



BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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'Quality Teaching - Quality Schooling'

TERM 3 NO. 15

DATE: 23rd September 2021

DIARY DATES

September

24 R-12 Assembly 9.00am
Colour Explosion Fun Run
End of Term 3 : school dismissal
at 2.20pm

October

11 **STUDENT FREE DAY**
12 Term 4 starts
14 Storytime in Library 9.30-10.30am
18 Year 8/9 Knockout Basketball at
Balaklava
19-27 Operation Flinders
22 Year 12 Good Luck Assembly
25 Governing Council 7.30pm
28 Storytime in Library 9.30am
Road Awareness programme for
Year 11 1.00pm
30/31 Exeat weekend

November

4 R-12 Assembly 9.00am

Attendance
Weeks 8 & 9
84.6%

Respect
Honesty
Responsibility

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"Your time may come. Do not be too sad, Sam. You cannot be always torn in two. You will have to be one and whole, for many years. You have so much to enjoy and to be, and to do."
— J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Return of the King*

Words cannot express how we feel this week with the retirement of our beloved Front Office Executive Secretary, Cynthia Burnett. Cynthia has been an integral part of Burra Community School for the past forty eight years and it is hard to imagine how the cogs will keep turning without her. She is the foundation that ensures all aspects of school life run smoothly.

Cynthia first came to Burra Community School shortly after leaving school. She was apparently employed because of her amazingly neat hand writing but I feel that her employer at the time saw much more beyond that.

Cynthia has a love of teddies, Labradors and gardens. I believe that there is no weather event that will keep Cynthia from walking her dog. We trust that during the coming months she will be able to indulge in all of her passions. Her garden will be well weeded and she and her dog will be super fit.

So it is not good-bye, to Cynthia, but rather adieu. See you soon and often. Enjoy the delights of retirement but don't forget to pop in for a cuppa now and again - at around 10.25am is always a good time.

I thank all students, teachers and parents for their work this term. We have had many fabulous events and much learning. All are deserving of praise for your efforts in contributing to a rich school environment

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to all that Term 4 has to offer.

Alicia Hoddle



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

436 students, 7 countries, came together to celebrate difference! The Australian Science and Mathematics School conducts an International Science Fair for invited students from partner schools around the world on an annual basis. Students from Burra Community School participated in this year's event. The 2021 International Science Fair theme was "Change Your World". Students from around the world joined together to undertake STEM challenges that provided them with opportunities to look deeply at their own world and then compare and contrast it with others with similar scientific passions. Students made an active contribution to the events of the science fair through presentations and displays of aspects of the research work they undertook prior to the event. Students also engaged in a series of Challenge Based Learning Activities throughout the fair. This involved designing Forensics processes and roles in crime scene investigations, to further understand the application of science, including Electrophoresis to separate DNA protein molecules based on their size and electrical charge. Also – building radio telescopes, to detect radio waves from astronomical radio sources in the sky. The outstanding performance of our students throughout the week is a credit to both the commitment and outstanding passion shown by our amazing ISF student team, but also the Burra Community School Science, Mathematics and Technology staff. Staff have acted as guides for students as they prepared for the week in Adelaide, inspiring our **students to take risk in their learning and to push themselves**. They encouraged students to understand the importance of dedicating themselves to passion projects. As subject selections take place for 2022, I can't recommend enough the importance of selecting STEM subjects as part of your SACE. There are individual benefits to learning STEM, such as developing the ability to ask questions, collect information, organise and test ideas, and apply learning. Even more, STEM offers a powerful platform for building confidence, developing communication skills, and making sense of the world around us. Plus! You will get to work alongside our inspiring Science, Mathematics and Technology staff as part of your SACE!

Morgan Randall

PLEASE NOTE
Monday 11th October will be a
STUDENT FREE DAY

2021 BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL SHOW TEAM

With the presence of Covid cancelling the Royal Adelaide show, we were still fortunate enough to be able to show our wethers and goats at the Wayville Showgrounds. On the 8th of September two pens of three wethers were judged against 70 other schools. One of our pens made it to the final round but did not gain a placing. There was also a new competition held this year, where schools send off a fleece from one of last year's wethers. We were very fortunate in gaining a first place for our area, zone and overall champion.



The show goat team had a very early start to arrive at the show grounds by 8:30am on the 13th of September. The students did a fantastic job in preparing their goats ready for judging. This saw us gain a 1st placing for both our lightweight and medium weight goat. Max Bray and Aston Tippet were both fortunate to be selected by the judges to go in the handler's competition, which saw Max gain a 4th placing.

Well done to all students and staff involved in our show teams. Thanks to Springvale and Earle & Co. for the donation of your wethers and to our sponsors, Elders Burra and Johnsons in helping us prepare for the show.



Tasha Quinn

ILLAWONGA CAMP

School Camp was awesome. My favourite thing was on the caving. I found lots of comments.

Tom

I liked the boat ride because we got splashed on. It was fast! And I liked gym too. We got to play hide and seek in the foam pit. It was so much fun at Illawonga.

Chelsea

I really liked Illawonga because when we were at the boat I got splashed by a lot of water, and I mean a lot but I liked it. I came second place in hide and seek. Also when we were at the shearing thing I was watching who was going to win but it was embarrassing because I forgot which one was which. I am very thankful to the teachers for bringing us.

Ethan

It was cool because I got a bullseye in archery, and the go-karts were fun!

Brodie

Illawonga was really fun because we got to drive a boat and do archery. We also did a cave expedition. Honestly really fun camp - loved it.

Tommy

I enjoyed the boat ride and we got wet a lot. I enjoyed the pedal karts and I tipped it over. I enjoyed being with my friends and teachers and the dog Buddy and the food. I think everybody would love Illawonga.

Jordan S

Illawonga's boat ride was really fun with Darren because we got to have a shot at driving the boat. I also loved the gym because there was a big foam pit, but when he blew the whistle I was still hanging on the bar. We weren't allowed to move when he blew it and my hands were red after.

Gemma

Illawonga was fun but the bus ride was very long. I think the gym time and caving was fun, and in the boat too where we got drenched.

Tyson

I liked camp because there were lots of activities. I really enjoyed the boat ride and the cave had lots of small bits that were hard to go under. It was fun and I would like to go there again.

Marissa

Illawonga was brilliant. I enjoyed the gym and learnt a trick on the rings. It is called the candle. My favourite part about camp was driving the boat on the boat tour.

Emma

Illawonga camp was fun because on the boat you were allowed to drive it and do some donuts and we all got splashed. It was fun and I would really like to go again.

Briannah



FROM THE WELLBEING COORDINATOR

Last Thursday and Friday I was fortunate to be able to attend this year's STEM Congress. Our two student representatives Lily and Chacinta were among 266 students from all around the state to participate in a series of STEM based workshops. Through these activities, Lily and Chacinta were able to learn and develop new skills while also applying the knowledge, skills, and abilities they have learnt in the classroom into real world situations and environments. They listened to many different speakers from a wide range of STEM backgrounds. One of the speakers encouraged the students to 'get comfortable being uncomfortable', she spoke about her childhood, leaving home at the age of 15, working hard to accomplish her goals and ensuring she conquered every challenge she encountered.

We will end the term with a colour explosion. All money raised should by now have been returned to the school. Parents will be able to attend this event in a Covid Safe manner. Staff and students are all looking forward to a fun, wet and colourful end to the term.

As always enjoy spending time with your children during the holidays, stay safe, rest up and get ready for the final and usually the most jam-packed term.

Sandra

2021 ABORIGINAL STUDENT STEM CONGRESS

On the 16th of September Lily Hancock and Chacinta Friessbourg went to represent our school in the Aboriginal Stem Congress. We had multiple activities and speakers throughout the day like the Water SA where we had to be detectives and solve a variety of complexed problems to unlock a series of boxes. We had to try to figure out clues and try to get all three boxes open. We successfully did that and we saved the water in South Australia.

We also did code to trade where we had these robots we got to move around and collect resources. We collected kangaroo and rosemary and we also collected wood. We had two types of wood and we learnt that each piece of wood makes a different sound. One sound is lower and the other sound was higher. We had amazing speakers throughout the day. We had an amazing first day at the STEM Congress.

By Chacinta Friessbourg, Year 7

Day 2

We arrived at the Congress on Day two at 9:00am ready to do some more learning. We had lots of keynote speakers that morning but first we had Uncle Moogy do a special welcome to country to welcome our ancestor into the room to watch over us. Keynote speakers were The Minister of Education John Gardner, The YASTA Mentor Panel Tamia Blackwell, Christian Maskey, Tylyn Hudson and Pantju Nam, and our last keynote speaker for the morning was Renee Wootton. After that they sorted us into our groups for our first activity.

Our first activity was The Uni SA Tower Challenge, we had to build a tower that was at least one metre tall using two pieces of A4 paper. We decided on a tripod stand with decreasing cylindrical tower. Our strategy worked as our tower was freestanding with a height of 141cm, we thought we would win the challenge; however, another school's tower reached 151cm, so we came second.

We then had a session on refraction and reflection, where we had to line up prisms to make a laser bounce off each prism to the end of our track. We had to be very careful where we pointed the laser in otherwise it wouldn't refract off the whole track. We then had a lunch break.

After our lunch break, we had a billabong session about connecting with our elders at the Adelaide Oval in the Gil Langley Room. A billabong session is when you stand in a circle and answer questions about yourself. The questions were your name, your family and your school. With the family question it was up to us to decide how you answered it, to be your own answer.

We then went back to the Convention Centre and had a thank you and goodbye speech, we concluded our two days of STEM learning with a brolga dance then it was time to go home.

Thanks to Mrs Gresch and Nat Sommerville for taking us on this amazing experience, we wouldn't be able to do it without you!

By Lily Hancock

COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

From Monday 27th September to
Friday 8th October

the Library will be open at the following times
11.00am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 6.00pm
Please note that the Library will be closed on
Monday 4th October as it is a Public Holiday

PLEASE NOTE

School will dismiss at 2.20 pm on Friday
24th September with buses departing at
2.30pm.

SAPSASA BASKETBALL

On Friday the 27th of August, 8 of the Year 6 girls made their way down to Kadina to play in the SAPSASA Regional Basketball Carnival. Unfortunately we didn't win any games, but it was an awesome experience. The other teams were unbeatable but we gave it our all. We all enjoyed the day and hope we can do it again.



SAPSASA DISTRICT ATHLETICS 7th September

Congratulations to the following students:

Ashley Edwards – 1st	Long Jump
Ashley Edwards – 1st	100m
Ashley Edwards – 2nd	200m
Ashley Edwards – 2nd	High Jump
Bree Tiver – 2nd	100m
Bree Tiver – 3rd	200m
Jaxson James – 2nd	800m
Jaxson James – 2nd	200m
Cruz Miller – 3rd	200m
Anna Schuppan – 1st	200m
Anna Schuppan – 2nd	Long Jump
Lucas Thamm – 1st	Long Jump
Lucas Thamm – 3rd	200m

SAPSASA ATHLETICS MID NORTH DISTRICT

On Monday 20th September, Lucas Thamm, Cruz Miller, Bree Tiver, Ashley Edwards and Anna Schuppan went down to Adelaide to represent the Mid North district in the SAPSASA Athletics Carnival. It was a good day and we all tried our best.

Anna and Lucas



AGM

Burra Tennis Club will be holding their
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 30th September 2021
6.30pm
Royal Exchange Hotel
burratennisclub1@gmail.com



BBH Netball Club Annual General Meeting



1ST OF NOVEMBER

6:30 - BURRA SPORTING COMPLEX

Each position is available for nominations at our AGM.
If you feel there is a position that interests you;
please seek job descriptions from our Secretary.

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Game Day Recorder
Umpires Coordinator



Junior Development Coordinator
Coaches Coordinator
Recorder
Community Reporter
x3 General Committee Members

All enquires and nominations to our club
Secretary, Kirsty Squire or via email
bbhnetball@gmail.com

