Cross Country

The Cross Country carnival that was held on 31st March, was a hugely successful day. As always, our students were beautifully behaved and demonstrated school and team spirit through encouraging each other. All students have a success story to tell about their experience at the Cross Country day, whether it be achieving a personal best, helping to encourage a friend to keep on pushing through, winning the ball games or simply not being eaten alive by the mosquitoes hanging around the running track. As a school, we have success stories too. Congratulations to Abbey, Frankie and Oscar for tackling the running track with grit and determination. These students have earned themselves a place in the district carnival to be held on 7th May! An outstanding personal and school achievement! We wish you luck. Congratulations also to our new Kindergarten class member Evelyn for finishing 2nd in her age race.

National Young Leaders Day 2015

On Monday the 23rd Jessica and Zoe went on a day trip to Sydney to participate in the National Young Leaders day 2015. With 6000 other students we listened to 5 inspiring speeches.
1: Mike Martin, CEO of Halogen (expert on leadership)
2: Premier Mike Baird, Premier of NSW.
3: Bindi Irwin conservationist.
4: Rachel Leahcar, she came 3rd in The Voice and is 90% legally blind.
5: Dylan Parker and James Norton. They designed paper planes for the movie Paper Planes.

Each speaker gave an influential speech about leadership.

Mike Martin talked to us about how
. Leadership means influence.
. to use stories to engage people.
. You don't need a badge to be a leader.

Premier Mike Baird spoke to us about how
. You are never too young to be a leader.
. You can always achieve more than you think.
. Have courage.
Bindi Irwin spoke to us about
. Follow your passion.
. Learn as much as you can.
. You don't have to be a celebrity to make a difference.

Rachel Leahcar said
. Nothing is impossible.
. Challenges create character.
. Each failure is a stepping stone to success.

Dylan Parker and James Norton said
. Push your boundaries and find your limits
. Don't worry about what other people think of you.
. If you make something fun, it is not work anymore.

We had a fantastic experience and it was totally worth our while. We now have a number of great ideas that we will share with the SRC and in future newsletters.

Harmony Day

Last week our school celebrated Harmony Day, through a variety of learning experiences. Students worked together to create our wonderful photo (above), depicting a word that highlighted harmony to them. Students also worked collaboratively to create and present something of their choice for Harmony Day. Some created posters, music, movies and art work. We look forward to presenting our creations for families at our end of term assembly this Thursday.

Anzac Day 2015

Once again, our school has been invited to participate in our community Anzac Day ceremonies. There will be a wreath laying ceremony at the Burrawang War Memorial at 10am at which our school leaders will lay a bunch of flowers.

At the conclusion of this ceremony, all will transfer to the Robertson War Memorial for another wreath laying and then the commemorative Anzac Day service in the School of Arts which commences at 11am.
All students and families are invited to attend one or both of these services. Students will be expected to attend in full school uniform as a sign of respect. We hope you can make it.

**Reviving the Garden**

We pulled on our gardening gloves last Friday and revived our existing vegetable garden beds, by pulling out all the weeds. This was difficult and dirty work, but there were smiles everywhere. Another display of enthusiasm and team work from our wonderful students! Students have now, also started on the next phase of our Garden Project, as the whole school has been working on group projects that involve researching a chosen vegetable or fruit. You can also check out our very ‘new and still under construction’ garden blog at


We are very excited to be incorporating some of our 21st century learning skills with our garden project!

A big thank you, to Gavin Brain for working on our most recent grant application. As part of this grant application, we have applied for a free standing oven and kitchen benches, as we have big dreams for an outdoor learning/cooking space. This would be a fantastic addition to our school Garden Project. Our fingers are crossed.
Hockey News

Although unsuccessful in making it through to the next level, Aurora played some great Hockey at the zone trials. A great achievement!

Public Speaking

Students in the Senior Class have this term been working towards preparing for our 2015 public speaking competition. The competition was held over two sessions, the first on the 30th March (prepared speeches) and the second on 1st April (impromptus). The public speaking competition highlighted just how skilled and clever our students are. We have many deep thinkers and creative presenters. Our most successful speakers were able to share cohesive ideas, present with confidence and expression, and were able to think on their feet during the impromptus. I look forward to announcing the winners at the end of term assembly at 2:00pm on 2nd April.

What's happening - Junior class

Our class has been enjoying the wind down to Easter holidays. We have done some interesting writing about Easter, some Easter art/craft, and even some Easter Maths work.

This term has seen some fantastic progress for all of our students, in particular our Kinder students who are working beyond expectations.

Last week our students set up a digital portfolio on the ipads. This will enable our students to collect samples of their work, which can then be shared with the class and parents. This week, students enjoyed recording themselves reading. This is just one of the many innovative practices that Burrawang will be utilising in the future.

What's happening - Senior Class

A very busy fortnight! In Maths we worked on comparing and locating angles of different sizes this week. Year 6 made a few discoveries about adjacent angles and angles that sit together on a line. Year 5 orientated to using a protractor to measure angles in degrees, and had a "wow" moment when we discussed that the angles of three sided shapes always add to 180 degrees and the angles of four sided shapes add to 360 degrees. Year 4 identified and labelled angles larger and smaller than a right angle as either 'obtuse' or 'acute' angles. Year 3 were introduced to the idea that angles are measured in degrees and we were then able to locate and label some 90 degree angles.

Our ‘I am dreaming of’ artworks are looking amazing. Students have used black, white and grey tones to add words and hidden thoughts to a photo of their own profile. They loved taking photos of each other and then had to take a lot of care to cut around their profile. We had a funny moment when BB said that she wanted to retake her photo because "she had cut off her nose and now looked like Voldemort".

Literacy sessions have been awesome! After Mr Hewitt's session about Antarctica, I was inspired with a creative idea for using Mr Hewitt's PowerPoint of Antarctica photographs. The children have started using the
photographs to write children’s books for the junior class. They have loved this activity.

And in addition to all this, our two school leaders have been to the Leadership Day and shared back, we have worked together on Harmony Day activities, worked in our garden, started a garden research project and spent time working on our public speaking skills to prepare for our public speaking competition. It has been a fun and productive couple of weeks!

**Burrawang Public School Facebook page**

I am very excited with the overwhelmingly positive response to our new Facebook page. Within days of our launch, we have received over 300 views of some of our posts, with our Harmony Day photo receiving 30 likes. This is proving to be a valuable way to promote our beautiful school in the wider community, and celebrate the achievements of our students with family and friends. Don’t forget to ask your friends and family to like our page!

**Mr Hewitt talked about Antarctica**

Mr Hewitt came to speak with the Senior Class about his visit to Antarctica. It was amazing to have some real stories from someone lucky enough to visit Antarctica. His slideshow of photos was stunning. Thank you.

**SRC News**

Well done SRC. You planned a fantastic Pyjama Day. We are all looking forward to having a guess at your Easter Egg guessing competition at the Burrawang Easter Market. What a great SRC imitative!

**Burrawang 3 year school plan**

Our 2015 – 2017 school plan has now been finalised. This will be posted on our website by the end of the holidays. I would like to thank the efforts of staff and parents for their input, feedback and contributions to the development of this very important plan which will drive our school improvement over the next 3 years. Our 2
strategic directions are for us to develop:-
1. Consistently high standards of educational practice leading to confident and creative 21st century learners.
2. Responsible, respectful and active citizens.
We look forward to working closely with our community to achieve these goals.

**Burrawang bus shelter**

As you may now know, work is beginning in the holidays on the erection of a bus shelter outside our school. This shelter will be situated next to the telephone booth, and council have undergone tree removal in preparation for this. I believe the two stumps will be removed shortly.

**Students of the Week**

Congratulations to our students of the week.

Week 8 – Luke Whatman and Bronte Holcombe
Week 9 – Indigo Brain

**PBS Award Winners 30 Safe Tickets!**

Congratulations to Abbey and Beatrix for achieving 30 safe tickets.

**Don’t forget!**

- SRC will be selling flavoured milk next term on a Wednesday. Strawberry or chocolate milk $1. Bring your own mug or cup.
- Lost or missing notes can be downloaded from the school’s website.

**Canteen** - No canteen this week Good Friday

**Upcoming events**

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

*Apologies for the recent technical difficulties we experienced with our website. It appears to be working fine now.*

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Saturday 25 April
Community Anzac Day services

Week 2
Friday 1 May
Sydney Excursion Yrs K to 6

Friday morning formal assembly
Year 2 sharing
Mother’s Day activities 2pm

Week 3
Friday 8 May

Wishing all of our families a Happy Easter,

*and a wonderful holiday with family and friends.*