



BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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'Quality Teaching - Quality Schooling'

Term 1 No. 4

Date: 28th March 2024

DIARY DATES 2024

March

25-28 Harmony Week
28 SRC Casual Day
29 **GOOD FRIDAY**

APRIL

1 **EASTER MONDAY**
2 Choir Rehearsal @
Jamestown
2-3 Parent / Teacher
interviews
5 Interschool Social
Yr 7-11
8 SAPSASA state
swimming
Carnival
Adelaide
9 Choir Rehearsal @
Jamestown
8-12 Civil Construction
training
12 **LAST DAY OF TERM**
2:30pm finish
15-26 **SCHOOL**
HOLIDAYS
29 FIRST DAY TERM 2

MAY

1 SAPSASA Winter
hub

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Blink and it threatens to be holidays already! Term 1, albeit a long one, always flies. And here we are in Week 9 since our last newsletter (just 3 weeks ago) having had:

- various School Sport events in swimming, tennis, cricket and athletics (trials, Hub Carnivals, District Carnivals, Adelaide competitions)
- our very own Sports Day
- an SRC planning day at the town hall
- several highly successful fundraisers for our Year 6/7 Canberra camp
- the first intensive week of the Civil Construction course on site (where we welcome students from Kapunda HS and Clare HS, staying at our boarding house)
- R-6 swimming lessons
- NAPLAN
- Choir rehearsals
- Aquatics Camp and Y11/12 Outdoor Education Camp
- steer selections for the Show Team
- our second Assembly – the first for the year showcasing our class happenings.

And that's not even all of it! Exciting times with a broad variety of opportunities on offer.

In the last newsletter, I wrote of our shared work to support students to **walk the walk**. This has been, and will continue to be, an ongoing conversation in all classes. In line with our vision, we are committed to equipping our children and young people with the skills to develop self-awareness, self-reflection, empathy and resilience; to navigate conflict, problem-solve and be a positive role model for others. We will share more about whole-school and parent-school initiatives soon – watch this space.

In line with walking the walk, as a wonderful example of students leading the way and standing up (and speaking up) for what they believe in, we were thrilled to learn this week of Year 7 student, Emma Sommerville's election to the Youth Environment Council (YEC) of South Australia for 2024. As part of her role, Emma will work with others to act for a sustainable future; taking part in camps and regular forums; and the opportunity to lead her own project at our school – we can't wait to support Emma in this role.

And finally, on that note, it is always a delight to hear of our students' successes, both past and present. Please be sure to be in touch if you would like us to share their good news in the newsletter.

With Easter on the horizon, I hope you will be able to soak up the sunshine with loved ones and take a breather.

Enjoy,
Bri



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Department for Education

Sports Day Round Up -Riggs Dominate Again



As the sun rose over the yard arm, young excited athletics from the Burra Community School were getting prepared and ready for the annual sports day. Thursday 7th March was a spectacular day and as the 9am start drew

closer, the school yard was filling up with red, blue and yellow!

Steele have been the victors for the past 10 years but this time Riggs took home the flag with a convincing win finishing the day on 2,065 points. Steele received 2nd place with 1,498 points and Jennison a close third with 1,188 points.

There was a lot of camaraderie and sportsman ship shown on the day, it is a sight to see our older secondary students mixing it with our Primary and Junior Primary students by being there to watch, help and assist.

Our new House Spirit Trophy was up for grabs and once again it was Jennison who flew high to receive it.

Junior Primary Sportsmanship Awards	
Reception	Orion Blackmore
Year 1	Bobbi Eglinton
Year 2	Trey Lynch
Year 3	Elsie Mirtschin

	Winner	Runner Up
U10	Angus Tohl	Miller Thompson
U10	Harriet Tiver	Lily Dalla
U11	Corbin Schuppan	Maxwell Edwards
U11	Lucy Quinn	Jorja Gebhardt
U12	Harrison Dalla	Jake Hancock
U12	Mia Thompson	Pippa Benson
U13	Maxwell Edwards	Asher Elliott
U13	Abby Sheridan	Gemma Gebhardt
U14	Lachie Edwards	Kane Edwards
U14	Sophie Taylor	Marissa Bevan
U15	Lucas Thamm	Finn Catt
U15	Emmylou Cooper	Anna Schuppan
U16	Nick Jones	Adam Cunningham
U16	Ashley Edwards	Evelyn Klem
OPEN	Kobi Wenzel	Jeremy Stevenson
OPEN	Abbie Mirtschin	Jasmin Ross



Sports Day Round Up – in photos



2024



Tennis:



On Tuesday 5th March I went to Clare for SAPSASA Hub Tennis. I played four games and I won three of them. I was lucky enough to get nominated to go to the next stage, which is trials for the Adelaide team.
[Pippa Benson](#)

Ski for Life:

Students past and present participated in the Ski for Life event on the March long weekend. Ski for Life is an event where teams take turns to ski from Murray Bridge to Renmark – a HUGE 456kms!!



Cricket:



On Tuesday 5th March Bill Benson and Corbin Schuppan participated in SAPSASA Hub cricket. They played 2 games against Clare teams and won one of the two games. Bill and Corbin played very well, batting, bowling and fielding enthusiastically.

Thank you to the parents who helped with transport and scoring.



Before the event and along the way, teams raise money and awareness for Mental Health and suicide prevention. Dustin and Tyson skied the whole 456km! Such an AWESOME effort.

SAPSASA Swimming:

On Monday 18th March, a group of students from Years 4, 5 and 6 competed at SAPSASA Swimming in Clare. Everyone swam well and enthusiastically cheered on their teammates.



Well done to all students who made this team. Congratulations to Charlie Miller, Lucy Quinn, Bill Benson and Jake Hancock who have been selected for the Mid North team competing in Adelaide on Friday 8th April. We wish these swimmers the best of luck.



CANBERRA CAMP UPDATE....

Quiz Night:

Once again our Committee of hardworking volunteers ran a successful Quiz night on the 15th March. A packed house of 105 guests provided a happy and fun backdrop to what was an exciting display of trivia knowledge!

Our Quiz Master, Fiona Puckridge and her adjudicators, Emily Schuppan and Jo Drennan, kept the flow of the evening running smoothly with little or no cheating allowed.

Michael Foster from Elders was awesome as our Auctioneer and together with his team of spotters sold off some bigger pieces that were up for grabs. A silent auction also ran in the background thanks to the kind and generous donations of our local businesses. The raffle for Easter is still going and will be drawn Thursday 28th March.

Along with the can bottle drive held on the Sunday all up we have raised \$9,000 for our Canberra Trip adventurers. Amazing!!!

The Burra Community School would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses for their generous support of our Canberra fundraiser:

Emily Riggs, Iris & Wool
Kymm Apostolides
Natasha Frith
Rob & Ceila Sullivan
Burra Garden Centre
St Just Store
Clare Rural Supplies
Kym and Elise Thomas
Joan Cunningham
Maria Cristobal
Magpie and Stump Hotel
Lost 67
Belinda Heinrich
Paulettes Winery
Steven and Sarah Tohl
Josephine Drennan



Emma Lauren
Bon Accord Hotel
Tim Siv Terry White Chemmart Burra
Bluebell Farm
Pip and Peter Edson
Deb Williams
Jane and David Hill
Remede Wellness Massage
Denise Officer
Shannons Rally SA
Bunnings Gawler
Trent Burton
Wakefield Trucks
Monica Redden
Alison Donhardt
Pikes Wines
The Royal Exchange
Burra Hotel
O'Leary Hotel



Inky Soda, Fiona Puckridge, That Country Store for donation of goods to our Easter Raffle.



May Brothers Holdings



A heartfelt thanks to the Gebhardt's of Mokota and May Brothers Holdings in Marochydore, QLD for their MAJOR monetary donation towards our Canberra Trip!!



A LITTLE BIT MORE....

Gift of life for BCS:

Burra Community School received a new defibrillator machine on Thursday, March 14, following a generous donation from the Burra Country Music Events (BCME).

The defibrillator, valued at \$1800 was purchased from the Australian Medical Association for the annual Burra Country Music Festival. The festival attracted thousands of people to the town, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the event was forced to cancel. BCME committee wished to see the potentially life-saving equipment go to a local club or group, and learning the school was yet to obtain one, the decision was unanimous.

Festival Music Director, Tracey Rains said acts of kindness and generosity have far reaching effects, strengthening relationships, and creating a more supportive and inclusive society.

"As a committee we have experienced this from wonderful years of volunteering with a small, but mighty group of people. Being able to give this valuable piece of equipment to the school is an honour and privilege; hopefully it is never needed, but if the need arises, it's nice to know we were able to assist in helping someone."

As a community hub, the school facilities are enjoyed by many groups and organisations including the Burra Basketball Association, BBH Netball and Football Clubs,

patrons of the Swimming Pool, and visitors to the school and library. Principal Briony Ackland said, "We are grateful for the generosity of the Burra Country Music Events as it will not only be a valuable resource for the school but also the wider community who make great use of our shared facilities - from users of the community library or swimming pool, to those at the school and ELC, or gymnasium also hired by many a local sporting group, the defibrillator will be readily accessible should the need ever arise."



Photo – BCS – Burra Community School Principal, Briony Ackland (centre) with Burra Country Music Events Music Director Tracey Rains and President Danny O'Brien with the new defibrillator machine that was gifted to the school last Thursday March 14.

HELP WANTED

Toshi our visiting Japanese teacher is coming back to Burra.

We are looking for a family to host our wonderful Toshi for 1 or 2 weeks at the start of Term 2

Please let Mrs Thamun know if you are interested or if you require further information.

Thanks!!

LIBRARY NEWS

Carlene and Jess team up together on Thursdays to offer lunch time activities.



These activities include: quizzes, bingo, board games, crafts, outdoor games and much more.

Whether engaging in cooperative, competitive or friendly games, or simply working along side one another, these activities are designed to provide a common ground for individuals.

Students of all ages can bond over shared experiences and mutual interests, giving them a sense of belonging. All students from Reception to Year 12 are welcome to attend our Thursday lunch time activities.



This week in Lego Club we engaged in Pixel builds. Can you spot Mario? This clever creation was built by Angus Holland and Miguel Alapara. Other students were also very creative as you can see from the picture. All creations are on display in the library.



Here is a gorgeous picture of our Receptions who enjoyed listening to a Pete the Cat story and creating a Pete the Cat headband.

The motto of the story is 'never quit'. This was very fitting for our students who are embarking on their first year of schooling.



Our dollhouse has had a refurbishment. A popular feature of the library, the doll house has undergone a spring clean and welcomed new furniture.

The students are enjoying the new additions and the doll house continues to foster imaginative play.



New books are arriving each week. Come in and see our selection and ask us about trending books, great reads and books specific to your child's interests and reading ability.





Port Vincent 2024



YEAR 8 March 4th - 6th

AQUATICS CAMP

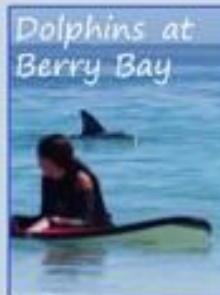
In week 6 of this term, the year 8 class, accompanied by Danna Cooke and Mark Inglis visited Port Vincent for the annual aquatics camp. This camp has been an important part of the year 8 Program for many years.

The camp provides students with the opportunity to strengthen friendships and class cohesion, and has proven to be a worthwhile experience for students.

Day One – After settling into our cabins, students walked to the Aquatics centre where we participated in a kayaking session followed by knee-boarding. We enjoyed a barbecue dinner, and ended the day with a sunset walk along the foreshore.



Rafting - up



Dolphins at Berry Bay

Day Two – We set off to Berry Bay for a day of surfing. The weather was perfect, and we had dolphins swimming along the beach all day. We finished the day with a short drive to Stansbury for another sunset walk.

Day Three – We packed up our cabins and participated in sailing and knee-boarding sessions before busing home for some well-earned rest.



Sailing day 3



Knee-boarding from the beach





Briannah - My favourite part of camp was face planting into the water so hard and also Jett singing songs while we took photos



Abby - When we went to camp in Week Six, the best part was knee boarding and surfing. Learning to surf with some dolphins. My best memories are playing uno and making snacks with my mates.

Sophie - My favourite part was when Marissa nearly burnt down the cabin late at night [making popcorn]. My favourite activity was surfing on the second day.



Jett - Camp was fun. My favourite things were knee boarding and surfing. Surfing was better though.



AUTISM INCLUSION TEACHER



What is the Autism Inclusion Teacher role?

Dear Parents and Carers

For those of you new to Burra Community School, my name is Bridget Ross and I am the Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT) for Burra Community School. Autism Inclusion Teachers are given time each week in their AIT roles to focus on strengthening our school community's inclusion of students on the autism spectrum. The Department for Education provides an Autism Inclusion Multidisciplinary (AIM) team to support them in the AIT roles. The team includes, senior advisor educators, developmental educator, psychologist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist and an Aboriginal cultural project officer. The information from the AIM team is evidence-based and informed by the autistic and autism community.

The role as an AIT is to pass on information, resources and training they receive from the AIM team to other staff and parents.

If you have any questions, want to chat, or need some information; please ring the office to make an appointment with me. I am available in my role every Thursday afternoon, however feel free to contact me for a time that suits.

Regards,

Bridget Ross (AIT) Autism Inclusion Teacher



April is World Autism Acceptance Month (WAAM). At BCS we are running activities in Week 10 to raise understanding and acceptance of autistic people. Some activities the school will be running to raise awareness are as follows...

Monday – Easter Monday

Tuesday – Autism Symbol colouring / design – lunchtime in the Reception room

Wednesday – 'Lilo and Stich' - lunchtime viewing in the Drama room

Thursday – 'Cuppa and Chat' – 2.30pm in staff room for parents of children with autism

Friday - Casual 'Lots of Colours' Day –to show support for ASD

Staff will also be running mini-lessons to create awareness of autism and foster understanding and acceptance to celebrate WAAM.



A LITTLE BIT MORE

Clean Up Australia Day – Year 7 with their Year 1/2 buddies making a difference.







YAC is a volunteer committee for young people aged 12-25 who are passionate about their community + live, work, study or volunteer in the Goyder Region.

JOIN THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE



WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?


- ✔ Have a say in what happens locally for young people
- ✔ Assist to raise the positive profile of young people in the area
- ✔ Get involved in your local community
- ✔ Get points towards your SACE
- ✔ Plan events + activities


To join YAC contact:
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Follow Goyder YAC on Facebook 

Barossa dress hire

Rent your formal dress from \$40-\$100. Heels & clutches also for hire. Based in Stockwell.





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Message me with your size and style preferences.

Make a time to come and try on, book your date to hire.

Collect, pay and rock that outfit.

Return the dress, unwashed, I'll take care of the dry cleaning.

Repeat.



MONDAY 15TH APRIL

MAKING MONDAY



WE CELEBRATE WORLD ART DAY WITH THE CREATIVE CREW FROM BURRA ELC AT A WORKSHOP RUN BY A TALENTED LOCAL ARTIST.

TUESDAY 16TH APRIL

trah tuesday



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

BURRA ART GALLERY



WE KEEP THE CREATIVITY COMING WITH AN INSPIRATIONAL VISIT TO THE BURRA ART GALLERY WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM BURRA ELC.

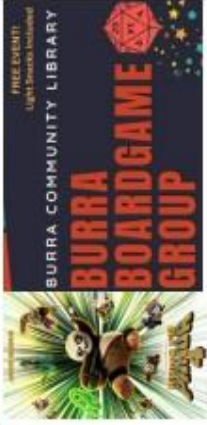
THURSDAY 18TH APRIL

Cold roll creations



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

Earth day event



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

S.A AVIATION MUSEUM



WE TAKE OFF TOWARDS THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AVIATION MUSEUM IN HISTORIC PORT ADELAIDE. REMEMBER THOSE WALKING SHOES!

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL

BURRA BOWLS



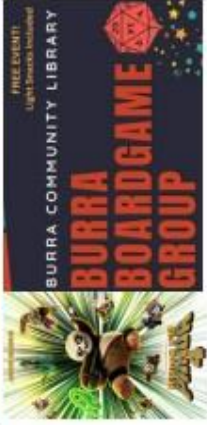
JOIN US AS FOR A GAME OR TWO OF BOWLS AT THE BURRA BOWLS CLUB. REMEMBER TO BRING THOSE HATS, WALKING SHOES, SUNSCREEN AND A DRINK BOTTLE.

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.



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A PLACE TO PLAY AND GROW