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Newsletter

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COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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A note from the Principal ...

Welcome to Term 4! We trust you have been able to enjoy a restful break and are feeling rejuvenated, ready for an exciting end to the year. There is much going on, so to some key information and dates to get started:

Term 4 staffing update

Firstly, we congratulate Megan Brooks and Chris Lynch on the birth of their baby girl, Evie. While Megan enjoys some time at home with bubs, we warmly welcome Rachel Govett to the Year 1/2 class for the term. We also welcome Dani McKinnirey to the Year 5/6 class (Fridays); and welcome Mr Liebelt back.

At the end of term, we also announced the 2025 leadership team. We again congratulate: Danna Cooke (Deputy Principal), Morgan Randall (Secondary subschool Leader) and Brendan Ackland (Primary sub-school leader). Both Danna and Morgan are familiar faces in the school, whilst Brendan Ackland comes to us from St Joseph's School in Clare. We now look to finalise the teaching team and will be sure to keep you updated as we do so.

Pupil Free Days (PFD)

We have two official PFDs this term, the first of which is next Thursday (24 October). On this day, we will be having our final session with the Self-regulation Service team to consolidate our learning this year, and develop a whole-school agreement for the consistent implementation of strategies to support students' emotional regulation and focus on learning.

While not a PFD, Presentation Night is scheduled for Thursday, 5 December (Week 8). A reminder that to support compulsory attendance at presentation night, school starts at 1pm on this day and concludes following the presentation event.

The second PFD will then be held immediately following Presentation Night, on Friday 6 December (Week 8). This day will provide the opportunity to set time aside for staff to look to 2025 and focus on planning for our 2025 cohorts. Please note OSHC is available on both PFDs – be sure to make a booking to avoid disappointment.

2025 class planning

Early this term, we hope to finalise class structures and staffing for next year. Creating balanced classes and timetables that allow for the best outcomes for all children is a complex process. It is vital that we have accurate enrolment information to support this planning. If you know that your child/ren will not be continuing at BCS next year, please inform us as soon as possible either via phone call to the Front Office or via email to the Principal.

Regards, Bri DIARY DATES

Week 1 October

Wed-Fri 16-18: Outdoor Ed Camp @ Melrose Thurs, 17: Year 9/10 Knock Out Basketball

Week 2

Mon-Wed, 21-23: State SAPSASA Girls Football Tues, 22: Year 9-11 STEM excursion Adelaide Wed, 23: Kindy Transition 8:45am – 10:45am Thurs, 24: STUDENT FREE DAY

Fri, 25: Year 12 Farewell Assembly Fri, 25: State SAPSASA Basketball Championships

Week 3

Mon, 28: GC Meeting @ 7pm Wed, 30: Year 10 Immunisation November Sat -Sun, 2-3: Exeat Weekend

Week 4

Mon-Wed, 4-6: Year 4/5 Roonka Camp Mon-Wed, 4-6: SAPSASA Cricket Wed, 6: Kindy Transition 8:45am-10:45am

Week 5 Thurs, 14: Whole School Assembly

Week 6

Wed, 20: Kindy Transition 8:45am-1:45pm Fri, 22: Year 12 dinner @ Sevenhill Sat-Sun, 23-24: Exeat Weekend

Week 8

November Mon, 2: GC Meeting @ 7pm Tues, 3: 1/2 day Year 6 Transition Wed, 4: Full Day Year 6 Transition Thurs, 5: PRESENTATION NIGHT - 1:30pm School start Fri. 6: STUDENT FREE DAY

Week 9

Tues, 10: Encore! Fri, 13: LAST DAY OF TERM - 2:20pm dismissal

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Burra Community School acknowledges the Ngadjuri people as the traditional custodians of the Burra region. We pay our

BCS Events

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Squash

For the past few weeks the year 10/11 P.E class have been travelling to the squash courts every Friday afternoon.

Tina Couper kindly volunteered her time each week and taught students the fundamental skills used in a game of squash.

Students played games like 'king of the court' and 'alternating hits' game. They also practiced serving and played a mini game of squash. Burra Community School students are very appreciative of Tina for volunteering her time and expertise each Friday.

Year 2 Sleepover

On Thursday the 19th September, it was the much-anticipated Year 1 Dinner and Year 2 Sleepover.

Children participated in a range of activities that encouraged independence outside the home and it was positive to see how reassuring they were towards each other. They all appeared to have a ball.

A VERY BIG THANKYOU to the various staff for supporting the event, Megan Brooks, Jess Tiver and Sarah Deal.



Canberra 2024

On Tuesday 24th September 26 very excited but slightly nervous Year 6/7 students boarded the plane to Canberra. Mrs Thamm, Mrs Drew, Mr Randall and Carlene joined the students with great enthusiasm for the days ahead. Upon arriving in Canberra we boarded the bus to go to the CSIRO discovery centre where we learned about many new discoveries. We then went to Mount Ainslie lookout which allowed us amazing views of the Capital. Following this, we ventured to our accommodation at Sundown Villas. The

students were excited to finally be in their dorms. After dinner and a movie we all prepared ourselves for a good night sleep, ready for Day 2.





A trip to Canberra gives students the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government has contributed funding to Burra Community School in the amount of \$270 per student. This funding comes under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

On Wednesday morning we went to Parliament House for a guided tour. It was very interesting to learn how new laws are made and to learn about the people who govern us.

After this, we went to the War Memorial where we heard thought provoking stories about times of War. Students interacted with featured exhibits and explored items used by the men and women who have served the nation in war. After a driving tour of Anzac Parade we had lunch and then went to the National Capital exhibition where we learned about how Canberra was made and got to design our own new city.







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We then had afternoon tea in the grounds of Old Parliament house before we went to the National Electoral Education centre where students participated in an election, hosted by the Australian Electoral Commission. Using DemocraBot, in Democra City, students interacted with a virtual world, to learn about representation, enrolment and voting. After dinner we had an awesome time rock climbing where students and Mrs Thamm ventured to new heights.

So much fun!

On Thursday we went to the Australian Institute of Sport. Students enthusiastically tried their skills at various sporting games and activities before we were taken on a guided tour by two of the track and field athletes. We then went to the Royal Australian Mint where we were interested in finding out how money is made and distributed. Following lunch at the Arboretum, where it was wonderful to meet up with former BCS student, Ada Eastwood and her parents, we then went to Questacon.





Questacon was a great experience as our students had hands-on opportunities to see how things work. The slide was an obvious highlight for most – though a few said it was 'super scary'. Following this, a driving

tour of the Embassy and Lodge District occurred. The students were in awe of both the size and the 'decorations' of some of the buildings. We then visited the Museum of Australian Democracy. Next up, we visited the National Botanic Gardens for a Twilight tour. The students were in two groups and had a lot of fun exploring while learning new facts and information about the plants in the garden. The boys group were very lucky and saw a Ringtail possum while on their tour. Returning to the accommodation for dinner, the students prepared their belongings for departure the following day.











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On Friday morning we packed up and left the accommodation. We went to Cockington Green Gardens. The students were amazed at the details in the buildings and enjoyed time looking for the 'hidden' features like the minion etc. After our fun few days, it was time to return to the airport ready for our flight home. Upon returning safely to Adelaide a group of weary students and teachers were met by excited family members. It was an amazing and enjoyable experience for us all.











The War Memorial was my favourite because you got to see heaps of stuff like outfits, cars and family who fought in the war.

~ Chase Tonkin

I really enjoyed going to the war memorial, going on Parliament House roof and AIS.

~ Ruby Taylor

My favourite part of Canberra was going to the War Memoria and going to AIS. I also enjoyed spending time at the place we stayed at. Thank you to Mr Randall for organising for Ada Eastwood to come and see me and Lucy. ~ Pippa Benson

The War Memorial was the best by far because we learnt about Australia in the war. It was very interesting.

~ Lakyn Cooper

My favourite part was going to either the War Memorial or Questicon because they were both interesting and fascinating.

~ Lucy Quinn







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Japanese

Hiroshima Visit with the Thamm's

On Friday 4th October my family and I were able to visit Hiroshima in Japan.

After catching a ferry, we walked through Miyajima and saw the famous Torii Gate in the water. Returning back to the mainland by ferry, we arrived at Hiroshima Peace Park. There, we laid the 1000 paper cranes that were folded by students at Burra Community School, Brinkworth, Blyth and St Joseph's schools, along with people in the wider community. It was a humble and somber occasion. Jayde Thamm



Pictured : Tyson, Lucas & Sienna Thamm





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Our School Community









Variety Bash with BCS

On Thursday the 17th, we were fortunate enough to have the Variety Bash visit our school. The visit was part of a Variety Moto Run, which is a 4-day car event incorporating motorbikes and luxury vehicles. This year, they travelled from the Adelaide Hills to Barossa, Burra, Jamestown and finishing in Clare.

We were greeted by their Helistar helicopter which was available for the students to view, along with speaking to the pilot. The students were then able to watch it take off and fly around the school and community.

Thank you to Parents, Caregivers and volunteers within our school community who supplied the crew with morning tea.



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2025 Materials and Services Charge

We wish to advise that the Governing Council have set our 2025 Materials & Services (M&S) Charge, to remain the same as the current year. Primary \$345.00 Secondary \$440.00

> If you wish to discuss the M&S Charge, you are invited to attend our next **Governing Council Meeting**, Monday 28th October 2024, 7:00pm in our School Community Library.

Government of South Australia Department for Education

Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2025				
Notice of Charges for Reception - Year 6				
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)		
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Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$20.00		
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$40.00		
	Photocopied Material	\$120.00		
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$180.00		
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$70.00		
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00		
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00		
	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$70.0		
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$55.00		
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00		
	Access to Equipment	\$40.00		
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$0.00		
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00		
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00		
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$95.0		
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$30.0		
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$30.0		

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)	
On Site Performances And Term 4, Week 9 Activities	\$30.00	
	\$0.00	
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Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$120.00	
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$40.00	
	Photocopied Material	\$40.00	
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$200.00	
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$40.00	
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00	
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00	
Gov	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$40.00	
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$100.00	
	Access to Machinery	\$30.00	
	Access to Equipment	\$40.00	
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$0.00	
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00	
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00	
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$170.00	
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$30.00	
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$30.00	
Total Materials and Services Char	ge (excluding Subject Charges)	\$440.00	

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)	
On Site Performances And Term 4, Week 9 Activities	\$30.00	
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