



BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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'Quality Teaching - Quality Schooling'

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DIARY DATES 2024

March

- 8 PUPIL FREE DAY
- 9/10 Exeat Weekend
- 11 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 13-22 NAPLAN
- 15 Canberra Quiz Night
- 18 SAPSASA Swimming Carnival
- 18-22 R-6 Swimming lessons
Civil Construction
- 21 LN Interschool Athletics @ Kapunda
- 25 Governing Council Meeting @ 6pm
- 25-27 Outdoor Ed Camp
- 29 GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL

- 1 EASTER MONDAY
- 2 Choir Rehearsal @ Jamestown
- 2-3 Parent / Teacher interviews

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

To end Week 4, we had the pleasure of presenting our 2024 student leadership groups. Including House Captains, SRC and Prefects, our school has not only a number of important forums for student voice but opportunities for further development of their leadership skills. For those who were unable to attend the Leadership Assembly, in my speech I referred to leadership not as being about a title and indeed nothing to do with the badge that is worn, but about the student themselves and the qualities they display through authentic action. After all, actions speak louder than words!

Then, last week, I was able to meet with the Primary Prefects and discuss the year ahead. Initially, they were most excited about what they got to do as a leader; the 'privileges' they felt came with the role. But, as we unpacked their responsibilities a little more, they started to orientate their thinking more strongly to viewing themselves as role models, and therefore seeing opportunities to positively influence and lead others, and make change. Impressively, they were then also brave enough to be open and honest about some of the personal challenges they might face in upholding their role with the respect, responsibility and honesty our school values require of them. But this courage to be vulnerable and become aware of areas of growth is what will ultimately make these students wonderful leaders! And I'm excited about how our student leaders, by showing this vulnerability, can encourage others to do the same; to reflect on their actions, their interactions with others and how they go about school life in ways they can be truly proud of. **We can all talk the talk, but walking the walk often takes courage.**

Which got me thinking about the power of home, school and the home-school partnership in supporting our students to hold true to talking the talk and actually walk the walk!

All students are capable leaders. And whether at school, at home or in the community, children use our behaviour as templates for how they should act. **In our daily lives, simple acts of kindness, responsibility, and respect set a powerful example for our children to follow.** Whether it's showing empathy towards others, practicing patience, or making environmentally conscious choices, we powerfully model responsible behaviour and what it means to do as we say. Supporting our children in this way enables them to walk the walk and truly realise the leader they can be.

How do you support your child/ren at home to walk the walk?

At the end of this newsletter, I have included an article from Michael Grose, an Australian parent educator, entitled, "Developing leadership skills in your child." The home is the most powerful place to support your child to develop these skills which we can then build on at school. I hope you find it a helpful read.

Enjoy the long weekend when you get to it,

Briony (Bri)



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There is always something happening in the Burra School Community Library. In February we celebrated Library Lovers' Week and our school and its community wrote in love hearts to tell us what they love about our library. You'll find some of the responses on this page.

Carlene and I are working together to offer lunchtime sessions on a Thursday. These sessions include activities such as craft, boardgames, bingo and much more. Our very popular Swiftie Bracelets attracted over 75 participants on Thursday at lunch time!

Lego Club continues to meet on a Friday at lunchtime and all school students are welcome to attend. This week's challenge was to build a piece of furniture. Together we made a very cool room.

Library lessons continue for our four primary classes and it's great to see secondary classes attending the library on a regular basis. During library lessons, students hear stories and are introduced to new books. Junior Primary classes often engage in a book-based craft activity. The Receptions recently enjoyed making Gruffalo masks.

The library is open to students at lunch and recess times. Students enjoying the quiet, cool space. Some read whilst others play with the blocks. Some students engage in games such as chess or uno. Drawing is also a popular activity as is playing with our much-loved doll house.

Our community engagement has kicked off for 2024 with a popular mosaic workshop. Plant swap, basketry and craft sessions continue to be popular amongst our community members. If you want to learn more about trending books or engaging reads, come along to our Book

Discussion Group. Students would thoroughly enjoy the boardgame sessions once a month in the library and I encourage families to attend. Story Time continues to attract new and familiar faces. This is a wonderful start to early literacy for the little people in our community. Story Time sessions are fortnightly during term times. For more information on any of our sessions, check out the Burra Community Library's Facebook page or come in and see us.



"I love coming and doing crafts. It is one of my favourite things." Lily Schmiechen, Year 4

"I love the library because it has SO MANY BOOKS!" Rory, Reception

"I love books on natural disasters." Camden Hutchings, Reception

"I love doing fun things like looking for the elf." Sienna Thamm, Year 5

"I love the Lego Club and playing with the blocks." Rory, Year 5

"I love the library because of Book Week." Elsie, Year 4

"I love the library because it's a nice quiet place that is well looked after." Mia Thompson, Year 6

"I love the library because I love reading." Cooper Mildwaters, Year 5

Each year our students participate in the Burra Art Gallery exhibitions. This year the theme for the portrait competition was "Home Turf". Home is where you feel safe, it's where you want to be. It could be your home or outside, even a familiar object gives a feeling of home even if you're far away.

Our budding student artists showcased their talents with a few lucky recipients earning a prize for their efforts.

Yr 2 – 3: Chloe Smith (runner up)

Yr 7 – 9: Emma Sommerville (winner)
Annabelle Harvey (runner up)

Yr 10-12: Jasmin Thomas (winner)

Commendation Certificates:

Amelia Jones, Hardy Opperman, Eavan Baxter, Sam Riggs, Thomas Cunningham, Emmylou Cooper, Chelsea Noble, Amberlee Thomas.

Congratulations to you all for the effort you have put into this exhibition.

A huge thank you to the Burra Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) and Burra Community School teachers in their continuing support for the development of artistic and creative talent of the arts.



Sam Riggs



Hardy Opperman



Amelia Jones



Amelia Jones, Hardy Opperman, Eavan Baxter and Sam Riggs with their commendation certificates



Thomas Cunningham with Rosie Catt

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club has started again for the year. Mrs Ackland and Miss Pontt have been feeding the masses with an easy breakfast of toast, cereal and milo to ensure our students start on a full stomach ready for the day.

Everyone is welcome on a Tuesday and Thursday morning to come, sit down and enjoy some conversation and grab something to eat.



CRIME TIME

Students were welcomed back to a crime scene where six characters escaped from their books in the holidays with one of these characters committing an unthinkable crime.....Eating in the Library !!!



Students were given clues to solve the mystery. Little Red Riding Hood was indeed the culprit. Thank you to all who participated.

Talia Hooper was the winner of our competition winning a new game of UNO flip.

Come in, say 'hi' and chat over breakfast. What a way to start your day!



It's back!
BREAKFAST CLUB

EVERY
TUESDAY &
THURSDAY
8.15am in the
school kitchen



After such a successful swimming carnival our legion of talented swimmers have been participating in 2 more carnivals, Lower North Carnival at Riverton and the SSSSA Carnival in Adelaide.

Riverton hosted a great day on Monday 19th February. It was the perfect day to be in the water and Burra is so lucky to have so much parental support for our students. Combining with Eudunda Area School the overall results were:

Girls: 4th place, Boys: 5th Place and Team: 5th place. Lucas Thamm had a successful meet winning the Plains Producer 50m handicap, 2nd Most Improved, 2nd Anna Hawker shield.



On Friday 1st of March, 8 enthusiastic swimmers participated in the South Australian Secondary Schools Championship swimming carnival at Marion Aquatic Centre.

Our students joined with other students from Riverton and District High School and Eudunda Area School to form the Lower North team. Congratulations to Sophie Taylor, Abby Sheridan, Emmylou Cooper, Anna Schuppan, Annabelle Quinn, Lucas Thamm, Nick Jones and Cruz Miller on qualifying for this team selection.

Our students participated extremely well. The team spirit was high and great results were achieved.

Our Female team finished a great 3rd out of 10 teams, our Male team finished a fantastic 2nd out of 10 teams. Our team score resulted in the Lower North team finishing 2nd overall which was a brilliant achievement for the day.

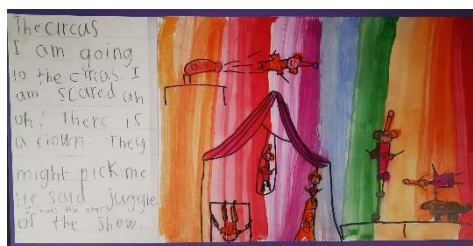
Our students should be very proud of their efforts on the day!



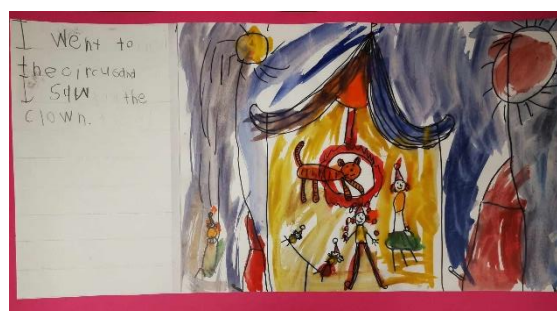
Last week in Writing, the Year 1 / 2 class wrote about The Circus. Together we brainstormed everything we knew about circus' based on our own experiences. Following the brainstorm, each child put pen to paper to create a story about the conundrums under the big top!

After capturing the essence of the circus on paper, the students brought their words to life by drawing and painting with watercolours. Through this multidisciplinary approach, students not only honed in on their writing skills but also explored the expressive power of visual art. I've included just a snippet of their work, however their stories and art work will be displayed in the 1 / 2 classroom if you wish to see more!

In this edition of the newsletter you will also notice the Year 1 / 2's success in the Burra Regional Art Gallery Portrait Competition. The students created a self-portrait using watercolours. This was part of a 'getting to know you' activity in the first weeks of school for 2024. When the artwork returns from the gallery, you will find the self-portraits on display in the 1 / 2 classroom.



Audrey Schuppan
Circus writing



Poppy Eglington
Circus writing

Last week also saw the Year 2's from the 1/2 class participate in their first workshop for the "Heart and Soul of the Country" project. Ms Piscitelli is the director of this project and is an independent consultant and researcher in education and the arts. She has created various art projects with children and her current project aims to capture the Goyder children's ideas of life... who they are, where they live, what they do and what their future may bring.



Mia Quinn

The Year 2 students in Ms Brooks and Mrs Tiver's class will participate in three workshops with Ms Piscitelli and her talented team of artists. They will learn the art of painting and mixing colours, engage in explicit teaching of portrait and landscape genres, and ultimately, express themselves through visual art.



Annie Hall
Art work





A LITTLE BIT MORE.....

Burra Supported Playgroup

When:

Monday mornings of term time

Where:

Burra Early Learning Centre (8 Bridge Tce, Burra)

Time:

9:30am – 11:00am

Who:

Playgroup is for all ages (from birth to school age)

Why go to Playgroup?:

Playgroups offer babies, toddlers and young children a wide variety of learning experiences. Playgroup is a great way for your child/children to learn about the world, make friends and develop skills. Playgroup also gives mums, dads, grandparents and caregivers a chance to meet new people, share ideas and experiences.

Questions or queries please contact
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Burra Supported Playgroup Leader

Why Playgroup is important:

For children, PLAYGROUP:

- Provides an environment for social interaction.
- Provides an opportunity for children to play and learn.
- Assists in language development and communication.
- Provides a space for children to participate in and enjoy new activities.
- Provides a stimulated environment where children can acquire new skills and learn.
- Provides access to a variety of toys and equipment.
- Provides a safe and happy place for children.
- Assists children to become ready for the formal learning environment.

For Adults, PLAYGROUP:

- Gives parents the opportunity to play and interact with their child/ren.
- Provides a great space for social interaction.
- Allows time for parents to share their experiences, ideas and to support one another.
- Provides a routine that allows families to gather and interact.
- Fosters community spirit and assists social networks.

Your baby is never too young for playgroup. Babies are learning and developing every second from interactions and experiences in their world. Everyday activities are chances to talk, wonder and learn together.

Burra Community School
Canberra Trip Fundraiser

Don't forget a good supply of gold coins, you're gonna need them

Trivia and Auction Night

Bar facilities will be available! BYO supper

Only \$12 per person

Burra Town Hall

FRIDAY MARCH 15TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
FOR A 7:00 PM START

Scan the QR code now
Book your tickets online at Eventbrite
For more information contact
Sandy - 0427655278



**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
ROAD RUNNERS CLUB**



1KM KIDS FUN RUN

PART OF THE CLARE VALLEY
RUNNING FESTIVAL

Sunday
7TH APRIL



WHERE: Clare Town Oval
TIME: 10am start
HOW: Register on the day
WHO: Reception - Yr 6

All participants receive a
runners bib & finishers
medal

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FURTHER DETAILS: [HTTPS://SARRC.ORG.AU/](https://sarrc.org.au/)

A LITTLE BIT MORE....

Proceeds from a hot lap will go to our Canberra fundraising efforts.

A massive heartfelt thank you to Rally of the Heartland for all their support and generosity to our school.



MWP Sports Photograph
photos@mwp.net.au

FANCY A HOT LAP IN A RALLY CAR?


As part of the Rally of the Heartland, here's your chance to book a hot lap in a rally car at the Burra Monster Mine on Friday 26th April 2024.

\$25 PER RIDE

BOOK AT THE BURRA VISITOR CENTRE
PH 88922154

*Safety Regulations: must be under 100kg & over 16 years of age.

Get in quick - limited seats available!
Bookings close 25/4/24
Proceeds to the Burra Community School Canberra Trip




CLARE VALLEY YOUTH

A COMBINED CHURCHES YOUTH GROUP
YEARS 7-12 TERM 1 2024



PHOTO DARES!
Friday Feb 9th 6.30pm - 9pm
Bring \$2 + supper to share



WATER WARS & PIZZA!
FRIDAY MARCH 8TH
5.45pm - 8.00pm
@ Clare High School
Please bring \$7 for pizza too, a towel, and a change of clothes



FRIDAY MARCH 22ND
7.15pm - 9.30pm **EASTER CHOCORAMA**
Bring \$3 + a chocolatey supper



NACHOS & CHILL + FRIDAY APRIL 5TH
YOUTH ALPHA 7.15pm - 9.30pm
Bring \$3
Games, Nachos, Video + Faith chats

FRIDAY APRIL 12TH
COMBINED YOUTH GROUP NIGHT
Details to follow - Stay tuned!



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: 0437 703 258

A LITTLE BIT MORE....

6 Mar	04	05	06	07	08	09/10
	Yr 7 Immunisation Yr 10 immunisation SAPSASA tennis		Clean Up Australia	BCS SPORTS DAY	PUPIL FREE DAY	Exeat Weekend
Year 8 Aquatics Camp – Pt Vincent						
7	11	12	13	14	15	16/17
	ADELAIDE CUP DAY				Canberra Fundraiser Quiz Night	
NAPLAN						
8	18	19	20	21	22	23/24
	R-6 Swimming Civil Construction SAPSASA Swimming	R-6 Swimming Civil Construction	R-6 Swimming Civil Construction	R-6 Swimming Civil Construction LN Interschool Athletics @ Kapunda	R-6 Swimming Civil Construction	
NAPLAN						
9	25	26	27	28	29	30/31
	GC meeting @ 6pm Carnival @ Clare			Assembly @ 9am Kindy PFD	GOOD FRIDAY	Exeat Weekend
OUTDOOR ED CAMP						
10 Apr	01	02	03	04	05	06/07
	EASTER MONDAY	Parent / teacher interviews	Parent / teacher interviews			
SAPSASA State Softball						
11	08	09	10	11	12	13/14
	SAPSASA State Swimming Carnival @ Adelaide					

MONDAY 15TH APRIL  WE CELEBRATE WORLD ART DAY WITH THE CREATIVE CREW FROM BURRA ELC AT A WORKSHOP RUN BY A TALENTED LOCAL ARTIST.	TUESDAY 16TH APRIL   ALL ABOARD THE BURRA EXPRESS AS WE HEAD OFF TO ST. KILDA ADVENTURE PARK! HATS, WALKING SHOES, SUNSCREEN AND A WATER BOTTLE ARE A MUST!	WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL   WE KEEP THE CREATIVITY COMING WITH AN INSPIRATIONAL VISIT TO THE BURRA ART GALLERY WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM BURRA ELC.	THURSDAY 18TH APRIL   WE TEAM UP ONCE AGAIN WITH THE COOKING CREW FROM BURRA ELC TO MAKE SOME MAGIC IN THE KITCHEN WITH SOME HEALTHY AND CREATIVE COLD ROLLS.	FRIDAY 19TH APRIL  DOUBLE FEATURE FRIDAY ENJOY A FUN FILM WITH US AS WE VISIT THE BLYTH CINEMA. THEN WE HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL FOR SOME GAMING GOODNESS WITH THE BURRA BOARDGAME GROUP AT OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY LIBRARY.
MONDAY 22ND APRIL   GET THOSE GREEN THUMBS READY AS WE JOIN FORCES WITH BURRA ELC AND A LOCAL GARDENER TO GROW OUR OWN COMMUNITY WILDFLOWER GARDEN!	TUESDAY 23RD APRIL   WE TAKE OFF TOWARDS THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AVIATION MUSEUM IN HISTORIC PORT ADELAIDE. REMEMBER THOSE WALKING SHOES!	WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL   JOIN US AS FOR A GAME OR TWO OF BOWLS AT THE BURRA BOWLS CLUB. REMEMBER TO BRING THOSE HATS, WALKING SHOES, SUNSCREEN AND A DRINK BOTTLE.	THURSDAY 25TH APRIL ANZAC DAY NO SERVICE AVAILABLE	FRIDAY 26TH APRIL   Fire Fighter Friday FOR OUR LUCKY LAST DAY OF VACATION CARE IN APRIL, WE HEAD TO THE BURRA COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE STATION FOR A TOUR AND AN EXPLORE.

insights



Developing leadership skills in your child

by Michael Grose

Your child has the potential to be a leader given the right circumstances and environment. The following five leadership skills have been observed in student leaders in Australian primary schools and can be promoted by parents at home.

Responsibility

Being a leader means that your child is willing to take responsibility and be accountable for their actions. Personal responsibility is shown when your child is accountable for their behaviour, for their belongings and for others.

Practical ways to develop responsibility include:

- Giving them responsibility for part of their day
- Encouraging them to restore relationships with others when they mess up
- Taking responsibility for household chores

Communication

While most leadership positions require your child to speak publicly their communication skills can be developed through regular one-on-one or small group experiences at home and at school. Practical ways to develop your child's communication skills include:

- One-on-one conversations with adults
- Regular discussions at the meal table
- Encourage your child to participate fully in speaking activities at school

Organisation

Personal organisational skills and the ability to organise others are important for effective leadership. Practical ways to develop organisational skills include encouraging your child to:

- Keep their personal space tidy and organised
- Use a diary to help manage their time
- Organise a weekly chores roster including all members of the family

Teamwork

Cooperating, encouraging and accepting others are essential qualities of an effective leader. Practical ways to develop a sense of teamwork include:

- Play team games where children work together
- Encourage siblings to cook and do other chores together
- Focusing on your child's contribution to a team or group rather than individual achievement

Emotional intelligence

An underestimated quality shared by most admired leaders is their ability to remain calm when things don't go well. This emotional intelligence skill requires self-awareness, an ability to recognise their emotions and respond appropriately to the emotions of others. You can nurture these skills in the following way:

- Help your child recognise their emotions
- Help your child recognise emotions in others
- Teach your child to shift their mood

Leaders are needed in all walks of life – at work, in school, in families, in sport and in the wider community. The skills of leadership are sewn in the first group that they belong to – their family. By encouraging your child to be a contributing member of their family you are also helping to develop leadership skills they can practise outside their family.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. His latest release *Anxious Kids*, was co-authored with Dr Jodi Richardson.