Garden News

What an amazing sight our school has been over the past week! Our students have done an amazing job transforming an unused part of our playground into a beautiful vegetable garden area.

Our huge pile of dirt has been shovelled and barrowed into our garden beds. Mulch has been laid around the gardens and seedlings have been planted. Students have given up their playtime and even their weekend to get our gardens looking great!

But of course we won’t ever be finished, as our gardens have plenty of room to grow and we will continue to add more.

We are very much looking forward to harvest time and have grand plans to use produce in cooking projects, to sell produce and enter items in next year’s show!

Well done Burrawang students who are all now experts in their chosen vegetable. We have an enormous amount of knowledge between us.

A big thank you to our community who are also supporting us by coming in on the weekend to continue shovelling, buying plants and tools, and watering our plants when we are not at school. This is a great community effort. Stage 1 complete. Our next project is planning for our outdoor kitchen area. We’re excited!
Oz Opera

On Monday the 7/9/15 the school went to the OZ Opera at the Robertson community hall. The opera was on Cinderella. It wasn’t like the Disney version most of us has grown up with. In this version Cinderella's prince disguised himself as a servant so he could find a maiden that really loved him for him. When Cinderella went to the ball she had to wear a mask so no one would recognise her. When she met the prince who was still disguised as a servant she fell in love with him. She gave him a bracelet and said that he will know who she is because she wears the other matching bracelet. In the end the prince found her and told her that he was the prince and then they got married and lived happily ever after!

The opera singers were amazing and their voices were enchanting.

It was such a great day and we all had heaps and heaps of fun and really enjoyed ourselves:

A big thank you to ADFAS for allowing our students to attend this wonderful performance!

AG class 2016

Just a reminder that any applications for this class for next year, need to be in soon. If you require any further information, speak to Mrs Laval.

My Highlands Home Photographic Competition

Just a reminder to keep snapping those photos for the photographic competition. Closing date is Wednesday 7th October. (just after the holidays) Black card is available from school to mount the photos.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee finalists who competed in last week's Regional Spelling Bee. Well done to Georgia who was runner up in the Stage 3 competition.

Clothing Pool

There are a great number of items of clothing in our clothing pool. With Term 4 approaching and summer uniforms, you may like to check out the clothing pool before ordering any new items.

Sign in and out

From time to time students arrive late to school or have to be picked up early due to necessary appointments that cannot be booked outside of school time. Please remember to sign your child in or out of the book in the front foyer. This is a legal requirement and it is very important that it is done accurately.

NAPLAN

While we were very happy overall with some great NAPLAN results, our teachers are always looking at areas we may need to do extra work on. We spend time looking at the data which shows us areas of need.
Both classes have used these results to focus on doing additional explicit teaching in the areas of grammar and punctuation. Years 3-6 have been working on some areas of punctuation such as their apostrophe work. Year K-2 have also begun learning about when to use apostrophes, as well as consolidating using full stops and capital letters more consistently.

**Speaking with your children**

It is really important that parents help their children to become proficient speakers. If undetected, continued mispronunciation of words or speaking in a way that does not make grammatical sense, may have a negative impact on a child's ability to read, write and spell as they move through school. Gently correcting and explaining why something isn't quite right, is very important to a child's development in these areas. Parents are encouraged to help teachers with this. Thank you.

**What's happening – Junior Class**

Our class have been very busy. We have also celebrated spring with some fun “fork art” tulip paintings. We have enjoyed doing some percussion which we are looking forward to performing on Friday.

In English we have worked together in groups to practise our comprehension strategies:- Making connections, predicting, monitoring, questioning, summarising and visualising. We have begun using online reading logs so that we can give and receive feedback on how we are going with our reading. This is very exciting and we look forward to showing this to our parents once it is fully operational.

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**What's happening – Senior Class**

On the first day of Spring, the Senior Class enjoyed writing Spring Poems in the beautiful sunshine. We had a sharing circle and enjoyed listening to each other share. I was struck by just how vividly the class described their own experience of Spring. These were truly beautiful.

As part of our focus on viewing and creating Informative Reports, we have been discussing the 'power of pictures' and how these can help to set the tone or mood of an Informative Report. This has involved viewing a TV Report on YouTube and writing our own news report scripts about a natural disaster. We have enjoyed exploring theme, symbolism and inferential meaning during our study of song lyrics.

We have been focusing on improving our use of punctuation. In particular, we have been working on improving our understanding of how to use apostrophes. While apostrophes are tricky things sometimes, there are a few basic rules that are generally applicable. We had fun making 'Apostrophe Flow Charts' or 'Apostrophe Decision Making Trees' that show our understanding of these basic rules.
ICAS results

Well done to all of our students who participated in the Spelling and Writing ICAS competitions. A special mention to be made of Georgia who attained a Distinction in spelling, Mikey and Ella for attaining Distinctions in writing and Jessica who achieved a High Distinction in writing. More results to come this week for English!

Students of the Week

Congratulations to our students of the week.

Week 8 – No assembly
Week 9 – Luke and Georgia

Don’t forget!

- Term 4 is summer uniform.
- SRC will be selling ice blocks each Wednesday for $1 in term 4.
- 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

Thank you to Simone for this week’s canteen.

*Friday's lunch will be from Robertson bakery*

Sausage Roll $3.00  
Plain pie $3.90  
Curry pie $4.20  
Chicken pie $4.20  
Spinach and ricotta pastie $4.10  

Popper or hot chocolate $1.00

Upcoming events

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

**Term 3**

Week 10

Friday 18th September  End of term assembly 2.00pm

**Term 4**

Week 1

Tuesday 6th October  School resumes  
Wednesday 7th October  Choral cluster rehearsal  
Friday 9th October  Kinder Orientation session 1  
Friday assembly – Year 4 sharing

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!
**ImaginArta** – the Australian Puppet Centre Inc. at Sutton Forest Hall, Illawarra H’way, Sutton Forest

**SPRING PROGRAM**

**Regular Sunday Family Performances**

Every Sunday) at 11am

September – “Oh Rats!” by Sydney Puppet Theatre

October - "Once Upon A Time Cafe" by Sydney Puppet Theatre

November - 1, 8 and 15 - the world famous “Bradshaw’s Shadows”

November 22 - “Oh Rats!” returns after representing Australia at the World Carnival of Puppetry in Sarawak, Malaysia.

**September School Holiday Puppet Making Workshops**

My Hand Puppet – create a hand puppet during 3 intensive morning workshops - Sept 21, 22 & 23

My String Puppet - create a marionette - Sept. 28 all day workshop.


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