Book Week

Our book week celebrations coincided with Grandparent's day and a wonderful time was had by all. Children in both classes spent some time collaborating on the ipads, taking photos, recording voices and generally having interesting conversations.
Children then took their families to the Library to cajole them into buying books from our Book Fair. Well done! Thank you to everyone that donated a book to the school, this is very much appreciated. Receipts totalled over $800 and the school receives commission on this of 20%. This money will buy some more Library supplies.

Finally, it was time for our book parade. Choosing winners was extremely difficult. Effort, originality, what criteria to choose by? Decisions were made and the winners were...Evelyn, Luke, Daisy, Laura, Tiago and Zoe. (This does not detract from the fantastic effort that all the children made). These children received a voucher to spend at our Book Fair.

Mrs Hindmarsh.

Puppet performance

On the 26 of August the whole of the Senior class went to Moss Vale to perform their acts that they had been working on for the past 2 weeks. For the first week of this workshop we went to Avoca Public School. First our puppet instructors- Sue and Steve- introduced themselves to us and performed little tiny shows that described their character. There were many different types of puppets but personally, I thought the string puppet was the best! Then after that we had to design our own puppet with materials like: foam, wool and pieces of scrap. We then had to think of some characteristics for our puppet, whether they had an accent, whether they came from outer space and other characteristics like those.

For the second week Avoca came and we worked in the hall. We first had to come up the front on a table that was called a ‘play board’ and perform our characteristics in front of everyone and some other puppets were allowed to ask questions. We then had to find a group and figure out a story to go with our puppets. In my story there were bats, two girls, an Oompa Loompa, a dinosaur and even Mr Willy Wonka! We then had a practise of our play on the play board and it all turned out quite smoothly actually.

Then on the last week of the puppet workshop we rehearsed our play and everyone had a unique story and they were all incredibly funny. Once we finished rehearsing everybody came to sit down in the seats we had provided for them and watched the plays. Once I had finished my play I was kind of disappointed that it was all over because it was so much fun! As soon as everyone had finished the plays Sue and Steve came up and did a puppet show of their own, Oh Rats! It is so interesting going step by step watching the puppets that were just foam and scraps ‘come to life’ if you know what I mean. It was an amazing three days and it was an awesome experience.

Frankie

These puppet performances will be performed at the End of Term Assembly.

SAS staff recognition week

This week is SAS staff recognition week. The school community is made up of many different people, all of whom play a part in the running of schools and the provision of quality education to our students. School administrative and support staff, whether they work in the office, the library, on the school grounds or in the classroom setting, are important contributors to the success of the school and children’s education.

SAS staff recognition week is an opportunity for the school community to acknowledge the vital role that SAS staff play in education.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Deb Fryer, Deb Boardman, and Brian Robinson for the great job they do at Burrawang!
AG class 2015

On 18\textsuperscript{th} August the AG class came to a close for this year. For the last day we got to go to Taronga Zoo. It was so much fun! The whole AG class experience has been awesome! We had a couple of big assignments that we had to complete and they were quite challenging. We made a website about WW1 and we made a big presentation for the Science Fair recently. I have made a heap of friends along the way and also learned a lot as well. I would highly recommend applying for the class. It is one of the best experiences you can get.

Georgia

AG class 2016

Applications are now open for the Academically Gifted class for next year. This class is open to students going into Years 5 and 6 next year. It is held at Bowral Public School for one day each week for a period of the year. This is a great opportunity for our students. If you are interested in nominating your child or would like further information, please contact the school.

Before and after school care

There may be an opportunity in the future to access before and after school care for our students. A survey will be sent home shortly regarding this.

Spelling Bee

Over the previous week, our class Spelling Bee was held. So many students had been preparing in their own time, that the competition was very close. Our final winners for Stage 3 are Jess and Georgia, and Stage 2 Laura and Ella. Zamina, who came in a very close third in the Stage 3 competition, will be replacing Jess as Jess will be absent from school on the day of the Regional Spelling Bee final. An excellent effort from all participants and winners. We wish our Burrawang spelling team the best of luck on Thursday 10th September when they go to the Regional Final at Bowral Public School.

New initiatives

As part of our school’s ongoing commitment to improvement in learning, I have recently attended teacher and leadership professional learning, aimed at greatly enhancing ways of collaborating. Collaboration is one of the many skills we are targeting as part of our school’s 21\textsuperscript{st} century learning strategic direction. I am very excited to be able to now introduce to our students some new online collaboration tools which will enable them to work together on projects, within our school and even across schools. Staff will also be using these tools with each other and with students as we become more familiar and confident. Our first attempt at using “Office 365” has been to create today’s newsletter. Using this online tool, several students and teachers have been able to contribute their part to the newsletter, without even having to be in the same place. This has been an exciting beginning to our new learning journey.

Mrs Laval

What’s happening – Senior class

The Senior Class thoroughly enjoyed participating in the final Puppetry Workshop last Wednesday, that included not only performing, but also watching a puppetry performance. The students, teachers and audience members were in stitches of laughter from beginning to end. Our maths sessions have focused on Area and Problem Solving with measurement. There have been some tricky problems that have really stretched our students. The emphasis has been on showing working out and including the unit of measure, not just writing down the answer. To mark the 1st day of Spring the Senior Class sat outside under the beautiful blue sky and wrote Spring poetry. We shared these as part of a Writer’s Sharing Circle, and were all quite impressed by each other’s poetry and how different they all were.

What’s happening – Junior class

This week in class we have been working on problem solving in a variety of key learning areas. In Maths we have been reading and solving problems related to fractions. We also went outside to collect data related to
which colour car was the most popular in Burrawang. We were then able to create a table of this information on the computer and create some visual graphs depicting our data. (By the way – white is the most popular by far) For some of us we also accessed our emails for the first time. It didn’t take long and we had many conversations happening across the airwaves. This is a great way we can share some of our learning with parents. If you can, we would love for you to send your email address in so your child can email you from time to time to share some of the wonderful things they are learning in class.

What’s happening – SRC

The SRC would like to thank everyone who entered a photo of their pet in the cutest pet competition. We have raised a heap of money from your entry fees and also from buying the cupcakes. This money will be sent off to the RSPCA to help animals who need it. Once again thank you to everyone who helped support this cause. That’s all from the SRC :)

Garden News

Next week (Week 9) will be planting week. During sport time next week, our students will be working together to prepare our new garden area. We are very much looking forward to getting this started. If anyone would like to donate seedlings or large terracotta pots, you are most welcome. Please place these on the assembly table. If your child would like to add a personal touch to our garden in the form of a garden ornament, gnome or such, they are more than welcome to bring something in.

Regional Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to our students who represented our school and district at our recent Regional Athletics carnival in Canberra. Well done Breanna, Tiago, Frankie, Oscar and Sequoia.

Kindergarten open day

We will be holding a Kindergarten 2016 open day this Thursday 3rd September. This morning will provide children and their parents with the opportunity to come and have a look at our school and see what wonderful opportunities we have on offer. Invitations are available at the front office.
Students of the Week

Congratulations to our students of the week.

Week 6 – Zoe and Abbey
Week 7 – Oscar and Tom

Don’t forget!

- SRC will be selling hot chocolate 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

This week’s canteen menu for the Cricket Gala Day has previously gone home.

Upcoming events

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

Term 3

Week 8

Thursday 3rd September  Kindergarten 2016 Open day (10:00 – 11:00)
Friday 4th September  Cricket gala day

Week 9

Monday 7th September  Oz Opera
Thursday 10th September  Regional Spelling Bee Finals (Bowral Public School)
Friday 11th September  Friday assembly

Week 10

Friday 18th September  End of term assembly 2.00pm