Education Week activities

Next week is Education week. Please find attached information related to our Community of Schools concert on Wednesday night, and Open Day on Thursday. Once again we are looking for volunteers for our parent/student debate. Please contact Ms Pryor if you are available.

WriteOn competition

WriteOn is an annual writing competition for NSW students in Years 1 to 6. The competition is designed to encourage students to develop their writing skills. Our school is able to submit one entry from each stage (Year 1/2, Years 3/4 and Years 5/6) More information is attached if your child is interested in entering.

Victory Bell

It is so wonderful when our students come up with really fantastic ideas that contribute to our whole school community in positive ways. Jessica Billet came up with a wonderful way to repurpose our school bell and as a result, it has been decided that outstanding achievement by our students, will be recognised by the ringing of what will now be called our ‘Victory Bell’. We think this is a wonderful way to recognise the efforts and achievements of those students who have achieved exceptional results. Students will also be given the opportunity to inscribe their name in our new book of ‘Outstanding Achievements’. We look forward to celebrating our achievements in these ways.

Spelling Bee

Each year the DEC Arts Unit coordinate a variety of extracurricular competitions. The Premier’s Spelling Bee is a competition that is run annually and all students in NSW public schools are eligible to enter. This year Burrawang Public School will be sending four students to the competition (two from Stage 2 and two from Stage 3).

A class competition will be held on 11th September (date to be confirmed) to decide who will progress to the Regional Finals. Information and word lists are available from The Arts Unit website:


The password to access the word lists is robot. Stage 2 are juniors and Stage 3 are seniors. The word lists will be available to students at school and some preparation for this competition will happen at school outside class time. However, due to the extensive nature of preparing for this competition, preparation for this will need to happen predominately at home.

Woolworths Earn and learn

It’s on again. We will be collecting the Earn and Learn stickers, which will enable us to gain much needed resources for our school. Please share the word with families and friends. You can place your stickers in the box at Woolworths or in the box in the front office.
Environmental studies

As you know, our school is focusing on developing our school garden as part of our school plan. Thank you to Natalie for her donation of worms for our worm farm and to Gavin for helping our students plant some additional bulbs in our garden. We are always looking for helpers to come in and work with our students in the garden at lunchtime. Please contact the school if you are available to help.

Educational Experience Fundraiser

I know that Christmas seems a long way away, but it’s never too early to start shopping. Today we are sending home an Educational Experience catalogue for your perusal. If you are interested in purchasing any items from this catalogue, please order directly to Educational Experience, ensuring you nominate Burrawang Public School as your nominated centre. Our school receives 20% of all orders back in vouchers to spend on school resources. If you require any more catalogues for friends and family, please just ask.

Senior Class- What’s happening

The Senior Class warmly welcomed Macquarie University student, Mrs Wood, into our class. Mrs Wood will be with us for four weeks and is a final year primary education student.

The Senior Class is always a rich place of learning. Already we have been involved in some rich classroom discussions about authors and how they are very selective when choosing words. Grammar lessons have focused on differentiation between passive and active voice when writing and the purposes for these writing styles. Maths has been really hands on, with students learning about volume and capacity by manipulating familiar 3D shapes e.g. jatz, rice bubbles and weetbix boxes.

Students will be working on Lesson 15 in spelling and Unit 15 in their maths metals book, this week. Parents are also strongly encouraged to support continued growth in reading by not only sitting with their child as they read, but also sparking conversation about the text to support reading for understanding.
Junior Class – What’s happening

The junior class has begun some new routines this term, with the introduction of short Maths activities first thing in the morning. We are also focusing this term on speaking and listening, with students now sharing a variety of information during their “news” time. We are looking at the attributes of a good speaker and have begun practising giving feedback to each other based on these criteria. We are very fortunate this term to have access to Mrs Wood’s stick insects as our class pets, as we study our new Science unit of work “Staying Alive.” Students will be working this term on their personal project about their pets and what they need. We look forward to seeing some creative presentations later this term.

We are looking forward to our class excursion to see the show “Gruffalo” next week. (We were lucky to have this last minute opportunity as one of the other schools had to cancel) Another exciting term planned. Watch this space!

Kindergarten enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are being accepted now. Please pass this information onto anyone you know who may have children wishing to enrol for next year. Enrolment forms are available from the front office.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to our students of the week.

Week 1 – Le and Beatrix

ICAS competitions.

Congratulations to all of our students who have participated in recent ICAS competitions. Our school has done exceptionally well, with Georgia and Ella receiving distinction awards in the Digital technologies exam and Mikey receiving a high distinction. Mikey scored in the top 1% of students in Australia. We are very proud of you!

PBS tickets

Congratulations to the many students who received PBS certificates recently.
Don't forget!

- SRC will be selling hot chocolate again this term 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.

Canteen

*Thanks Marcella for organising canteen this week*

Egg & Ham Cups  50c each

(Egg is baked in bread in a muffin mould with ham sprinkled on top of it.
**Ham is optional so mark on order if you do not wish to have the ham**)

Poppers  $1 each

Please ensure the orders and money are handed in to school on Thursday 23rd July for catering purposes.

Upcoming events

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

Week 2

Monday 20 July  Dance rehearsal
Friday 24 July  Friday assembly – Year 4 sharing
  District Athletics Carnival
  Schools tree day
  Canteen

Week 3 – Education Week

Monday 27 July  English ICAS
Wednesday 29 July  Rehearsal at Moss Vale HS – All day
  Community of Schools concert at Moss Vale High School 6:30 – 8pm
Thursday 30 July  Education Week open day and assembly. 9.15am
Friday 31 July  No assembly

Week 4

Monday  3rd August  Chess Teams Tournament at Tudor House
Tuesday  4th August  ICAS English
Wednesday 5th August
Festival of Instrumental Music – Recorder Jacaranda Concert at the Sydney Opera House

Friday 7th August
Canteen
Friday assembly – Year 3 sharing