Environment Day Excursion

What a great day! A big thank you to the Wingecarribee Council for continuing to offer this great day. As usual, our students represented the school wonderfully. We were well-behaved, were enthusiastic and gave 100% during all the activities. The day was full of important environmental messages and there were many 'eye opening' facts regarding resources and waste. Students were reminded to make sure they were 'fire aware' by discussing their family's Fire Safety Plan. Please look at the school web page for photos taken during the excursion.

Garden News

Thank you to all of our holiday helpers who came and kept the garden watered in the holidays. Most of our plants have established themselves and some have grown considerably already! We hope to keep planting, as we are planning on using our produce in a variety of ways and the more we have, the more options we have.

Our students are taking great responsibility for our gardens, following our roster to ensure they are being well looked after.

And the waratah that we planted on Schools Tree Day is now in flower. All very exciting!
Genius Hour presentations

This term is quickly disappearing before our eyes. We have needed to secure a date for our students to present their Genius Hour Projects and have chosen next Monday 19th October.

As you know, students have been working hard on their Genius Hour projects over 2 terms. This project developed from an area that each student was passionate about and has been an awesome learning experience. Not only is the final product they have created important, but the journey and skills learned along the way are equally as important. Some students had smooth sailing, while others faced challenges they needed to try to overcome. This was all part of the learning.

We are very excited to invite you to an afternoon to celebrate this learning journey and share both our experiences and our final results. From 3.30pm we will be celebrating with drinks and nibbles. Presentations will begin around 3.45pm. Each student will have up to 3-4 mins for their presentation.

We hope you are able to come and celebrate with us. We understand this date may not be suitable for all students. If you are unable to present this Monday, we will provide an opportunity in one of our Friday assemblies for you to share with us. Can you please let your teacher know if you will be attending (for catering purposes)

Art workshops

In weeks 8, 9 and 10, (Friday afternoon) we will once again be holding end of year art workshops for our students. Some of the activities we participated in last year included basket weaving, mosaic, screen printing, mural and Christmas craft.

We are looking for any parents/community/family who may have skills in an area of art who may be willing to come and work with our students. Could you please let the school know if you would be able to help.

Answer the call

The first week of term 4, Zoe, Ella and Frankie launched “Answer the Call” program to help save the gorillas that are on the endangered list. The program is about recycling mobile phones, MP3 players and Tablets. There is a rare earth called Coltan used in mobile phones that is mined in Congo, Central Africa within the endangered gorillas habitat. Miners are digging up the land to get Coltan which means lots of gorillas’ habitats are bring reduced dramatically. Recycling mobile phones reduces the need to mine, helping to save the Gorillas habitat. Plus for every phone recycled, $2 is donated by Phone Cycle to the Gorillas Doctors, who provide on the ground, life saving medical care, saving Gorillas, one patient at a time.

If you have an old or broken mobile phone, MP3, Tablet or even chargers and headphones sitting around at home, we would love them! If you could bring it into Burrawang Public School, we will do the rest.

If you have any questions please ask Zoe, Ella or Frankie or you could go to our facebook page http://facebook.com/Gorilla.Girls or our blog www.gorillagirl.blog.com or Instagram https://instagram.com/gorilla.girls/

Thank you :)
Equestrian event

Abbey Holcombe from Year 2 represented Burrawang Primary School at the Worrigee Inter School Equestrian Championship last weekend with her pony Slippery. Abbey won the Inter School Challenge for her age group. This involved doing a ridden test on the flat, handling her pony from the ground and riding over a jumps course. Abbey and Slippery also came 3rd and 4th in her show jumping competitions in her age group.

Nude food day

This Friday we will be participating in National Nude Food Day.

Nude Food Day is a nationwide initiative developed to encourage kids and parents to eat well and live well, and eliminate all unnecessary packaging and wrapping that goes into schools.

Essentially, kids bring their food – nude! This will reduce the amount of rubbish that goes into the bins, that goes into the ground, that pollutes our planet. This is an amazingly simple concept that really empowers the kids to create change, you will be amazed with how enthused they can become!

So don’t forget – no wrappings on your food this Friday. Check out the Nude Food Day website for ideas on what you could pack in your lunchbox.


Choral Festival

Families of Choral Group students will be pleased to know that Burrawang Public School proved themselves to be well-prepared at the recent cluster rehearsal. The students are to be commended for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. While we have worked hard, it has also been a lot of fun. It has been my pleasure to be involved. We are all very much looking forward to performance day. At this stage all arrangements are as per the information given earlier.

What's happening – Junior Class

Our K-2 class would like to welcome Leo and Jack who joined our class last week. It is lovely to have you here and we are starting to become more confident at knowing who is who!

This week we have been busy with assessment tasks leading up to end of year reports. Our students have been demonstrating the skills they have learned this year. I am very impressed with the progress that has been made by all students throughout the year.
In between assessment tasks we have had some fun designing symmetrical hexagon wheels and creating persuasive posters on “Piccollage” for the movie night, ensuring we used our visual literacy skills to create a poster that had all relevant information and that was easy to read.

We have also begun learning some new songs on the recorder, in preparation for our end of year Presentation afternoon.

**What's happening – Senior Class**

With our Genius Hour presentations happening soon, the discovery of OneNote as a vehicle for learning and school play auditions happening soon, the Senior Class has been buzzing with its usual excitement and enthusiasm. We have been collaborating on OneNote online to write and prepare the Senior Class play script for our end of year play. This year, the students have chosen 'Peter Pan' with a few student-added twists and dialogue changes, which has been fun. In literacy we have continued our focus on Informative Reports and are underway with writing 'breaking news' Tsunami Report transcripts. This has involved learning about how journalists strategically use high-impact images, how colour can dramatically change the feel or mood of a live news report, and how including interviews with professionals and eye-witnesses in news reports is sometimes a strategic way of persuading an audience to have an emotional response. In maths we have worked on learning the rules of multiplying positive and negative integers (Stage 3) and learning to identify and use the Associative and Commutative Laws when problem solving (Stage 2).

A reminder that it is important that students regularly work on learning to have instant recall of multiplication facts (times-tables).

Homework for Weeks 1 and 2 has been focused on preparing for our Ted Talk style Genius Hour presentations. Students have been given all the necessary information about this and details are available in our OneNote Content Library folder.

**SRC News**

The SRC have been busily organising a fun fundraiser that aims to mark reptile awareness day. We have taken action towards designing a Buddy Bench, an idea brought up last year. We are now buying paint and making a few final decisions. From your SRC :

**Photography competition**

Judging has been completed for the “My Highland Home” competition. We are now awaiting results. These should be published soon on the website. myhighlandshome.weebly.com

**Movie night**

We hope you can come along this Friday night to the P&C outdoor movie night. Bring along a picnic dinner, rug and your family and enjoy a social night and fun family movie – “Alexander and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.” Come along any time from 6pm. Movie starts around 7.30pm. Drinks, popcorn and fairy floss will be on sale on the night.
ICAS results

Well done to all of our students who participated in the English and Maths competitions. A special congratulations to Beatrix, Tom, Luke, Mikey and Aurora for their credits, and Ella for her distinction in the Maths competition. Special congratulations also to Zoe, Georgia, Zamina, Laura, Mikey and Luke for their credits, and Beatrix and Ella for their distinctions in the English competition. Great effort Burrawang!

Students of the Week

Congratulations to our students of the week.

Week 1 – Georgie and Indigo

Don't forget!

- Term 4 is summer uniform.
- SRC will be selling ice blocks each Wednesday for $1.
- Lost or missing notes can be downloaded from the school’s website.
- Thank you to the parents who have been making online payments. This is a much easier transaction for our office.
- Please regularly check your child’s head for headlice.
- Book club due next Wednesday

Uniform shop

The uniform shop would like to order some school bags but needs a minimum order of 10. Can you please let Nicole Woolfrey know if you would like to order a school bag.

Canteen

There will be no canteen this week as Friday is NUDE Food Day. Please let Tristen know if you are able to help out with canteen this term.

Upcoming events

Don’t forget to check the website for the most up-to-date information.

**Term 4**

**Week 2**

Tuesday 13th October  School’s environment day

Thursday 15th October  SHYAC performance (Years 3-6)

Friday 16th October  Kinder orientation session 2

*Friday assembly – Kinder / Year 1 sharing
NUDE FOOD DAY!*
Week 3

Wed 21st, Thu 22nd, Fri 23rd October  Mrs Laval at Primary Principal’s State Conference

Friday 23rd October  Friday assembly – Year 3 sharing

Week 4

Tuesday 27th October  AG class test
Wednesday 28th October  Choral festival at the Sydney Opera House
Thursday 29th October  School photographs
Friday 30th October  Aboriginal Cultural Day
                      WORLD TEACHERS DAY

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.”

- Benjamin Franklin