

# Burrumbuttock Public School

## NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 5



## Thinking Scientifically!

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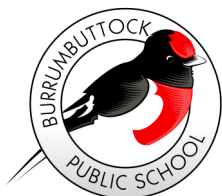
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Burrumbuttock Public School

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We are proudly a part of the Walbundrie Small Schools Network

2021	Calendar
Term 2	Week 5
Monday 17th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile Library</li> </ul>
Tuesday 18th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Meeting, 8.30am</li> <li>Learning Support—Mrs M</li> </ul>
Wednesday 19th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hume Princ. Zoom, 8.30am—Ms J</li> <li>National Simultaneous Read</li> <li>Scripture/Library borrowing</li> <li>WSS Netball Training, 3.45pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 20th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning Support—Mrs M</li> </ul>
Friday 21st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WSS Hockey Gala Day—Albury</li> </ul>
Term 2	Week 6
Monday 24th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WSS Netball KO Game—Howlong</li> </ul>
Tuesday 25th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Meeting, 8.30am</li> <li>Learning Support—Mrs M</li> <li>Deadly Australia Tour, 2pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 26th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>National Sorry Day</b></li> <li>Hume Princ. Zoom, 8.30am—Ms J</li> <li>Scripture/Library borrowing</li> </ul>
Thursday 27th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning Support—Mrs M</li> <li><b>School Assembly—2.30pm</b></li> </ul>
Friday 28th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kitchen Garden/Art—Mr Mc/Mrs M</li> </ul>
Term 2	Week 7
Monday 31st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 4-6 Courage to Care—Albury</li> <li>Mobile Library</li> </ul>
Tuesday 1st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Meeting, 8.30am</li> <li>Learning Support—Mrs M</li> <li>WTLC PL, 3.30pm—Walla Walla</li> </ul>
Wednesday 2nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5/6 Grip Leadership—Albury</li> <li>Hume Princ. Meeting—Mulwala</li> <li>Scripture/Library borrowing</li> <li>WSS Netball Training, 3.45pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 3rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hume Princ. Meeting—Mulwala</li> <li>Learning Support—Mrs M</li> <li><b>NO HOT LUNCHES</b></li> </ul>
Friday 4th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kitchen Garden/Art—Mr Mc/Mrs M</li> </ul>

**Hi everyone!**

Good news! We have been successful in gaining Regional Renewal funding for new covered walkways between our classrooms. This will tie in nicely with our COLA project. Hopefully works will begin soon!

We will have some deadly visitors next week! The Deadly Australia tour will be at our school on Tuesday 25th May. Along with our friends from the Pre-school, we will learn about staying safe, and the importance of these animals to our ecosystem.

National Sorry Day is next Wednesday. This is observed annually on 26 May, to remember and acknowledge the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'. It provides a chance to focus on healing and pursue reconciliation in Australian society. The theme for 2021 is 'More than a word. Reconciliation takes action.'

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation.

The Year 4-6 students will be attending the Courage to Care program on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May. This is a free exhibition at the Albury Library Museum which aims to highlight the importance of standing up to bullying, racism and discrimination. It promotes understanding and acceptance of people in our multicultural society. This program and transport is being provided free of charge for our school.

The Year 5/6 students will be attending the GRIP Leadership program in Albury on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Our students will collaborate with other students in our region to develop leadership skills and build positive relationships with peers.

Please complete the survey, (link provided in this newsletter), if you would like to see before/after school care in Burrumbuttock. If you know of any other families who may be interested, please pass on the details and encourage them to complete the survey also.

**Our next School Assembly is on Thursday 27th May at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.**

**Kind Regards Ms Lynne Johnston, Principal**

**COVID Reminder:**

Staff and students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with flu-like symptoms should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free.

All visitors to the school site must comply with sign-in arrangements for each visit. This includes signing the school sign-in sheet and checking in using the Service NSW QR code.



# ***Banksia with Mrs Church***

In maths we have been focusing on subtraction. Our classroom turned into a bowling alley as we consolidated the concept of take away.



Banksia's news program is up and running and all the students are doing a fantastic job planning and organising their news and presenting confidently to their audience.

I'm very proud of all students with their focus and their perseverance in reading groups. It is great to see them applying strategies they are learning and using their sounds and common word knowledge they are learning in the SMART Spelling program transferring into reading and writing!



Banksia have loved developing and practising their hockey skills during sport. We are looking forward to the WSS Hockey Gala day on Friday!

Thank you Waratah kids for listening to us read! We also enjoyed listening to our Waratah friends reading to us!





# Waratah with Ms J

## Scientific Thinking

We have been learning about scientific experiments and particularly 'fair tests'. We wrote a procedure 'How to make a vegemite sandwich' for Maddy to follow. As a result, there were some very interesting sandwiches! We realised how important it is to have very detailed procedures!



We also discussed 'fair' tests and experimented with different natural water filters. We tested rocks, grass, leaves and bark. We had many scientific discussions about each other's methods and our findings. It was great to work with Maddy—an environmental scientist. Just like professional scientists we did not agree on the findings and discovered the need to do many tests to prove our hypothesis.

*What do you think would be the best filter?*



**The Year 3 & 5 students completed the NAPLAN online tests last week. A marathon effort!**



## WRITE4FUN COMPETITION

We received letters from the Write4fun competition that we entered last term. We are still in the running to win a prize and have our stories published! Stay tuned!





# What's Happening

## WSS Hockey Gala Day

Each Wednesday for sport we have been developing and practising our hockey skills ready for the Walbundrie Small Schools Hockey Gala Day this Friday in Albury.



## Declan the Music Man

On Friday Banksia went to the Preschool to see Declan the Music Man. We saw lots of exciting instruments from around the world. Some of our favourite instruments were the djembe, harp, violin, trumpet, harmonica and the kalimba (a finger piano from Africa). We participated in the show by clapping, singing and recognising popular melodies. We had a fantastic time. The Music Man was very entertaining!



## Deadly Australian Tours

On Tuesday 25th May we will have some of Australia's Deadliest Creatures visit us at Burrumbuttock Public School. Students will engage in discussions including classifications, interesting facts about the creatures, their habits, their role in the ecosystem as well as observing the animals themselves. This is a great and safe way to teach students about certain dangerous Australian animals in a fun atmosphere. We will also be joined by the Pre-School children.

## GRIP Leadership

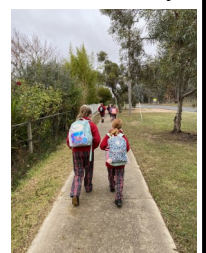
Our 5/6 students will participate in the GRIP Leadership Conference on Wednesday 2nd June at the Commercial Club. The GRIP Leadership program is an independent organisation that exists to train and develop leaders with a special focus on school students and the education sector.

## **UNIFORMS FOR SALE!**

We have a number of good quality, preloved uniforms in our school uniform shop. If you're interested please call or pop into the Office for sizes.

## National Walk Safely to School Day

Last week we participated in National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD), an annual event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. Well done to all our students who walk safely and responsibly to school each day.



# What's Happening

## NSW PSSA Tennis

Well done to William Lindner for representing the Riverina PSSA at the NSW Primary Schools State Tennis Carnival. Wil played in the team as number 2 and from all accounts played a great game and showed excellent sportsmanship. Well done Wil!



## Research Project: Parent Facilitating of Mathematics Education

### Who am I?

My name is Jesseline Ingold and I am an Honours student at the University of Sydney researching parent and teacher experiences of mathematics teaching during the school shutdown period in 2020. My supervisor is Dr Heather McMaster (Mathematics Lecturer, The University of Sydney). I am in my 4th and final year of teaching and am passionate about improving rural education in NSW and Australia. Having grown up in a small rural town and completed a professional placement at a rural school in 2020, I am eager to improve the quality of rural education throughout my career.

### What is this research about?

My study aims to understand the challenges of facilitating the teaching of mathematics in rural areas during the 2020 school shutdown, in the hope that should there be another shutdown for any reason, children's mathematics learning can continue successfully. The study aims to highlight how rural schools enacted remote learning in 2020, what worked well and what didn't, the value of the type of resources used, and any challenges faced by parents and teachers in communicating with each other.

### How do I get involved?

By completing the survey found by following the QR code below. The survey takes about 5 – 10 minutes to complete. All survey data is confidential and anonymous and no contact information is required.

Participants can opt to provide a single email address to participate in an interview in which they will be invited to elaborate on their responses.

### Get In Touch

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### QR Code for Survey Access

Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or go to  
<https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/> and  
type in the code: RWTKPHWXX



## AFL Clinic

We will be participating in an AFL Clinic on the last 2 Fridays of Term 2, through the Sporting Schools Program.



## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres and family homes. This year the book was 'Give Me Some Space!' written and illustrated by Philip Bunting, which was read from a SPACESHIP! The students enjoyed the story and the activity afterwards of creating the solar system!



## Have Your Say on Before and After School Care

Does your child need before and after school care? We want to hear from you – please complete a short survey to help us understand your family's needs for out of school hours care.

Your responses will shape what we do to expand before and after School Care across NSW.

**Please complete the survey via the following website link:**

<https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentsSurvey>.

**The survey will be open until 24 May 2021.**

The survey has been designed to be easy to use and should take no more than two minutes to complete, with a few extra minutes for those who would like to supply additional information.

If you need a paper or over-the-phone version of the survey, or require survey translation, please contact the Department of Education Before and After School Care Program team by phone on 1300 244 145 or email at: [BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au).