



BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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'Quality Teaching - Quality Schooling'

TERM 3 NO. 13

DATE: 26 August 2021

DIARY DATES

August / September

- 27 Book Week Parade 9.00am in Gym
- 30-3 International Science Fair - ASMS, Flinders University
- 30-1 SAPSASA Year 7 Soccer State Carnival
- 31 Hot Shots Tennis Years 3-6
- 1-3 SAPSASA Year 6 Soccer State Carnival
- 3 Periods, Pain, Endometriosis Program for girls Years 9-12
Culture Day
- 6 R-12 Parent-Teacher Interviews 3.30-7.00pm
- 7-8 Led Wethers : Adelaide Showgrounds
- 7 Adelaide University Music Academy
SAPSASA District Athletics Exeat Weekend
- 11-12

Attendance
Weeks 4 & 5
87.9%

Respect
Honesty
Responsibility

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to the parents who have already completed the Parent Engagement Survey. A link to this survey was emailed or sent by SMS directly from the Department for Education. If you did not receive the link please head to

https://educationsa.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8oi3YL6pkNAPlf8?RID=CGC_YGDGspzFHnLPbhC&Q_CHL=email Data gained from this survey helps us with planning for next year and we appreciate the input we receive.

Parent interviews will occur on Monday of Week 8 and will be able to be done either face to face or via phone. If you are unable to book a satisfactory time, please contact the front office to arrange a mutually suitable appointment.

Congratulations to the Choir who headed to Jamestown on Tuesday for their rehearsal and thank you to Annie Drew for accompanying them. It is great that in these difficult times some events are still possible and we look forward to hearing the choir sing for us soon.

It is with great disappointment that we heard of the cancellation of this year's Royal Adelaide Show but are pleased that the school wethers team will head down to Adelaide for judging during what was to be Show Week. Because of this cancellation, we have decided to postpone our school closure day. School will proceed as usual on the Friday of Week 8. The Governing Council will consider a proposal for an alternative closure, on a day of local significance, later in the year. We will communicate about this once a decision has been made.

So far this term we have had students participate in SAPSASA and Knockout Basketball competitions and 9-A-Side Football. Well done to those students who participated with sportsmanship and skill, with our junior girls making it through to the next level. The SAPSASA Athletics Carnival was postponed due to the weather and it is hoped that this will take place early in Week 8. We also have Tennis Hot Shots and Year 8/9 Basketball in the next two weeks. Thank you to the many staff and parents who assist in ensuring that these events run smoothly.

Next week Morgan Randall will take a group of Year 10 students to Adelaide to participate in the International Science Fair. This is a fabulous opportunity and we look forward to hearing more from this team about the program.

This week we celebrate Book Week which is a great time to remember the importance and value of reading aloud with your children. Hearing good books read aloud is one of the best ways to increase your child's engagement and skill in reading. The Book Week parade will take place on Friday morning in the gym. We look forward to seeing our favourite book characters come to life on this day.



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FROM THE WELLBEING COORDINATOR

Last Friday all students from Year 7 to 12 participated in Headspace sessions with Paul. Paul worked through many aspects of mental health with the students. My biggest takeaway from the sessions was, *'more than 75 per cent of mental health issues develop before a person turns 25. Maintaining your mental health is just as important as maintaining your physical health. Like our bodies, our minds need training too!'*

I would encourage you to have a look at the Headspace website and have regular discussions with your child/ren about mental health.

[For young people - In category Health & wellbeing \(headspace.org.au\)](https://www.headspace.org.au)

Some additional websites that can be useful include:

[Study, work and money | ReachOut Australia](#)

Smiling Mind is a unique tool developed by psychologists and educators to help bring balance to your life. Smiling mind is a free mindfulness app [App — Smiling Mind](#)

Educators, parents, children and young people themselves all have a role to play as part of a whole school approach to supporting wellbeing and mental health of our students. At BCS we understand the need to support the 'whole child', by providing a supportive learning environment, building and maintaining strong positive relationships among staff, students, families and the wider community we can be confident the whole child approach is achieved.

Our Senior SRC students need to be congratulated once again for their planning and expert BBQ skills. Both staff and students enjoyed a delicious hot breakfast of bacon and egg rolls. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

Both Senior and Junior SRC students are currently planning to host the most amazing Colour Run ever! To make this happen we need your assistance.

We require the loan of the following items for the day:

- 2 Large rectangular hay bales
- 10 Small hay bales
- 3 Large tractor tyres
- Large tarp (suitable for a waterslide)

Please let me know if you can assist us with any of these items.

Next Friday our Year 9-12 girls will join for a positive, fun, educational and interactive program discussing period pain, pelvic pain and endometriosis.

Last term our High School Students had the opportunity to voice their opinions around a range of different aspects of school. As a site we are looking at the responses to see where improvements can be made. I have included some of the responses below.

Best thing about BCS is:

- o Mates and friends
- o Additional opportunities on offer and range of lessons offered
- o 1:1 Teacher support
- o Small school where everyone knows everyone
- o Tech and open access options
- o Small classes

If you could improve one aspect of school or your schooling, what would it be?

- o Nothing
- o Girl's bathroom
- o Teachers to have a good understanding of the content they teach
- o Move classrooms more
- o Better science chairs
- o Flexible seating in class
- o More discipline

Is there a staff member at the school who you feel comfortable talking to if you have a problem or concern?

Yes: 50 No: 4 Unsure: 15

Have you experienced any form of bullying this year?

Yes: 7 No: 56 Unsure/Unanswered: 6

What types of bullying have you seen/experienced within the school?

- o Gossiping
- o Verbal
- o Exclusion

*Have a great week,
Sandra*

PLEASE NOTE

Due to cancellation of the Royal Adelaide Show this year, the School Closure Day planned for Friday 10th September has been postponed.
Future date TBA

YEAR 10/11 CAREERS CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

After an early start for everyone on Monday 28th June, most of the Year 10 and 11 students and some very brave teachers - Miss Smiley, Mr Millward, Mrs Duke - Libby Robinson & our bus driver headed off to Adelaide. Over the course of the 4 days, we saw many attractions and attended many information sessions. We wanted to share with you some quotes from the students about their highlights.

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| Maddy | Winning the amazing race at Rundle Mall, going to the movies, going to parliament house and the South Australian museum. |
| Erin | Really amazing looking at all the University sites and doing all the activities |
| April | The amazing race, the Adelaide Zoo and very thankful for the teachers taking us on the camp: Miss Kristel Smiley, Mrs Kerrie Duke, Mr Mark Millward and Libby Robinson. |
| Flick | I had lots of fun on the careers camp, I found all the places we went to interesting. My highlight of the camp was going to Bounce because I finally landed my front flips and I got to see my friends from Bounce. |
| Bradtko | My highlight of the camp was waiting at Gawler Train Station for 2½ hours. |
| Livvy & Krystal | We loved our movie & dinner date, the meal was amazing. |
| Shelby | My highlight of camp was the amazing race because it was fun and an enjoyable experience, and really loved the slow dance with Tilly!! |
| Tilly | My highlight of the careers camp was the amazing race because I got to speak to 'randoms' and make friends + I danced with Shelby! |
| Maddie E | Loved Keira playing guitar and singing, (and Reon as the back-up chorus) |
| Keira | It was an awesome camp, but I especially loved dancing in the parking lot waiting for the bus and everyone singing with me while I played guitar. :) |
| Angel | I enjoyed listening to Keira playing guitar and dancing in the parking lot while waiting for the bus. |
| Chloe | My highlight of the camp would be the amazing race, because it was awesome and fun. I also enjoyed dancing & singing while we were waiting for the bus in the carpark at the end of camp. |
| Iris | It was great to have the bus, I really enjoyed napping on it at every opportunity 😊. Central market was great! |

FROM THE YEAR 3/4 CLASS

On Thursday of Week 4, the Year 3/4 students took part in a "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" hands on workshop.

The students engaged in the following activities:

- Paper making with Marie Broad
- Bag making with Mrs Tiver and Emily Schuppan (making a bag by reusing an old t-shirt)
- Recycled tag branding with Carlene and
- Worm farms with Lisa O'Connor

All activities were well received, and we'd like to thank Marie Broad for her expertise in paper making and giving up her time to wow us! The students are very chuffed with their very own recycled paper. We now have worms (the garden type) in the classroom thanks to Marie and Lisa. It's wonderful to observe the changes in their environment and admire their ability to compost food waste.

Stop Food Waste, by Axel, Year 3

I strongly believe that we must stop wasting food. Firstly, it's obvious that we are wasting too much food. 45% of the fruit and vegetables go to waste each year. That is way too much.

Secondly, I think that the odd bunch is a very good idea. It is fruit and vege that doesn't look perfect. If we have more of these, we will cut food waste down. Just producing more food and waste is horrible.

Finally, I think it's terrible how much food goes to landfill, and it produces so much methane. It puts a hole in the ozone layer so you must stop!

In conclusion, it's clear that we must stop wasting food.

We must stop food waste, by Shanae, Year 4

I strongly believe that we should stop buying too much food and stop wasting it!

Firstly, we should stop buying too much food and wasting it because it is letting off methane which is deadly for the ozone layer.

Secondly, there are people with no food because we are wasting and wasting. People are hungry. If we stop wasting food, the poor will survive.

Thirdly, each year we all waste three big fridges of food that could be going to the poor instead of landfill.

Another reason is that the food we chuck out is rotting and rotting letting off methane. Methane is bad because it's opening the ozone layer and the sun is coming through and the Earth is getting hotter and hotter.

Do you want the planet to exist or not?

Stop wasting food and chucking it away. Instead, get chooks or a worm farm!



R-12 PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS Monday 6th September

To make a booking with a teacher, log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au, enter the Event Code **r3k9u** and follow the instructions. The School Interviews system will then send a confirmation email(s) about your booking.

If you would prefer a telephone interview rather than face-to-face, please put a capital P at the end of your student's name.

Bookings will be open from 9.00am Monday 30th August until 3.00pm Friday 3rd September.

SAPSASA KNOCKOUT BASKETBALL



TERM DATES 2022

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| Term 1 | 31/1/22 | - | 14/4/22 |
| Term 2 | 2/5/22 | - | 8/7/22 |
| Term 3 | 25/7/22 | - | 30/9/22 |
| Term 4 | 17/10/22 | - | 16/12/22 |