge. These are held once a week for 30 minutes during class time (on the understanding that students make up work missed). We have access to instruments for hire at very reasonable prices.

We are also able to offer free of charge, group vocal Lessons with Kerry Davy for students from Years 7 – 12.

To register your child's interest for next year, please collect an information letter, and leave their name, year level and preferred instrument on a piece of paper at the Front Office. Please contact Kerry Davy for further information.

Festival Of Music Choir

Our East Of The Ranges Combined Schools Choir will recommence during Week 3 of Term 1 next year.

Interested students from Years 4-7 join other students from Jamestown Area School, Orroroo Area School, Booleroo Centre Area School, Gladstone Primary School, Peterborough Area School, and St James School in Jamestown, to perform on stage at the Northern Festival Theatre in Port Pirie midway through Term 3.

To register your child's interest for 2018, please collect an information letter from the Front Office, and return the completed consent form as soon as possible. Please contact Kerry Davy for further information.

Kerry Davy

HPE WEEK 13 - 17 November

On Monday 13th students learnt about the benefits of exercise and activities they can perform to keep fit and healthy in our school fitness centre.

On the Tuesday, students played bombardment in the Gym which was a competition between our school Houses. Riggs was the winning team in the game which involved teamwork and many different skills.



TAG RUGBY



Year 8 and Year 9 Students from Burra Community School travelled to Jamestown Community School to take part in the Upper North Partnership Tag Rugby tournament for the second year running on Friday 10th November. The three teams were coached by Mr Norman, Mr Stewart, Nevie Peart and Destiny Klem. The students competed at an excellent level with all three teams making the finals. The girls team coached by Nevie and Destiny won the Championship final, whilst the girls team coached by Mr Stewart won the Cup final. The boys coached by Mr Norman made the cup final and took the game to overtime, but did not quite prevail in the end. We worked with Gladstone High School to make sure both schools could fill teams in a great bit of cooperation. The student's teamwork was excellent and they displayed great sportsmanship and skills. They were a great representation of Burra Community School in both tag rugby and orange eating capacity on the day.

James -

Tag rugby was a good day to get together with all the boys from Year 8/9 and play a fun sport. It was a great day because we ended up making the runners up grand final (Pool B championship) but unfortunately we lost that game. After playing a lot of games that day we were all spent, but looking forward to next year!

Reece -

Tag rugby was a great experience; there was a good competition for the boys and the girls. The boys last game was a really great, we tied and it went into overtime but we lost by a point against Jamestown 2.

Jacqui -

The tag rugby day in Jamestown was overall a great day. It was exciting being in such a successful team and being able to take home a trophy at the end of the day. Our team worked extremely well together.

Luke -

Tag rugby was a good day - everyone had a good try, even though I sprained my ankle it was a good day. In the end we won 2 games and the girls won 2.

Jack-

Playing tag rugby was really fun. I think the team I was in were the best even though we only won 2 games.

Nevie -

Tag rugby was a highly enjoyable day, with great results for all teams. The team I coached was undefeated in the end, taking out the championship cup.

Destiny -

Tag rugby was a good day, as the team Nevie and I coached were undefeatable.



PRESENTATION NIGHT

Thursday 7th December

5.30pm

School Gymnasium

Community members, parents and caregivers are invited to attend this special event to celebrate the school year.

Parents and community members are invited to give monetary donations for school awards and subject prizes. Donations can be left at the front office. All students need to be in school uniform on this very important evening in the year.

Please note that school will commence at 1.30pm on that day.

CANTEEN ROSTER

27	Louise Edwards
28	
29	
30	Elisabeth Gill
1	Andrea Higgs Samantha Smart

December

4	
5	Mel Cooper
6	
7	
8	Kate Wadlow

CANTEEN SPECIALS

Monday	Sweet Chili Chicken Tender Wrap
Tuesday	Melt of the Week
Wednesday	Hot Dog with the Lot
Thursday	Salad Tub of the Week
Friday	Baguette of the Week

BURRA SWIMMING CLUB

Commences Monday 27th November from 5.30 - 6.30pm.

Training at the pool will be held Monday and Thursday nights - local coach Grace Peart.

A Come and Try night will be held on Monday 4th December with a sausage sizzle to follow.

Club information packs will be available.