



BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The season

June 1 was the official start to winter but noticeably the promised rain did not eventuate; hopefully by the time this newsletter goes to print, South Australia and especially our local farms, will enjoy some substantial rainfall. For many of us who are lambing, the dry weather conditions have made an impact on lambing numbers and survival rates, and broad acre farmers have needed to embrace dry land sowing options in many areas.

With the colder weather comes the winter chills and sniffles; many of our staff and students are currently battling bugs – a reminder to wash hands frequently, drink plenty of water and cough into your elbow (apparently this is the most hygienic). Hopefully the extended long weekend break helped some of you to recuperate and re-energise.

Thank you to the school community for enabling all staff to participate in the student free day on Monday. It was helpful to work on a series of planning and policy documents as a teaching staff, and to be all together for the first two modules of *The Wellbeing Toolkit*. Staff will continue to complete this course during staff meeting time over the next two terms.

DIARY DATES

June

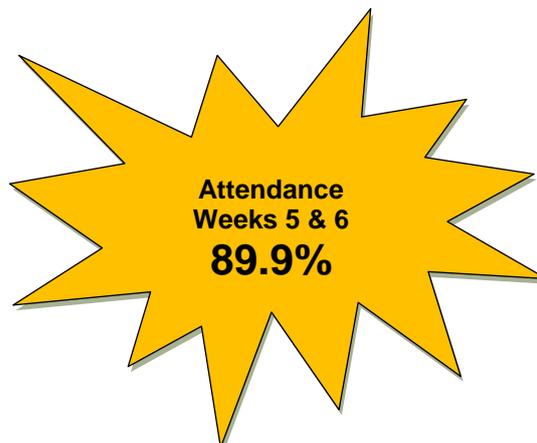
- 18 Governing Council meeting 7.00pm
- 19 Year 11/12 Meningococcal vaccinations 9.00am
Early Learning Centre visit to Library 2.00pm
- 21 R-6 Assembly 9.00am in Drama Room
- 22 **School Run4Fun Colour Explosion**
Burra Knitting Group in Library 10.00am - 11.00am
End of Semester 1
- 25 Semester 2 starts
- 25-29 Year 10 Work Experience
Soccer/Hockey State Carnival in Adelaide
- 28 Storytime in Library 9.30am
Early Learning Centre visit to Library 11.35am

July

- 3 Early Learning Centre visit to Library 2.00pm
- 4 8/9 Knockout Netball at Balaklava
- 6 End of Term 2

TERM DATES 2018

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

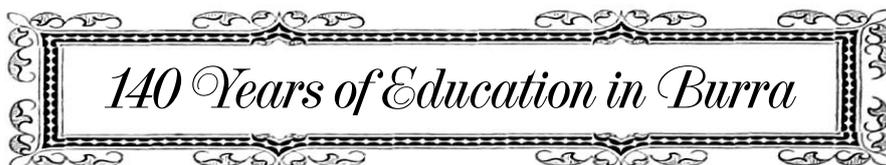


Attendance
Weeks 5 & 6
89.9%

*Respect
Honesty
Responsibility*



Government of South Australia
Department for Education



140 Years of Education in Burra

Recently I was fortunate to visit Adelaide University Roseworthy campus – my first time! In focus for day one were programs unique to the Roseworthy Campus, which included the globally recognised six-year *Doctor of Veterinary Medicine* and a new degree for 2018, *Bachelor of Science – Animal Behaviour*. The facilities were state of the art – very impressive! Student accommodation was also in focus: one bedroom ‘flats’ and shared houses at Roseworthy and Urbanest (www.urbanest.com.au) in the City. University Open Days are once again planned for August this year; I would encourage any student thinking of a career/degree involving animals to visit the Roseworthy Campus if the opportunity presents itself.

What’s been happening?

Last week students in Reception to Year 9 were involved in *The World of Maths Fun Day*; students took part in hands on problem solving activities during the 90 minute workshops. On the same day, our Year 11 students travelled to Clare for the annual *Rotary Youth Driver Awareness day* (RYDA). Instructors and teacher Ms McInerney commented on how well behaved and responsive our students were throughout the day.

Our senior students will be part of the *SAPOL: Road Safety Section* presentations in Week 10 this term. There will be three presentations: The Fatal Five, A Guide to Obtaining Your L’s and P’s, Getting Home Safely. (More information will appear in the next newsletter).

On Wednesday last week the Year 10 class and Year 11/12 Digital Photography students travelled to Adelaide as part of their subject studies. The Year 10’s visited the Adelaide Central Market as part of their food studies and the photography students went to the Zoo for some excellent photo opportunities.

On Sunday, our Year 12 Agricultural students travelled north for a 4 day experience linked directly to the curriculum requirements of Stage 2 Agriculture. I look forward to their report in the next newsletter. This week continues to be busy for our senior students with Open Girls Football on Wednesday (won by forfeit) and Open Girls Netball on Thursday – lots of photos next time!

A reminder that Semester 1 finishes next Friday, June 22. This means only minor timetable changes for primary students, however the timetables of students in Years 7 to 12 will change considerably. For our Year 12 cohort, the Research Project will finish and students will gain more study time. There will be some subject changes and hence teacher changes for all students in Years 7-11. One major change is the re-forming of our middle school classes into three new groups: Year 7, Year 8 and a Year 8/9 class. This restructuring was considered the best fit due to our large numbers in Year 8 (currently 32) and small numbers in Year 9 (10 students). Staff have deliberated carefully to determine the new class configurations, with an important and particular focus on well-being,

relationships and constructive study combinations. These classes are yet to be finalised and students will be informed as soon as possible.

Enjoy the next fortnight and stay warm!
Kim Scott

FROM THE WELLBEING COORDINATOR

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 7. What a busy term we have had so far!

Our students have been enthusiastic in participating in many different extra-curricular activities this term. These have included excursions to aid learning, sporting events, visits from outside agencies and lunchtime sport. These activities not only support student wellbeing but also help strengthen peer relationships and team work skills.

Our Student Representative Council have worked diligently to ensure students are engaged during their breaks by facilitating many different events. These have included Staff vs Students Basketball and Table Tennis, with the students winning the basketball and teachers getting over the line in table tennis. These events showcase another side of both teachers and students which has created close bonds and increased levels of respect.

This term our SRC have facilitated events to raise money for several different organisations, as well as funding for our school. Our most recent fundraiser was for a member of our school community, Amelia Hocking, who has an appointment with Dr Charlie Teo in Sydney at the end of the month. Through a Crazy Hat Day and a sausage sizzle for lunch, our wonderful school community was able to raise \$550 for Amelia to ensure she has access to the world class professional help she requires. To me this showed what our school is about; students, staff and parents rallying together to support those in a time of need. It is what makes this place so special to all of us and really emphasises the word ‘community’ within our school name. On behalf of the school community we wish Amelia and her family all the best for her appointment and procedures which may follow.



This week our SRC are again facilitating a charity fundraiser. This is supporting the nationally recognised 'Super Boss Day'. This is a charity which raises much needed funds and awareness for children with congenital childhood disease. Two families within our school community have been supported by this charity in their journey with heart disease. We have organised for these families to speak to the students to raise awareness of what their donations are going towards and how they are helping those in need.

Next Friday promises to be a big day within our school calendar; the highly anticipated 'Colour Run Explosion' day will have finally arrived. Students have been busy fundraising for this event either online or in cash donations. As a school we have currently raised over \$3000, although we hope this will continue to increase right up until the day. Our SRC have again been diligent in their planning and preparation for the day, which promises to be a fantastic community event. Our school encourages parents, friends and community to be involved in this day, most notably being involved in 'splashing colour' throughout our school. Notes will be distributed early next week with final details and requirements of the day.

On Tuesday our staff participated in the first two modules of the Wellbeing Toolkit. This initiative is aimed at aiding and improving both staff wellbeing and social capital. The final three modules will be completed during staff meetings over the next few months with the aim of collaboration and understanding of each other's wellbeing being the focus. We look forward as educators to incorporating many of the processes and resources from the toolkit onto our students during lesson time.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's wellbeing please do not hesitate to contact me by either phoning the school or emailing me at matt.norman847@schools.sa.edu.au

Matt Norman
BCS Wellbeing Coordinator



NATIONAL MERINO CHALLENGE

We were lucky enough to represent Burra Community School at the National Merino Challenge in Adelaide on the 19th and 20th of May. The two-day competition gave us, as well as the other secondary and tertiary students, the opportunity to enhance our abilities and network with industry experts.

Under the guidance of Ms Crowell, we spent the weeks leading up to the Challenge dedicating ourselves to learning and practising the seven skills we would be evaluated on throughout the activities. These included wool valuing and AWEX typing, ram selection, judging physical and measured traits, feed budgeting, condition scoring and calculating ewe production. These are all skills necessary for running

a profitable merino enterprise, and will surely assist us in the future.

In addition to practical development and assessment, the Challenge gave us, the young and aspiring next generation, the ability to engage with professionals that we look up to. With an excellent range of speakers from all walks of the merino industry, we both broadened our horizons at the competition. Highlights when it came to networking were the career panel activity and the dinner on the Saturday evening. During the night, Michelle Humphries gave an insightful speech on how she paved her way as such an influential female in the industry. Over the course of the evening, we were also able to mingle with experts and other participants.



The National Merino Challenge was a great experience and it is not every day that you are given such an opportunity. For this we both feel privileged to have attended and greatly appreciate the sponsorship and support from Burra Community School. We increased our knowledge of the merino industry and stepped out of our comfort zones to communicate with leaders in the field. Overall, the skills and connections that we gained from the competition will be extremely helpful as we carry them with us, and continue to immerse ourselves into the agricultural world.

Emily Hams and Tasha Parsons
Year 11 students

WORLD OF MATHS

On Wednesday 5th June, the Receptions to Year 3s were visited by World of Maths. There were 17 different problem solving activities. The children obviously enjoyed themselves.

Madi (Year 3) *"I liked the monkey activity the best. It was fun watching the monkeys move up and down the display".*

Stella (Year 1) *"I liked working out how to find the treasure".*

Sophie (Reception) *"I liked sorting the blocks into the right colours".*

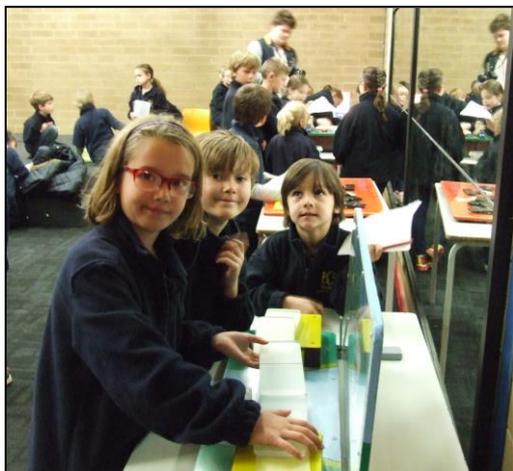
Thomas (Year 3) *"It was really hard and it gave me a challenge".*

Tom (Year 2) *"I liked the different activities, even though it was a bit hard"*.

Mia (Reception) *"I liked working in a group"*.

Cruz (Year 1) *"It was interesting"*.

Ethan (Year 2) *"It was good because it was fun"*.



CAR RALLY VISIT

On Friday the Receptions and Year 1s were fortunate to be invited to the Burra Preschool to look at a rally car from the AGL Heartland Rally Club that toured in Burra recently. The Rally Club donated some toys to the Preschool and School students, which the children were able to take home.



PRIMARY [R-6] ASSEMBLY

Thursday 21st June

9.00am Drama Room

All welcome

Thank you to date for your support with our School Run4Fun Colour Explosion. Fundraising is full steam ahead!

Hopefully students have been raising funds using their Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising through www.myprofilepage.com.au. Don't forget to bring a white t-shirt and a change of clothes as you will be covered in vibrant, non-toxic colour powder.

Parents, family members, friends and members of the community are encouraged to come and witness the fun! The event will be held on Friday 22nd June from 2pm – 3:20pm.

CANTEEN ROSTER

June

18 Laura Wedding
19 Michelle Booth
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21 Elisabeth Gill
22 Andrea Higgs
Anthea Lines

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Cheryl Clonan

July

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Andrea Higgs
Sam Smart

CANTEEN RED DAY Friday 22nd June

