Celebrate!
Yesterday 17th March, Aurora attended the Zone Hockey trials. For Aurora, the day was a huge success as she was selected as part of the PSSA Goulburn Hockey squad. This is a fantastic achievement! Aurora will now attend the South Coast trials in Unanderra next Friday 27 March. We wish Aurora luck.

“Doing things together” day
The Small School Community of Schools ‘Doing Things Together Day’ was held on Wednesday which was an enormous success. Berrima Public School played host to three local schools, including Burrawang Public School, and the teachers ran fun and innovative learning experiences. We look forward to getting together again on Wednesday 27 May.

Ride2School day Success
National RIDE2SCHOOL Day, went off with a bang at Burrawang Public School. As part of the school’s curriculum learning in Personal Development, a bike safety day was held. Bikes of all shapes and sizes, and a few scooters, streamed into the school grounds on Friday 13th March. Smiling faces were everywhere and the students were very keen to show their bikes and helmets to friends. A whole day of bike safety events was implemented. We had been well prepared for a day of safe biking by local policeman, Constable Miller, who visited us on Tuesday 10th to talk about bike safety.
Ride2School day Success (continued)
Ride2school day began with a workshop on ‘How to conduct a bike safety check’. With clipboards and checklists in hand, students worked together to check their bike for safety. Students checked for wear and tear, appropriate seat and handlebar height and ran brake checks. These checklists were then sent home so parents could view these with their child. This activity then led into a movie making challenge. Students made informative iMovies about bike safety and shared these using our Apple TV classroom technology. Our final activity involved riding a skills course. A big thank you to our student policemen, for their diligence in ensuring safe biking. Although a few police tickets and fines had to be given out for illegal overtaking, failing to stop in the emergency braking zone and for nearly running over elderly pedestrians... the afternoon was filled with fun and safe biking. A fantastic Burrawang Public School initiative!

Ride2School Colouring Competition
All students should have today received a Bike Safety Colouring Competition. This is intended to be a fun home activity. This is by no means a homework task and students can take responsibility for making the decision to enter if they want, as entry is not compulsory. These need to be returned to the school office, with student name on the back, no later than Wednesday 1st of April. The junior and senior class winners will be announced at the end of term assembly. There will be a small prize for the winners.

The judges will be looking for bike helmets that are creatively and carefully designed and coloured. We have already been asked the very important question, ‘Can we use glitter and textas?’ The answer is yes. The helmet can be added to with paper, pencils, paint, crayons and/or texta (or with anything else that hasn’t been mentioned).
Chess Club

Thank you to Greg Hoare who has made a commitment to coordinating and running chess throughout 2015. Greg’s support is vital as this program would be unable to run without parent support. During Week 7 chess club was available to students who were considering being involved. In Week 8 students will be asked to begin showing their commitment to being involved in Chess Club by ensuring that they attend all Chess Club training sessions (usually Thursdays). A roll will be marked each session and students that do not attend each session for reasons other than absence from school, will not be able to attend the chess tournament days. Please discuss the importance of demonstrating commitment with your child/children.

Mr Ben Hewitt

Mr Hewitt, visited on Monday afternoon to share his expert debating knowledge with the Senior Class. There were a few challenging questions, but as we always do in the Senior Class, we rise to the challenge. Thank you Mr Hewitt for sharing your expertise.

What’s happening - Senior Class

Robertson Show was so much fun. Who would have expected a chook washing demonstration to be so much fun? The high point was when the chook was getting its feathers blow dried. What a pampered fowl!

Preparations are well underway for our involvement in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. This fortnight we worked on gaining confidence with preparing, writing and presenting impromptu speeches. We used self and peer assessment to support students in developing and further refining their public speaking skills. We continued our public speaking preparations by planning our prepared speeches. We supported each other by working in groups. Some amazing ideas came out and most students had a solid speech plan for writing their prepared speeches. We also began our in class impromptu rounds.

Math’s drills in the ‘four facts family’ highlighted for a few students that they need to work on learning these facts at home as well as at school. We had fun exploring the App ‘Pages’ and learnt how to create digital graphs and tables for data input. We made great use of the website IXL Maths during our lessons on Addition and Subtraction, with most students groaning because they had to go out to lunch rather than continuing their maths. What a fantastic predicament!

Our Antarctica sculpture is finally finished and looks great. Parents are welcome to have a look at our sculpted version of the coldest place on earth.

Our Focus on Reading work this week involved reading and viewing children’s storybooks to gain a better understanding of how pictures and images (in books, movies etc) help to add to our understanding of the meaning that is in a story. We read The Windy Farm and King Pig then annotated selected illustrations and made decisions about what we thought each of the characters were thinking.
What’s happening - Junior class

This week we welcomed Evelyn to our class. Evelyn joins our Kinder group and we know she will enjoy our beautiful school.

In Science, we have been learning about how things change. This week, we checked on the progress of our mini “garden” in the playground. We worked together to record on the Ipads what changes had occurred to our items, and why. We all enjoyed creating and sharing information in table form.

In Maths, we have been learning about multiplication (or as we say “groups of.”) Kinders have been making groups of objects and recording how many equal groups they have made. Year 1 and 2 have been demonstrating their understanding of groups, by using arrays to assist in their calculations. Great effort!

Well done to our Kinder and Year 1 students who did a fantastic job sharing their work at last Friday’s assembly. They are developing a great deal of confidence and this is a great way to start their schooling. We look forward to having them lead our assembly this week.

Introduction of ‘Houses’ at Burrawang

Many schools have a House system. As part of this system, students are allocated a house and as part of these house groups, students work together on a range of activities or to compete in well-spirited house competitions. As part of our Burrawang PS Three Year Strategic Plan, I will be coordinating the introduction of a house system. This will promote student responsibility, leadership opportunities and to encourage strong school spirit. Students will shortly be allocated house groups and the first school community activity will be held early next term. Please note that siblings may not be in the same house.

I have researched into the history of Burrawang and found three suitable names and associated values for our Houses. These are, Throsby (exploration and curiosity), McGrath (determination of spirit) and Hoddle (clarity of course/path). However, suggestions for alternatives are welcome. Our first House Event, a Literary Evening will take place early in Term 2. Parent support will be required, so if there are any novice or perhaps expert, actors and actresses out there who have a couple of hours to donate, your help would be appreciated. About five brave parent volunteers are needed. Please let me know. I look forward to working together to make this Burrawang initiative, fantastic.

Ms Pryor
Burrawang Garden Project

To launch our 2015 Burrawang Garden Project, on Monday 16th March students from both the Junior and Senior classes had the privilege of participating in a gardening workshop, led by expert Horticulturist, Mark Cronin. His engaging workshop sparked students’ interests, so lots of great questions were asked and lots of learning took place. As part of Phase 1 of our gardening project, students were learning about:

- The importance of cultivating rich, ‘well-fed’ soil
- How to compost
- How and what to plant
- The benefits of mulching
- Good bugs vs bad bugs

Visitors to the school may notice our freshly planted seeds in plastic pots. With daily watering and monitoring, we hope to see these first seeds flourish. Also, as part of this first Phase of our 2015 Garden Project, we will be launching a public Blog for diarising our progress, our learning and the physical changes in our edible garden. This is a very exciting time at Burrawang Public School and we look forward to embarking on our garden journey.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to our students of the week.

Week 6 - Griffin, Zamina
Week 7 - Abbey, Mikey

PBS Award Winners

30 Responsible Tickets!
Congratulations to Laura, Zoe and Georgia

Don't forget!

- SRC will be selling ice blocks on Wednesday lunchtimes for $1
- Lost or missing notes can be downloaded from the school's website.

Canteen - No canteen this week
Upcoming events

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

Week 8  
Wednesday/ Thursday 18/19 March  Mrs Laval at “Inspire Innovate” Conference.
Friday 20 March  
*Friday morning formal assembly* –
Year 3 SHARING
Debating day – Bowral Public School

Week 9  
Monday 23 March  
HARMONY DAY activities.
Student leader conference
Parent/ teacher/ student interviews – all week

Tuesday 24 March  
Cross Country/ Ball games at Berrima Public School

Friday 27 March  
*Friday morning formal assembly* –
Year 5 SHARING

Week 10  
Monday 30 March  
Public Speaking Stage 2 & 3 (Prepared speeches - parents welcome) 9:30 – 10:30am

Wednesday 1 April  
Impromptu Public Speaking

Thursday 2 April  
End of Term Assembly and Easter Hat parade 2pm

Friday 3 April  
Good Friday
Beginning of school holidays

Saturday 4 April  
Easter Markets

Term 2

Week 1  
Monday 20 April  
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21 April  
Students return
Parent Teacher Interviews

We will be holding parent teacher interviews next week. The notion of holding these meetings earlier in the year, provides information for parents, well before report time.

For these meetings, we are encouraging students to also be involved in the meeting.

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