



# BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES

### February

- 9 Swimming Carnival
- 14 Parent Chats
- 15 Parent Chats
- 17 **Exeat Weekend**
- 19 **Gov. Council AGM**  
Lower North Swim  
Carnival @ Riverton
- 26 School Photo Day
- 27 SAPSASA Summer  
Hub @ Clare

### March

- 4-6 Yr 8 Aquatics Camp
- 5 Yr 7 immunisations  
Yr 10 immunisations
- 7 Sports Day
- 9 **Exeat Weekend**

## TERM CALENDAR

Attached to this newsletter is a Term 1 calendar highlighting some key events planned - a great page to stick on the fridge! In providing this in Week 1 however, please be aware that events may be added or altered and we therefore encourage you to read the newsletter and Facebook page, and add any updates to your copy throughout the term.

**Term 1 - No.1**

**02 February, 2024**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Hello! Welcome back to those already part of the Burra CS community, and a warm welcome to those who are new to the area or school. I especially welcome our new School Starters who have eagerly awaited this time (although I know for many parents, this comes with mixed feelings!). I trust you were able to take advantage of the holidays and spend some quality time with your children – I have certainly enjoyed listening to the many tales of exciting holiday adventures as I start to meet and greet the students.*

As tends to be the way, the year has started with great enthusiasm with both staff and students diving head first in to school life. I have had an enthusiastic welcome to the school and thank you all for your kind words of congratulations and encouragement. While I was fortunate to have met some parents at last year's Maestro Muster, and it has been nice to finally put some names to familiar faces I've encountered over the years through my children's sport, I am very much look forward to meeting those I haven't yet over the course of the term and year – of course, you are very welcome to pop in to the office to say 'hi' if you are around, my door is always open!

Having been born and raised on the far west coast of SA in a small town called Wirrulla (with family still in Smoky Bay), and living in Clare with my husband and our three children, I am passionate about rural education, and excited to be in an Area School again. I am a firm believer in the old proverb, 'It takes a village to raise a child' and hold at the very core of this the partnership between home and school. Some might suggest this is an over-used saying, however there is overwhelming research to show that a high level of interest, engagement and participation in a child's learning by parents and family leads to greater success for that child in school. So, as we being the new school year, we have a term full of opportunities to continue to build this partnership.

This started with a short Welcome Assembly on Monday; and excitingly, Swimming Carnival is next Friday, and Parent Chats are in Week 3! An initiative introduced last year (albeit under a different name), we look forward to the Parent Chats and the opportunity to hear from you, firsthand, as the first educator of your child. Information about these chats and the online booking code will come home next Monday. If Term 1 is anything to go by, we have a full and fun year ahead. Looking forward to it!

Enjoy the sunshine,

Briony (Bri)





## CLASS OUT, HAT ON!

Students are in school when daily ultraviolet (UV) radiation levels are at their peak. In order to meet our duty of care, we require students and teachers to wear a hat during Terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside, and when the UV measures 3 or above during other terms. In SA, the reality is daily UV is typically 3 and above from August to the end of April and so it is imperative that your child has a suitable hat at school, as per our Hat Guidelines:

- A broad-brimmed bucket hat - the school hat is preferred and can be purchased from the Front Office; **other wide-brim hats are not permitted.**
- **Caps are not acceptable.**
- Students without a sun protective hat are provided with a spare hat to engage in learning programs outside, only (eg for a PE lesson, not for recess/lunch breaks).
- Students without an appropriate hat will be asked to use shaded areas or suitable areas protected from the sun.
- Hats are to be removed when inside.

We appreciate your support in the implementation of the Hat Guidelines and in providing your child with a hat in line with requirements.

## DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

To ensure the safety of all children,

please adhere to speed limits and road rules on site; and only drop-off and pick-up students from the 'bus' or Kindy car parks.

## SCHOOL SUPERVISION HOURS

While we are thrilled with the enthusiasm to be at school early, please be aware that school grounds are supervised from 8.30am in the morning until 3.30pm. Outside of these times, the duty of care for children sits with their parent/caregiver. To ensure your child's safety, please ensure your child arrives on school grounds from 8.35am and leaves promptly after the final bell. It is helpful if parents/caregivers of R-2 students collect their child directly from their classroom.

## NEWSLETTERS

This year, we will publish a newsletter in Week 1 of each term to provide a draft calendar and snapshot of holiday happenings. During the term, newsletters will be published in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 to showcase student learning and share important information.

## OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

Do you know of any old scholars' success? We want to hear all about it to share and celebrate it as a community! If you have any news of past students and their achievements, please let us know for inclusion in our newsletters. Furthermore, if your child is involved in an interest club outside of school, we want to be able to support their endeavours and celebrate successes – we'd love to share in the celebration with you! Success has many guises and teaching our students to recognise their strengths and celebrate

achievement is a pathway to developing confidence and resilience; among other things such as goal setting, appreciation of diversity and a culture of excellence.



### MUSIC TO OUR EARS

The yard piano is back, and here to stay! At the end of last year, a piano was purchased for the yard. It has quickly become a well-loved and played instrument, providing curiosity, exploration, inspiration, and at times, a lot of noise!

To add to the yard piano, we are seeking to build a small collection of piano books and sheet music of all levels for those who might like to stop while wandering past the piano and use it. If you have anything that might be suitable, donations can be made to the Front Office.



And on the theme of music, we are excited to welcome the return of [Kerry Davy's class music program](#). In addition to individual lessons for those who wish to learn an instrument, Kerry will now teach music to *all* students, R-6, with classes enjoying a term program each. Beginning with Receptions, Kerry will work with all classes across the year, culminating in a Semester program with the Year 5 and 6 students and a final performance for all to enjoy at the end-of-year Maestro Muster!



**Phones off**  
while  
school's on.

## What does this mean for you?

All students must keep their mobile phones off and away while at school.

Each school principal can approve exemptions in exceptional circumstances (such as for monitoring a health condition).

Your school has processes available if you need to get in touch with your child during school hours or if the school needs to contact you directly.

The State Government is banning mobile phones in all public high schools to improve the educational performance and wellbeing of our next generation.

[phonesoff.sa.gov.au](http://phonesoff.sa.gov.au)



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# SUMMER

FUN IN THE SUN  
*at Burra OSHC*

## EXPLORE

### ADELAIDE GAOL

*Cooking*

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR OSHC FRIENDS FOR MAKING OUR  
SUMMER HOLIDAYS OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL YET!  
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN IN APRIL



# LEGO CLUB

Friday lunch times in the Library.  
All students welcome.  
Come along Fridays for some Lego FUN!

 BURRA SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## BCS Swim Carnival

Friday 9th February 2024

**8.45** Lanes open for warm up (swimmers only)

**9am-12pm** Traditional Swimming Carnival events (u10 and up)

**12pm-1.30pm** Splash Carnival (whole school)

**1.30-2pm** Lunch time

**2pm-2.30pm-** Relays/ students v staff v parents race

**2.30-3pm** Free swim

**3pm-** Presentation and clean up

**3.20pm-** Dismissal

*This is a guide only, times may change*



School Card Applications are now open.

If you would like help, please don't hesitate to pop in to the Front Office.

## WHAT IS SCHOOL CARD?



School Card provides financial help to cover the cost of school fees.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

To qualify for School Card, your family's income must be below a specific limit. This limit depends on how many children are in your care.

You must **also** meet at least one of the following:

- have a child or children aged four years or over who attend a school full time
- be an independent full-time student studying year 10, 11 or 12
- be an adult re-entry student undertaking subjects to complete SACE (years 11 and 12).

You can find more information and apply for School Card here:  
[www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)

### HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM APPROVED?

After you apply, you will receive a letter in the mail advising if your application has been approved. Please note, School Card is not a student identification card.

### WHO CAN HELP ME APPLY?

If you would like more information or need help applying for School Card, please visit your child's school office and show this flyer.

**Hi! I would like help to apply for School Card.**



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