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Working Bee

Emily and Laura almost disappeared under the weeds!

Thank you to the large number of parents and students who assisted with our Working Bee last Friday. We planted some new plants, pruned some shrubs, weeded and spread mulch on the gardens. Our grounds are now looking very smart, ready for the Easter Markets!

Tyago and Georgia made many trips to the rubbish pile!

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

- Japanese Excursion
- Easter Markets

Term 1 - Week 8

Thursday 21st March   Japanese Excursion

Term 1 - Week 9

Monday 25th March   Kindy Kids Photos in Paper
Tuesday 26th March    Police Visit
Saturday 30th March  Easter Markets

Term 1 - Week 10

Tuesday 2nd April      PandC
Friday 5th April      Cross Country and Ball Games
Sunday 7th April      Lorna’s Retirement Reception

Term 1 - Week 11

Thursday 11th April  Grandparents/Harmony Day
Friday 12th April    Last Day of Term 1
                       Mrs DeCean’s Last Day!

Canteen

Thanks to Suzie Harris for organising canteen this week.

- Hot Ham and Cheese Roll  $2.50
- Hot Cheese Roll         $2.00
- Banana Smoothie         $2.00
- Apple Popper            $1.00
- Orange Popper           $1.00

Canteen orders need to be handed in before we leave for the excursion tomorrow please!
New Items in Uniform Shop

Moira Menzies has advised that new winter uniform items are available from the Uniform Shop.
- Red long sleeved Polo Shirts $20.00
- Red Skivvies $15.00
These items have been embroidered with the Burrawang School emblem. All other items fully stocked, please get ready for winter.

Nihongo Tanken Centre

Tomorrow, Thursday 21st March 2013, is our excursion to the Nihongo Tanken Centre (Japanese Cultural Centre) at Kirrawee. Please note that students need to be at school by 7:45am ready for roll marking in our assembly area.

Students need to wear their correct summer school uniform, including black shoes, and bring appropriate clothing for the weather conditions (sunscreen, school jumper etc). A broad-brimmed school hat MUST be worn on the day. Lunch is provided on the day, however it is suggested that a small snack be included in your child’s lunchbox in case they are hungry, along with a drink. Students are asked to bring their school bag to hold all their items.

We are expecting to return to school at approximately 4:00 – 4:30pm. If we are going to be late we will send a text message to Terese Haberle who will then contact all parents. Everyone is looking forward to a great Japanese excursion tomorrow!

AG Class Intensive Week

Last week we went to the Academically Gifted class for the whole week. Our teacher is Mrs Caltabiano. When we first walked into Bowral School we felt nervous and excited at the same time.

We got given the novel ‘War Horse’ by Michael Morpurgo to read. We are going to go to and see the puppet show of War Horse in Sydney with life size puppets and three people in each horse. Mrs C. also started reading ‘Private Peaceful’ to us which is another book by Michael Morpurgo. We like the book so far and want to keep reading it.

On Tuesday we did Smartie maths. This involved counting and graphing the Smarties into colours and estimating the weight of Smarties in containers. In the end we got to eat the Smarties.

During our time at the AG class Mr Fizzics also came to our class. He taught us to do lots of science experiments and how to put the results into tables and graphs. He gave us a good puzzle and showed us the Mobius strip. Mr Fizzics also showed us a Klein bottle on YouTube. We liked the AG class and all can't wait to go again.

Cross Country

The Cross Country Gala Day will be held on Friday 5th April 2013 at Berrima Public School. The cost of the excursion is $7.50 per student. A permission note is enclosed with this newsletter. Please return the permission note, with the correct money, by Wednesday 27th March 2013. We do not have a canteen list yet but it will be sent home as soon as it is received. Students need to wear their sports uniform, school hats and sports shoes. We have been training at school when the weather permits. Parents are encouraged to come along to the Gala Day to support our students and also to assist with supervision of Burrawang students while teachers are involved in race duties.
Cross Country Practice

Mrs Hindmarsh has requested that students bring spare socks and joggers in their school bag each day so that they are able to train comfortably for the Cross Country. The grounds are often quite damp and wet grass is being picked up on shoes and tracked into the classrooms. Students are expected to wear their black school shoes to school each day. They will change their shoes before/after training each day. Thanks for your support.

Corn Harvest

Jessica, Aurora and Rose said the corn was delicious!

Mr Robinson harvested our corn crop yesterday. He then cooked some cobs for students to enjoy during afternoon recess. Most students were very keen to taste our corn and they all agreed that it was the best corn ever! We thank Mr Robinson for his enthusiasm and support of our vegetable garden.

Robertson Show Excursion Refunds

Parents are reminded that there are still outstanding refunds for Robertson Show to be collected. Parents need to collect their refunds from the school office. Mrs Fryer will be in the office on Thursday this week and from Tuesday – Friday next week. We would appreciate it if all refunds could be finalised quickly so that our office records are up to date.

Book Club

Included with this newsletter is a special Clearance Sale brochure for Book Club. This is additional to the normal Book Club offers. Parents are asked to please return any orders, in a labelled envelope, with the correct money, by next Wednesday 27th March 2013.

Earn and Learn Delivery

Burrawang Public School is celebrating the arrival of new educational equipment thanks to the support of the local and school community in the Woolworths Earn and Learn 2012 program.

We have received library books, games, puzzles, musical instruments, maths equipment, art and craft supplies, Japanese resources and CDs.

We look forward to your support again in 2013.
Stewart House Donation Drive

Thank you to parents and students who have already supported the 2013 Stewart House Donation Drive by returning their donation envelopes. Families who return their envelopes, and make a donation, have the chance to win a $4,000.00 family holiday to a destination of their choice.

Apples for Everyone

K-2 students, assisted by Mr Robinson, harvested our apple crop last week. They were amazed that so many apples could grow on such a small tree! More than four buckets full of apples were harvested. All students have sampled our produce and were very impressed by the taste!

Mrs DeCean’s Farewell

All parents have been invited to come and celebrate Lorna’s retirement after 40 years of teaching with the Department of Education and Communities. The Reception will be held at the Burrawang School of Arts on Sunday 7th April 2013. Invitations were distributed by the P and C this week. Please RSVP with payment slip by 28th March 2013.

Easter Markets

The Easter Markets are rapidly approaching. All families are encouraged to support the P and C as they try to fill all places on their Easter Market roster. Remember also that this is the major fundraiser for our P and C and all profits will be used to support the continued delivery of high quality educational outcomes and opportunities for all students.

Grandparents/Harmony Day

All parents, grandparents and friends of our school are invited to join us on Thursday 11th April 2013 from 9.30am until approximately 12 noon as we celebrate Grandparents/Harmony Day. This will also be the day students are able to farewell Mrs DeCean.

Suzie Harris is coordinating the supply of food from a variety of cultures for students and visitors to eat for lunch on the day. Suzie is looking for parents who are willing to prepare food from a particular country, and to serve the food at school on Harmony Day. Please contact Suzie with your offers of assistance.

Students are asked to try to dress in some or all of the clothing associated with a cultural group or country of their choice. Students who are unable to source any costumes need to wear their school uniform. We are once again looking forward to a great Grandparents/Harmony Day.

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