Welcome to 2013

Welcome to the 2013 school year at Burrawang Public School!

There are 38 delightful students enrolled in our two classes, K-2 with 14 students (Mrs DeCean) and 3-6 with 24 students (Mrs Griffith/Miss Tickner). Mrs Hindmarsh continues to work Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Boardman, a School Learning Support Officer(SLSO), will be working in the 3-6 classroom this year and Mrs Koster(SLSO) will be assisting in the school each Thursday. Mrs Armida is our School Learning Support Teacher and she is here each Tuesday. Mrs Fryer is our School Administration Manager and is here Tuesday-Thursday each week and alternate Fridays. Mr Robinson is our General Assistant and he is at school every Tuesday.

Meet Our Kindergarten Students

Beatrix, Sequoia, Luke, Tom, Sophie and Peggy have joined our school in Kindergarten. They have quickly and happily settled into ‘big school’ and we welcome them to our great school. We look forward to their parents supporting our school community.

Included with this newsletter are important dates for your 2013 calendar. Some exciting forthcoming events include:

- Parent Information Evening
- CleanUp Australia Day
- Working Bee

**Term 1 - Week 2**

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**Term 1 - Week 5**

| Friday 1st March | Schools’ Clean Up Day |

**Term 1 - Week 6**

| 6th, 7th, 8th March | Principals’ Conference |
Canteen

Thanks to Terese Haberle for organising canteen this week.

- Ham, Cheese and Salad Wrap $2.50
- Chicken, Cheese and Salad Wrap $2.50
- Cheese and Salad Wrap $2.00
- Fruit Salad $1.00
- Apple Popper $1.00
- Apple and Blackcurrant Popper $1.00

Students need to return orders tomorrow, in the envelopes supplied, with the correct money please.

Library News

Library time for K-2 is each Wednesday and 3-6 is each Thursday. Please ensure students bring library bags for borrowing and returning books.

Sport News

Sport days are Wednesday for K-2 and Thursday for the 3-6 class. Children should wear their school shoes and need to bring sport shoes to change into for sport as normal school shoes are too rigid for effective participation in sporting activities.

Bong Bong Swimming Carnival

Our 3-6 students attended part of the swimming carnival at Bowral Pool last Friday. The carnival had to be abandoned part-way through the events due to the weather conditions. At this time there is a POSSIBILITY that the remaining Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly events will be able to be run next Monday morning at Bowral Pool. This has not yet been confirmed. We will advise parents as soon as definite arrangements are in place. It may be necessary for parents of competitors to transport their own children to/from the pool.

Charlotte, Rory and Aurora were some of our students who won swimming ribbons!
Term 1 – Week 2

Wednesday 6th February, 2013

Our Year 3 students include Frankie, Ellie, Jessica, Tiago, Hayley, Aurora, Rory, Oscar, Claudia and Jack. This is our largest Year!

Absence Notes

With this newsletter we have included a booklet of absence notes to make it easier for both parents and the school to keep track of student absences. Please use these notes when notifying the school of student absences. Parents are also reminded of the requirement to sign students in and out of school when arriving/departing outside normal bell times and present the sign in/out form to the class teacher.

Term Calendar

The Term 1 school calendar is enclosed with this newsletter for your information. It is up to date, but parents are reminded of the need to check newsletters for any alterations and additions.

Iceblocks

Iceblocks are available every Wednesday this Term for $1. They are sold by the SRC and are 40% juice.

Parent Information Evening

All parents are reminded that our parent Information Evening is on next Tuesday 12th February, 2013. K-2 will commence at 6 pm and 3-6 at 6.45pm. Parents are encouraged to attend to clarify expectations about such things as syllabus requirements, timetables, class routines, homework, units of work and helping in the classrooms.

Emergency Contact Information

It is imperative that the school maintains accurate information for quick communication with parents and contact persons in case of an emergency. Would you please help us by completing and updating the enclosed Emergency Information Sheet. The current print out for each student is also enclosed. This shows parents the information we have at school. Please also complete the special permission notes on the back of the sheet.

Festival of Instrumental Music

Many thanks to Mrs Griffith who has been successful in an application for our school to participate in the combined schools recorder concert at the Sydney Opera House on Tuesday 27th August, 2013. There are places for twenty of our committed and capable 3-6 students to participate in this wonderful experience. Mrs Griffith will be attending professional development associated with the concert on Wednesday 20th February, 2013. At this workshop she will receive the music and further information about the performance requirements. This is another wonderful opportunity for students at our school and we look forward to the concert in August.
**Text Book/Equipment Fee**

Most of our text books have arrived and students have started using them. Enclosed with this newsletter is an invoice for payment. The invoice includes the cost of text books as well as a Mathletics and Spellodrome levy, photocopying and photograph costs and a levy for art and craft and other materials which we need to purchase to enhance lesson delivery. We would appreciate prompt payment of the text book/equipment fee so we are able to finalise our accounts with suppliers.

**Clean Up Australia Day**

The Australian Schools’ Clean Up Day will be held on **Friday 1st March, 2013**. Students will need to bring gloves and a bucket or bag to collect rubbish. As well as cleaning our school grounds, students will be walking around Burrawang under supervision. Enclosed with this newsletter is a permission note which needs to be completed and returned to school.

**Book Club**

Included with this newsletter are brochures for Book Club. Parents are asked to please return any orders, in a labelled envelope, with the correct money, by next **Wednesday 13th February 2013**.

**Working Bee**

The Easter Markets are rapidly approaching and we need the school grounds to be at their best for this annual fundraising event. After discussion at P and C last night the date of **Friday 15th March**, from 3pm, has been set for the working bee. Parents are asked to bring their own gardening equipment and tools and students will be able to stay after school if helping their parents. There is a lot of weeding and mulching, particularly, that needs to be done.

**Solar Panels**

Our 42 solar panels were installed on the roof of the Hall during the holidays. They were obtained as the result of our successful application to the National Solar Schools Program. The inverter for the panels will be installed next Monday and shortly after that our system should be fully operational. This initiative should greatly reduce our future electricity bills.

**Tennis Court Access**

The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) requires that all school grounds are locked after hours. This is to protect their assets and also to prevent the DEC being liable if anyone is injured while using their facilities. This means that access to our tennis court is now restricted. People who wish to access the court after school hours are now required to make a prior booking with the school. This will involve the completion of a ‘Use of School Facilities’ form, and signature for borrowing/returning the key. There may also be the requirement to pay a refundable deposit for the key. Following these procedures will ensure all DEC requirements are met and will allow the community to use the tennis court.

**Frankie is very proud of her swimming ribbon!**

Burrawang Public School values our partnerships with parents and the community.