



BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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‘Quality Teaching - Quality Schooling’

TERM 1 NO. 5

DATE: 6 April 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DIARY DATES

April

- 6 R-6 Assembly 9.00am in Drama Room
- 9 Years 3/4 excursion to Port Adelaide
- 10 SSSSA Athletics at SANTOS Stadium
- 11 ‘Clear the Clutter’ session in Library 2.00 - 3.00pm
- 12 Storytime in Library 9.30am
- 13 End of Term 1 : school dismissal will be at 2.20pm
- 30 Term 2 begins

May

- 1 R/1/2 excursion to SA Museum
- 2 Meningococcal vaccinations for Years 11 and 12
- 3 SAPSASA Winter Hub Carnival at Blyth
- Storytime in Library 9.30am
- 7 Start of Book Fair in Library
- 8 R-12 Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30-6.30pm
- 9 R-12 Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.15-6.30pm

What are the signs that a great school is succeeding?

Try asking someone and chances are they'll say something about the impact a school makes on the young people who attend it. Are they safe and being cared for? Are they being challenged? Do they have opportunities to play and create? Are they HAPPY? ☺

If you're a parent, getting this kind of information entails a great deal of effort - walking the school yard, looking in classrooms, talking with teachers and other students, chatting with parents, and watching kids interact in the playground.

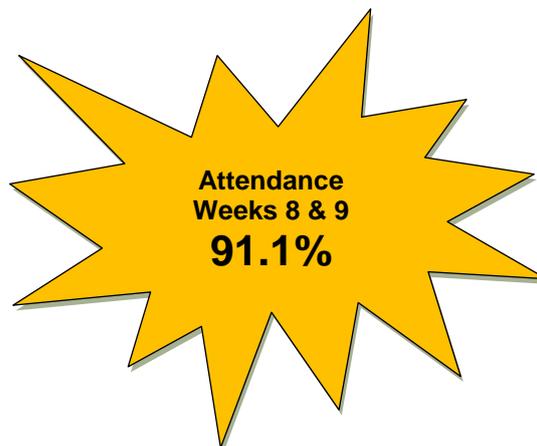
Since most of us don't have the time to do ALL of this 'school quality reconnaissance missions', we rely on the rumour and anecdote, hunches and heuristics, and increasingly other opinions.

This is information - sure. But mostly it doesn't always align with what we really want to know about how the school is doing. Sure there are standardized test scores, school rating websites, Facebook pages etc. but ratings are often derived primarily from state minded high stakes tests.

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



How does that align with reality though? I remember my daughter used to be excited to go to school each day and was strongly attached to her current and former teachers. She read books each week, loved math and thought she would be a scientist or an artist. She trusted her classmates and hugged her Principal when she saw him. None of this is currently measured by those purporting to gauge school quality.

Assessment and Reporting time is approaching us, and I would very much like you, our parents, to communicate with us about this process at Burra Community School. Do you rely on your child's report to know exactly how your child is doing? Do you perhaps wait for the 'parent-teacher conference in Term'? Do you have regular email / phone contact with your child's teacher? Does your child actually know where they are sitting in relation to their 'reported success' at school?

Please take the time to email your thoughts, call me for a chat or pop in and give me your view, as I would dearly like to hear it! Different times requires different thinking and our children are entering a generation where they need transformational skills and abilities which will easily translate into 'whatever' field they wish to pursue.

Let me know... don't leave me hanging! ☺

Susan
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PLEASE NOTE

School will dismiss at 2.20pm on
Friday 13th April
with buses departing at 2.30pm.

FINANCE

During the month of March, two deposits were made to the school with the description "Burra Community Invoice - Payment".

If this was you, please contact the school on 8892 2007.

Also, for the excursions early next term, payments can be made by EFT to the following account:

Burra Community School

BSB: 105-017

Account No: 094175840

[e.g. Description: SMITH, J - Excursion]

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The last newsletter of term 1, 2018 – wow this term has flown past!

In week 8, Ms Hart and I attended the National School Futures Conferences and Expo; as promised it was full of inspirational speakers and innovative ideas for teaching, learning and future educational direction. A large part of my time was spent investigating and listening to experts in the field of Educational Technology including strategic directions and curriculum delivery. On days two and three, I attended some sessions that focused on drone technology. Below I have listed some websites parents, students and teachers may wish to visit:

Scratch "With Scratch, you can program your own interactive stories, games, and animations - and share your creations with others in the online community." <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Getting Started with MIT App Inventor 2 | Explore MIT App Inventor is a cloud-based tool, which means you can build apps right in your web browser. This website offers all the support you'll need to learn how to build your own apps. appinventor.mit.edu/explore/get-started.html

Gapminder – an interactive website which allows you to play with data <https://www.gapminder.org/>

StarLogo – programming language.

StarLogo TNG is a downloadable programming environment that lets students and teachers create 3D games and simulations for understanding complex systems.

https://education.mit.edu/portfolio_page/starlogo-tng/

StarLogo Nova is an agent-based game and simulation programming environment that combines an easy-to-use blocks-based programming language with a powerful simulation engine and 3D renderer. With StarLogo Nova you can: Create, edit, and run games and simulations right in the browser, no installation. www.slnova.org

Drones – "Essentially, a **drone** is a flying robot. The aircrafts may be remotely controlled or can fly autonomously through software-controlled flight plans in their embedded systems working in conjunction with onboard sensors and GPS." Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) aka drone technology is a huge growth industry and a STEM career pathway for today's youth.

She Flies generates conversation around gender equality in STEM, using the world of drones to inspire and provide a platform for change to occur. *She Flies* builds high quality STEM leadership and learning opportunities through drone education.

<https://sheflies.com.au/for-everyone/>

CAREER EXPOS AND INDUSTRY INFORMATION SESSIONS



AIE's Industry Experience Days are a great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Students will get the opportunity to learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and will be able to get creative in practical workshops using industry-standard 3D animation and game development tools.

The sessions are run by industry professionals who have worked on some blockbuster games and films. Everything is provided for you to participate in the hands-on workshops and you will be using the same software that is used in the industry. "If you are thinking about a career in the games or film industry then we highly recommend registering for the free event"

Three Industry Experience Days are offered at the Adelaide campus during the school holidays: April 18, July 13 and October 13.

Visit: <http://www.aie.edu.au/ied>.

"AIE Adelaide is our newest campus and offers the latest in game development, game programming, 3D animation and visual effects education in brand new, state of the art facilities. The campus is located in the heart of Adelaide's CBD, on 32 Grenfell Street (next to City Cross Food Court). The campus neighbours major film and game studios such as Rising Sun Pictures, Six Foot Kid and Mighty Kingdom. It is a street away from the vibrant Rundle Mall, which is home to some of Adelaide's best shops, cafes, arcades and attractions".

SA WORK & SKILLS TERTIARY STUDIES & CAREERS EXPO

ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE

Sunday 8 April: 10am – 4pm

Monday 9 April: 9.30am – 1.30pm

Visit: www.careerevent.com

A record number of career opportunities will be on offer at the 2018 Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo, incorporating the South Australian Work and Skills Expo. The biggest TSCEA to be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre covers career paths from information technology to early childhood education, defence jobs to apprenticeships, that need South Australians now to fill expected demand for workers in the future.

The event is not just open to school students but parents wanting more information to help advise their children; as well as experienced workers considering upskilling for their current or next job, making a career change, or who want to transition into a new industry.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT EXPO

ADELAIDE SHOWGROUND

Friday 25 May: 9am – 3pm

Saturday 26 May: 10am – 4pm

Visit: www.careeremploymentexpo.com.au

In the last newsletter, we revisited three of our school policies – HATS, MOBILE PHONES, SCOOTERS AND BIKES. It is pleasing to report that students have been adhering to these policies more closely in the school environment. However, it is concerning to note that some students are disregarding the **law** that helmets must be worn when riding scooters on public roads/path. The non-compliance of this law compromises student safety and can lead to a fine from external agencies.

REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Students in Years 7 – 12 will receive a detailed written report at the end of this term. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 8 May and Wednesday 9 May (Week 2, Term 2) for students in all years (R – 12). The online booking system will open on Monday 30th April at 9.00am. More information to follow.

Have a great fortnight!
KIM SCOTT

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Twenty eight Burra Community School students were accompanied by Miss Wright, Miss Smiley and Mr Millward along with a great number of parents to the 2018 Lower North Athletics Championship in Kapunda. The students were selected from their Sports Day Athletics results. The students that attended should feel proud in their achievements with a lot of fantastic results. We were placed in the top three in a large number of events. Cher Waters was runner up in the U14 Girls Championship, and Burra Community School placed 3rd in the Handicap Shield. This shield is the best indicator of how schools perform as it takes into account the school size and student numbers. This is a great result for the students that gave their all. From our group of 28 students, 19 have been selected in the Lower North Zone team to compete at SANTOS Stadium on Tuesday 10th April. Good luck to these students as they strive to achieve their best.

Matt Stewart



CANTEEN ROSTER

April

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Emma Noble

Samantha Smart

YAC
The Goyder Council
presents...

Burra FLIX IN THE PARK

Saturday 14th April 2018
5.30pm for 6pm Start
Pickett's Reserve

Showing: **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 2**

FREE EVENT

Bring your own low chair, beanbag or picnic rug

For more information contact Council's Community Engagement Officer on 8892 0100
 Email: blauner@goyder.sa.gov.au

SAAYW South Australian Youth Week

**ADELAIDE
ART GALLERY**
 Colours of Impressionism
 'Masterpieces from the
 Musée d'Orsay'
 29th March - 29th July 2018

ART GALLERY
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be open from 11am-1pm and 2pm-6pm during the school holidays. We will return to our usual hours of 8.30am-6pm at the beginning of Term 2, Monday April 30th. Wishing you a happy & safe holiday.



Bev & Lisa