



# BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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‘Quality Teaching - Quality Schooling’

TERM 1 NO. 1

DATE: 8 February 2018

## DIARY DATES

### February

- 8 Swimming Carnival Years 4-12  
5.00pm start
- 9 Gideon Bibles distribution to  
Year 7s 9.00am
- 12 Governing Council meeting  
7.30pm
- 15 Boat Licence Course  
Storytime in Library 9.30am
- 17/18 Goyder House Exeat weekend
- 19 Lower North Swimming  
Carnival at Balaklava
- 23 R-6 Assembly in Drama Room  
9.00am  
**Red Day in Canteen**
- 27 SSSSA Swimming in Adelaide

### March

- 1 Storytime in Library 9.30am
- 8 3km race
- 10/11 Goyder House Exeat weekend
- 12 **ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We have started 2018 with a bang!

I am thrilled to introduce to you our new staff team, extend a warm welcome our new families and students and have thoroughly enjoyed listening to your holiday stories since you've arrived back safely to school!!

We have had extensive grounds and facilities work throughout the school; painting, new carpets, new linoleum, new staffroom furniture, new classroom furniture and our teachers have spent hours on their learning spaces to establish excellent working conditions for your child.

### New staff:

Wendy Burge	Year 1	Wednesdays
Derek Friedrichs	Home Ec,	Monday, Tuesday, Friday
	Food & Hospitality	
Cindy Growden	5/6B	Thursday, Friday
Kristel Smiley	HASS, HPE,	Tuesday - Friday
	Drama	
Tessa Weckert	3/4B class	Thursday, Friday

## 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

## THINGS THAT PRINCIPALS KNOW ABOUT GREAT TEACHERS

I have the privilege of working with many great teachers. These are some things that are true about them:

*Great teachers don't show up for WORK... they show up for KIDS! It's a passion -- not a job.*

*Great teachers understand that developing the right classroom climate is a prerequisite to teaching the right lesson.*

*Respect  
Honesty  
Responsibility*



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and  
Child Development

*140 Years of Education in Burra*

Great teachers don't always have the best lessons. But they always have the best relationships with kids.

When a lesson does not go as planned, great teachers are not looking around the room... they are looking in the mirror.

Great teachers always come to class ready to teach ... but they are mindful of the fact that not all students come to class ready to learn.

Great teachers understand the power of human connection, so they are diligent about building relationships with their students. They are even relentless about connecting with the 'ones who don't want to'!

Great teachers understand the "Golden Rule" for educators: Teach every child the way you would want your own child to be taught.

Great teachers are not intent on winning "battles" with the students. They understand that if there is a battle in the classroom, nobody wins.

Great teachers define their success by the success of their students. They understand it's not about the teaching ... it's about the learning.

Great teachers are not defined by their lesson plans ... they are defined by their passion.

Great teachers are in it for the kids. It's not about the lesson plan, the rules, or the massive paycheck. It's always about the kids.

Great teachers spend some time thinking about how they can improve their lessons next time. That's just what they do.

Kids leave their class feeling better about themselves ... because great teachers understand there is more to teaching than delivering instruction.

Great teachers are never victims of "slacker kids." They refuse to let those students get away without doing the work.

Great teachers are not driven by courses of study ... they are driven by the faces in front of them.

Great teachers can look past the bad attitude. They realize there's always something else going on.

Great teachers did not become great by accident. They became great because they made a decision that being "good" was not enough.

All teachers have bad days. Great teachers never lose perspective, and they refuse to undermine the positive energy in the classroom.

Great teachers are always in pursuit of a better lesson. They demand the same excellence of themselves that they work for in their kids.

**Our world is a better place because of the passion and dedication of great teachers everywhere. They inspire me daily – THANK YOU Burra Community School teachers!**

### CANTEEN HELPERS – PLEASE

Canteen help can translate in many ways to our fabulous school.

There are many ways in which families can help the school canteen remain viable and open for 5 days a week!



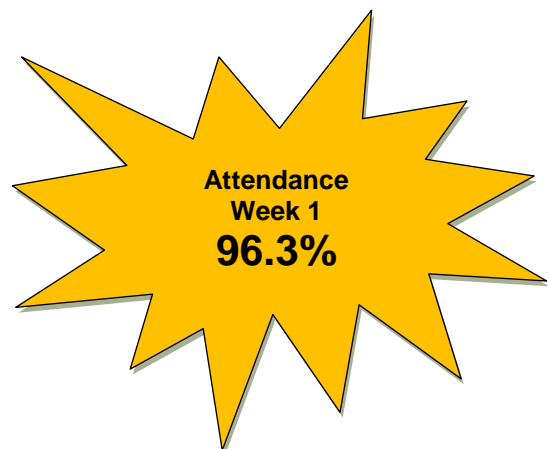
**Our new Reception Families – a BIG shout out to you!**

Can you spare some time to be included on a roster to work in the canteen? Perhaps you would prefer 'bagging lollies for us, doing some cooking at home and delivering it in, helping clean up at end of term or being placed on a roster to help out at Sports Day, Formal or catering events.?

Please spare us some time/donations because we are getting to the stage where a '5 days a week canteen' is NOT a viable option to continue with.

Thanks in advance! ☺ Susan

*Yours in learning,  
Susan*



**PRIMARY [R-6] ASSEMBLY**

Friday 23rd February

9.00am

Drama Room

**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

### Senior

#### Steele:

*Captains* Madison Millward & Hayden Webster

*Vice-Captains* Kate Edwards & Isaac Queissner-O'Dwyer

#### Jennison:

*Captains* Amber Williams & Nick Hadow

*Vice-Captains* Eliza Barnes & Kalai Waters

#### Riggs:

*Captains* Darcy Cousins & Chase Webster

*Vice-Captains* Isabelle Bray & Jordan Schloithe

### Junior

#### Steele:

*Captains* Kobi Kononiuk & Grace Cunningham

*Vice-Captains* Bailey Van Gasteren & Jessie Klem

#### Jennison:

*Captains* George Peart & Olivia Clarke

*Vice-Captains* Lucas Williams & Aurihi Prime-Powell

#### Riggs:

*Captains* Harry Piggott & Alice Tiver

*Vice-Captains* Ashton Tippet & Eliza Quinn

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018! I hope everyone had a fun, restful break and both students and parents are ready to tackle another jam packed year of learning and activities. Welcome to our new teachers and families.

We have started the term running with lunchtime swimming practice, SRC nominations and presentations, and a swimming carnival! It has been a busy time organising flexible timetables for senior secondary students studying via Open Access (4 students) or local delivery (4 students), and melding teacher timetables to accommodate both primary and secondary classes but we appear to be set now and ready for the term ahead.

### CLASS OF 2017

Of our graduating class of 2017, 10 of the 11 students enrolled, successfully achieved their SACE by the end of their year 12 studies. One student intends to use their studies this year to complete their SACE during 2018. As in the past, 100% of our year 12 student successfully completed the compulsory SACE components – Literacy, Numeracy, Research Project and the Personal Learning Plan.

All students who applied for a university course were successful, receiving first round offers to their preferred course. The Dux of 2017, Sam Rains achieved a university entrance score over 90. Sam has been offered a place in Bachelor of Health and Medical Science at Adelaide University.

Other offers:

*Emily Badman* – Bachelor of Journalism + Bachelor of Arts (English); University of South Australia

*Rehys Busted* – Bachelor of Science – University of South Australia

*Sean Millward* – Bachelor of Aviation (Pilot) – University of SA (deferred) (Currently working fulltime)

*Caitlin Parsons* – Full-time employment at Clare Valley Veterinary Clinic plus Certificate 4 in Veterinary Nursing (TAFESA)

*Sam Chandler* – Diploma Program in CGI (computer generated imagery) and Visual Effects (Adelaide College of the Arts)

*Bethany Jones* – looking for employment, perhaps further study in 2018

*Lillian Park* – working locally full-time

*Dakota Hammill* – Certificate 3 Individual Support (Aged Care) leading to a Cadetship in Nursing (Clare Hospital)

*Michaela Ross* – considering TAFE options.

*Cassie Sims* – Working locally full time with the aim to pursue further study and/or career as a flight attendant

I look forward to hearing about their progress over the following year and beyond and wish them well.

**Kim Scott, Deputy Principal**

## REMINDER

Early dismissal time of 3.00pm is now on Wednesdays (changed from Tuesdays)

This year in Agriculture, the Year 5/6s will be learning about and caring for yabbies.

Do you have a pond pump, filter or water heater which you are no longer using that you would like to donate?

We have a bath tub to house them in, however any donations of small lengths of PVC pipe for them to hide in would be appreciated.

**Genevieve Wright  
(and the 5/6 Agriculture class)**



## YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

During the school holidays I was fortunate enough to participate in the annual S.T.A.R Group Youth Leadership Camp. This was a six-day camp with 23 other students entering Year 12 in 2018, with an equal split of country and city students. The camp took place at the Echunga Police Training Reserve where we were accompanied by 5 members of the S.T.A.R group, 2 members of the SAPOL Mounted Operations Unit, 2 general Police Officers, a paramedic from the South Australia Ambulance Service. No phones were allowed on the camp.

The camp has a strong focus on leadership and teamwork and is designed to bring people out of their comfort zones. To do this the leaders were always surprising us, we wouldn't know what would be happening until it happened which meant that there was no time to ponder on or prepare for challenges. This just added to the experience and allowed us to enjoy every moment.

Some of the challenges we faced during the week were abseiling, debating, rock climbing and team building and problem-solving activities. Throughout the week we also had the opportunity to listen to motivational guest speakers. This included His Excellency the Honorable Hieu Van Le, Governor of South Australia, and Katrina Webb, Paralympian gold medalist and South Australian Sport Hall of Fame inductee.

Even though this camp was both physically and mentally challenging, I would regard this experience as one of the best things I've ever done.

*Darcy Cousins*



## BOAT LICENCE COURSE

Wednesday 28th March at 6.30pm sharp

Cost: Boat Operators Licence \$40.00  
Children age 12 - 15 years \$20.00

The night will consist of an information presentation, which takes approximately 90 mins. After that participants are able to undertake the theory examination. If the candidate is successful they then attend a Service SA office with a further licence fee of \$38 to obtain their boat operators licence.

Children between 12 and 15 years of age can sit for a special permit. Please note - a practical examination will be required to complete the Boat Licence.

The maximum group is 30 and participants are required to provide photo ID on the day. Children can provide a birth certificate.

Participants are expected to undertake some form of learning prior to attending.

Information for prior study can be accessed by reading the "SA Recreational Boating Handbook" available from Service SA centres" or online at [www.ondeck.sa.gov.au](http://www.ondeck.sa.gov.au). A helpful "practice exam" is also available on the same website.

Please phone 88922 007 to book a seat to attend and payment is to be made before Wednesday 28th March.

A reminder will be sent in the next newsletter.

## SCHOOL MAGAZINES 2017

School Magazines which were ordered last year have arrived and been distributed to students.

There are a few spare copies available in the Front Office if you would like to purchase a copy.

Cost is \$27.00

## BURRA JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAM FOR 2017 – 2018 SEASON

**We have one fundraiser every year and that is the canteen at the Merino Field Days. This will be held on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at the town oval. We will be asking for parent assistance on this day which is a major fundraiser for our club to replace our club rooms.**

Trophies will be given on Grand Final Night, along with a BBQ provided by the Burra Tennis Club. Below are the junior committee contact details:

Anthea Lines 0408 080 501

Megan Rayson 0438 826 782

Kelly Bavistock 0428 817 585

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### February

12	
13	
14	Louise Edwards
15	
16	Andrea Higgs
19	
20	Jodie Hook
21	
22	Jess Tiver
23	Andrea Higgs Samantha Smart

26	
27	Mel Cooper
28	

1	
2	Rebecca Clark-Dollman

### March

5	Leonie Taylor
6	
7	Emma Noble
8	
9	Andrea Higgs

### 12 ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY

13	
14	
15	Julia Clarke Jayde Thamm Peggy Eastwood Trish Parsons

### 16 SPORTS DAY

19	Samantha Smart
20	
21	Tess Tiver
22	
23	Andrea Higgs

26	
27	
28	
29	Elisabeth Gill
30	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>

### April

### 2 EASTER MONDAY

3	
4	Laura Wedding
5	
6	Andrea Higgs

9	
10	
11	Emma Noble
12	
13	Samantha Smart

## CANTEEN INFORMATION

- Specials - please check Flexischools for information regarding options and availability
- Some menu options may not be available every day
- Orders can be placed online via computer / iPad / phone at any time prior to our daily cut-off time of 10.45am

Lunch orders can be placed by visiting [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

1. REGISTER to start an account
2. ADD your student, class and school details
3. TOP UP your account balance
4. ORDER, check and pay.

Please contact the Canteen if you would like help setting up your account.

## CANTEEN RED DAY Friday 23rd February

There are many ways in which families can help the school canteen remain viable and open 5 days a week!

### Donations of goods such as

- Fruit and Vegetables
- Pantry Staples
- Perishables
- Special Events
- (bags of ice, slabs of water, soft drink, Red Day/Theme decorations)
- Packaging
- (alfoil, gladwrap, baking paper, serviettes etc.)
- Other items
- (Zoooper Doopers/Quelch sticks, surplus good quality kitchen equipment etc.)



## BBH NETBALL CLUB

### Senior & 15U Trials (Year 8 upwards)

- **Sunday 25th February 9.30am**
- **Thursday 1st March 6.30pm**
- **Sunday 4th March 9.30am**

**Trainings will then continue on Thursday nights**

**Players need to attend at least 2 trials to be selected in a team.**

**Any queries to Michelle Booth (Secretary)  
0418 831 494.**

**WELCOME TO THE NEW RECEPTION CLASS OF 2018**



**Front:** Bill, Ruby, Pippa, Lucy, Ada, Mia, Sophie, Corbin  
**Back:** Axel, Corben, Kaleb, Harrison, Patrick, Jake, Lakyn, Tyler, Jaxon, Mrs Robinson

**NEW STAFF MEMBERS 2018**



Wendy Burge, Tessa Weckert, Cindy Growden



Derek Friedrichs



Kristel Smiley

## Term 1, 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	W/E
1 Jan/Feb	29	30	31	1	2	3/4
2	5	6	7 Student ID card photos 9.00am	8 BCS Swimming Carnival 6.00pm start Years 4-12	9 Gideon Bibles distribution to Year 7s 9.00am	10/11
3	12 Governing Council 7.30pm	13	14	15 Boat Licence Course 6.30pm  Storytime in Library 9.30am	16	17/18  Exeat Weekend
4	19 Lower North Swimming Carnival at Balaklava	20	21	22	23 R-6 Assembly 9.00am in Drama Room Knitting Group in Library 10.00am <span style="color: red;">Red Day in Canteen</span>	24/25
5 March	26 SAPSASA Swimming Carnival at Clare 5.00pm	27 SSSSA swimming Carnival – Adelaide	28	1 Storytime in Library 9.30am	2	3/4
6	5	6	7	8 BCS 3km Race	9	10/11  Exeat Weekend
7	12 <b>ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY</b>	13	14 BCS 1500m Race SAPASA Summer Hub Carnival at Clare	15 Storytime in Library 9.30am	16 BCS Sports Day	17/18
8	19	20	21	22 Lower North Athletics Carnival at Kapunda 9.00am start, 2.30pm finish	23 School Photographs  Knitting n Library 10.00am	24/25
9	26 Governing Council 7.30pm	27	28	29 Storytime in Library 9.30am	30 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	31/1
10 April	2 <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	3	4	5 Lower North Zone Coordinators meeting at Clare	6 R - 6 Assembly 9.00am in Drama Room	7/8
11	9 SAPSASA Softball Carnival 9th - 13th	10 SSSSA Athletics at SANTOS Stadium	11	12 Storytime in Library 9.30am	13 Knitting Group in Library 10.00am	