Remembrance Day
A whole school acknowledgement of Remembrance Day was held at the swimming pool and at school today. Our leaders led the students in a one minute silence and delivered a moving speech.

2016 Leadership
Last week our future leaders presented speeches, sharing with us the reasons they would be a good Burrawang School Leader for 2016. Students and staff have put in their votes. We had an exceptional field to select from. A huge congratulations to all our Year 5 students, who shared their impressive thoughts about leadership and their 'big' plans for the future of Burrawang Public School. It was clear from all these speeches that our students are truly passionate about the school and love being here. Results will be announced on Presentation Day.

Financial literacy workshop
We recently welcomed Start Smart to deliver their free, financial education workshops to our students. Delivered in class to students by a facilitator, Start Smart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, our students were equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money. Our students learned some great money skills and had a lot of fun.

Art workshops
Thank you to our volunteers who have offered to help out in our art workshops later this term. The more support we have, the smaller our groups are.

Selective High School 2017 applications
Applications for entry into Year 7 (2017) are now open. Parents of students in Year 5 this year who wish their child to be considered for placement will need to apply online by November 16 2015. The Selective High Schools: Year 7 placement website http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php details the application process and lists the key dates. For more information, please contact the school.

Supervision in the morning
Please be aware that supervision at school does not begin until 8:45am. If parents are dropping students prior to this, please ensure that they know that it is important that they remain seated until supervision begins. Children are encouraged to do quiet, seated activities if they are here prior to 8:45am e.g. reading, drawing.

Zbar Conference
On November 5th, both Ms Laval and Ms Pryor travelled to Kiama to participate in a conference that explored the question ‘What makes the best teachers the best?’ . We came away proud to say that our wonderful small school is well and truly on track.
Gorilla Girlz
Our Gorilla Girlz have continued their great work. Bowral Public School and Alliance Bank have decided to come on board with the campaign, with both planning to set up a collection point. The Girlz also, recently met with Pru Goward who thought the campaign to be very valuable and will be mentioning the girls’ effort in Parliament.

Garden News
The garden is going really well. Each day our students are taking responsibility for the garden by watering the bottom and top gardens, and tumbling the composter. We are ready to harvest some items! On Friday afternoon we will have some items for sale. At this stage we will be selling our small harvest of coriander and parsley. These items will be for sale under the COLA. The lettuce is also going very well, so on Friday the students will be making a nice salad for afternoon tea. Donations of cherry tomatoes or cucumber, or any other salad items would be most welcome.

My Highlands Home event
- On Sunday November 22nd (the Berrima Public School market day) will be the My Highlands Home exhibition and awards ceremony. Every entrant will have at least one photo on display, and the seven winners will have their shots enlarged. Come and see how gorgeous they ALL are! The exhibition is on at Berrima Public School from 9am - 2pm with the awards ceremony at 12.45. All welcome.
- Our beautiful calendars, full of the kids’ wonderful images and words, will be back from the printer this week - they look great and will make perfect Christmas gifts. More on how you can buy very soon.
NAPLAN results
Burrawang Public School has recently had quite a bit of positive publicity as Ms Laval has been asked to take interviews with 2ST radio and more recently, with Latte Life. The publicity and fantastic NAPLAN results are great for our school. These include Australia wide out of 7,476 schools (Government and non-Government):

- 1st in Writing
- 4th in Spelling
- 8th in Reading
- 55th in Numeracy
- 85th in Grammar and Punctuation
- 6th overall in Australia (2nd Government school in the top 6 behind top performing schools Sydney Grammar and St Ives)

The teachers at Burrawang, however, firmly believe that our educational goals for students do not centre on trying to get the best NAPLAN scores. While this is very nice, and does validate all the good work our students, teachers and parents are doing to help our students to keep improving and grow educationally, our educational goals surpass good NAPLAN scores. We are seeking development of the whole child. We want our students to be inspired and to want to learn and improve. We are seeing this each day in our classrooms, and this is just as rewarding as receiving the wonderful NAPLAN results the school has.

We do, however, have cause for celebration as these kinds of results are something to be proud of and to celebrate. We will be holding a whole school celebration on Thursday (Week 7). And in the spirit of 21st century learning, the teachers will be handing the decision making regarding 'how to celebrate' over to the children. Please be aware that swimming routines will not change for this celebration, and the celebration will happen at school during normal school hours.

Aboriginal Cultural Day

On Friday the 30th of October K-6 attended Aboriginal Cultural day that was held at Glenquarry. The day was arranged by Mr Southwell. There were lots of different Aboriginal people who came in and shared activities that explained their lifestyle. Lots of these activities are played by young Aboriginal children. One of the activities I participated in was a weaving activity. A lady, who was half Italian half Aboriginal, gave us a stick that was shaped like a 'y' and we had to weave: leaves, wool, feathers and even snake skin! This object was used to play catch or to collect duck eggs. Here is what some K-2 students thought about their time.

"We talked about all the different boomerangs and my favourite game was where people with a "spear” had to try and knock the bowling pin, which was a baby, and you had to try and make sure that the "spear" didn't kill the baby. We had to get painted like an Aboriginal. The colours were red, black and yellow." says Abbey Holcombe.

"We ate leaves in the forest to help you in the bushes when you have no water to drink. We painted pictures of animals. When we went to the dreamtime story station they showed us different types of boomerangs and we got to hold them." Says Jack Ponte.

We finished the day off by collecting our things and going home on the bus.

By Frankie Lobban.
Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons began on Monday and all students are enjoying this activity. Due to our bus timetable we are unable to go ahead with our Hot Chips and Nugget Lunch this Friday. Mrs Hindmarsh has spoken to our bus driver and been able to arrange for a later pick up time from the pool on Friday 20 November. This means that the students will have their special lunch then. We will be sending home a price list for the Chips and Nuggets and request that you write on a school envelope your child’s order and enclose the correct money. This way we can pre-order the lunches ready for collection at the end of the Friday lesson.

What’s happening – Junior Class

In Science our students last week looked at the properties of uncooked and cooked spaghetti. They described the advantages of using each of these for different purposes, including creating a tower.

What’s happening – Senior Class

Production is in full swing for our up and coming performance of Peter Pan. All our actors and actresses are giving their best and things are looking good. We look forward to sharing our hard work with the audience on Presentation Day. We are still hoping to have a small-scale pirate ship. If anyone can donate an hours work with a jigsaw, that would be greatly appreciated. We will also be in need of two grey plastic swords. If anyone finds one that we could borrow please send it in. Thank you.

Our students were really enthused by the Financial Literacy session last week. This was an amazing opportunity for our students and the message SEE IT! EARN IT! SAVE IT! was truly put into action as the students were asked to create business models.
Students of the Week

Congratulations to our students of the week.

Week 5 – Laura and Abbey

Don't forget!

- 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 Issue 8 due next Wednesday 18/11

Upcoming events

24th & 30th November Interrelate

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

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- Albert Einstein

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