



BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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'Quality Teaching - Quality Schooling'

TERM 2 NO. 8

DATE: 18 June 2020

DIARY DATES

June	
19	End of Semester 1
July	
3	Semester 2 reports go home End of Term 2 : school dismissal at 2.20pm
8	OSHC AGM 6.00pm
20	Start of Term 3

TERM DATES 2020

Term 2	27/4/20	-	3/7/20
Term 3	20/7/20	-	25/9/20
Term 4	12/10/20	-	11/12/20

Attendance
Weeks 6 & 7
87.1%

Respect
Honesty
Responsibility

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Next week is the start of the new semester for students in the secondary school. Thank you to Mr Randall for his work on the timetable. A few changes have been made that we believe will be of great benefit to students. Thank you also to teachers who are hard at work planning for new courses whilst finishing up and reporting on others. It is a busy time and we appreciate the out of hours' time that goes into making this a smooth transition.

Parents have asked about parent teacher interviews which were interrupted by the pandemic situation at the end of Term 1 and beginning of Term 2. These are now scheduled to be held in Week 5 next term. Please ring any teachers you would like to speak to before then, particularly if you have concerns.

The External School Review that was originally scheduled for this term will now take place in Week 4 of next term. The review team will be looking at how our school can improve in the future and will be speaking to students, teachers, parents and Governing Council members. Information about this will appear in future newsletters and we will let you know how you can be involved.

As of Monday our boarders will be back in school. It has been a long time for them to be away and we are excited to welcome them back. Whilst it is close to the end of the term, it means that all can make a good start on Semester 2 learning and meet up with friends before the holidays.

Mr Norman is currently preparing a survey to monitor students' wellbeing and engagement with school during the current climate. We hope that this will give us some valuable data to make plans for the rest of the year and into the future.

Stay warm in the run up to the end of the term!



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Alicia Hoddle

FROM THE WELLBEING COORDINATOR

Welcome to week 8, the last week of first semester.

With a new semester beginning it can be viewed as a fresh start or a time to reset. In some areas of schooling, students have new teachers and subjects, a change in classrooms and new learning experiences. This often spikes student engagement and is an opportunity to review and reassess the year so far. To compliment this our leadership team have put together a Bullying/Wellbeing/Engagement Survey for our Year 7-12 students where they have the opportunity to give feedback on how each area is going at school, where we need improvement and what areas of their schooling is going really well at the current time. Staff also have some exciting plans for learning spaces and teaching strategies which will begin being rolled out next week.

With the COVID-19 situation beginning to get back to normal, we have been able to access outside agencies to visit our site. Last Tuesday we had Simon from Climbing Tree visit to map out and plan the Nature Play area in our primary school. This is very exciting and will begin over the next month. This space will double as both a play area for primary students and also an outdoor learning space for all year levels. In the near future we will be having working bees and will require lots of parent/caregiver help. We will keep you updated on things as they progress. Plans are also in place for some extra-curricular activities over the coming weeks and months which will add engagement and some new learnings, specifically in the arts.

As I'm sure most of you have noticed the bottom basketball court has been ripped up and is in the process of being resurfaced. This is exciting for both staff and students as it will once again become a well-used space.

Currently in the primary classes we are utilising our CPC lessons to run respectful relationships lessons, specifically on the negative effect of bullying and what your role is as a bystander/witness to bullying. Students have been engaged in these sessions and it has been great to hear about many positive incidents and strengthening of relationships in the school because of better understanding.

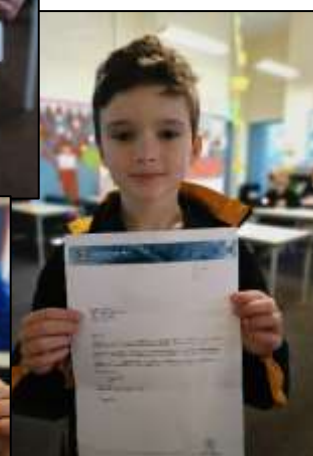
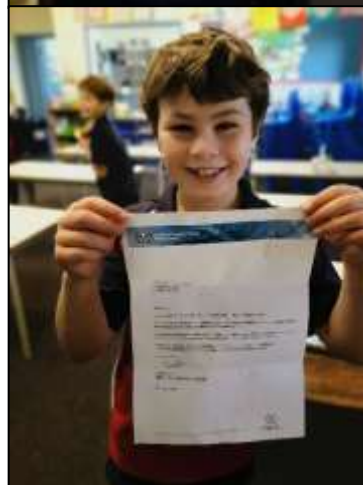
As always, please don't hesitate to call or come in and see us if you have any questions or concerns on school matters.

Matt Norman

FROM THE YEAR 3/4 CLASS

During week 1 of term 2, the Year 3/4 class sent letters of thanks to those who are contributing in some way during the COVID-19 pandemic. The students each chose a worthy recipient to write to. Some examples were teachers, shop keepers, doctors and nurses, police officers, the army, parents and many more. Over the last few weeks we have been humbled by the letters the students have received as a thank-you for taking the time to show our appreciation. We certainly didn't expect to receive replies. Tom Tiver and Tyson Thamm received encouraging letters from the South Australian Police, while Amberlee Thomas received a very generous package from the Australian Institute of Medical Science, which included a gift for Amberlee and goodies for all the Year 3/4 students. She also received an "AIMS Honorary Award as Junior Medical Scientist". In appreciation, Sophie Taylor and Tommy Nicholls also received a letter from the Royal Melbourne Hospital which also commended them on their writing and drawing skills. Regardless of the replies, saying "thank-you" can be incredibly powerful, especially if the person you're thanking really needs to hear it, or isn't expecting it. It's wonderful to see the students show compassion and kindness.

Mrs Tiver





Agriculture Report

This semester in Agriculture, the Reception class has been learning about the needs of living things. They have enjoyed singing, watching videos, having conversations and making crafts about the needs of both animals and plants and that as humans, it is our responsibility to make sure these living things

get what they need. Below are a few images of the Receptions showing off their 'animal needs' paper cup mobile or their 'flower flip picture' of plant needs.

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Miss Crighton's Year 9 Science class have been exploring Ecology, Ecosystems and Sustainability. In groups, they developed a hypothesis and will gather data to investigate the Burra Creek Ecosystem. They will collect data over a 4-week period, analyse their results and present their findings in a scientific report. So far, the students have enjoyed spending their afternoons down at the creek.



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CANTEEN ROSTER

June / July

22	Kira Tuttle
23	
24	
25	Laura Wedding
26	Jayde Thamm
29	Kira Tuttle
30	
1	
2	
3	Louise Edwards



ENCORE!

Tuesday 8th September
Burra Town Hall
7.00pm

OSHC AGM

Wednesday 8th July 2020
6.00pm
All Welcome

PLEASE NOTE

School will dismiss at 2.20pm
on
Friday 3rd July
Term 3 resumes on Monday
20th July

BASKETBALL COURTS : WORK IN PROGRESS

