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JABBAROO BURKETOWN STATE SCHOOL

4th March, 2015

From the Principal's Desk

Thank you to all parents and carers who have been into school to make contact with either myself or our wonderful classroom teachers. I know the teachers and myself appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and share valuable information related to your child and our students at Burketown State School.

Mid-Term

We are now exactly half way through first term and I must commend the teachers for their dedication and expertise, ensuring that everyday and every minute, the children are focussed on learning. Both our continuing and new teacher have formed excellent collegiality to create a wonderful learning environment across both classrooms. I am sure you will feel the friendly, caring atmosphere at our school. The atmosphere the teachers and aides create helps students to feel comfortable, whilst the teachers/aides maintain very high expectations of behaviour and achievement.

Structured Play

Starting next week we will be implementing structured/monitored play at both lunch breaks. This will incorporate activities that are age appropriate for all students to feel safe and enjoy their surroundings while participating in fully supervised activities. We will be trialling certain activities next week and these activities will incorporate some indoor games/reading and also outdoor games allowing high energy participation.

Every Day Counts—93% Target

Our attendance rate is 91.0%. This is another improvement on the last fortnight where we were at 88.9% - well done. However we have not yet reached our target of 93%. Please send your children to school on time everyday that they are well. Learning time is so important. Remember—Every Day Counts, Every Minute Counts!

Daily Attendance



Kind Regards
Chris Ford
Principal
Burketown State School

School Leader's Induction 2015

The 2015 School Leaders proudly accepted their badges of office on 2/3/2015. Burke Shire Mayor, Mr Ernie Camp presented the School Captains, Mibulgurradoo Yanner and Harrison Ford and the Vice-Captains, Clairice MacNamara and Bayley Tritton with their badges.

The Student Council were presented their badges by Burke Shire Councillor, Tonya Murray and these student are, Harrison Ford, Mibulgurradoo Yanner, Bayley Tritton and Tjabadungah Yanner.

The House Captains were also presented with their badges by Acting Senior Constable, Ashley Stephenson. House Captains for 2015 are:

Albert - Mibulgurradoo Yanner Nicholson - Clairice MacNamara
I am looking forward to working with our leaders this year as they develop their leadership skills and serve their community. Congratulations and well done to each and every one of our school leaders.

Pictured below are the Burketown State School Leaders for 2015 with our three distinguished guests: Burke Shire Mayor, Mr Ernie Camp, Burke Shire Councillor, Tonya Murray and Acting Senior Constable, Ashley Stephenson.



We acknowledge the Ganalidda People, traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and future.

P & C Meeting
Monday 4th May 2015
BER Building— 5.30pm

2015
February 25-27
Principal's Conference
March 27
Harmony Day
March 30-April 2
Parent/Teacher interviews
April 3
Easter Friday
April 20
Term 2 commences
May 5
Cross Country
May 12-15
Naplan Years 3 & 5

School Phone Numbers:
School Landline-
47455124
School Mobile-
Monday 9/3/15
0475964198

BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPONSIBLE
BE SAFE
You Can Do It



News from the P - 2 Class

Recently in class we have been focusing on our numbers in math. Students have been practicing counting forwards and backwards, writing their numbers and addition. The grade twos have been working with 2-digit numbers, comparing length and measuring. For our English unit we have been reading the book "Rainbow Fish" students presented their ideas to the class including favourite characters and the emotions in the book. They also related the story to their life comparing events and similar emotions to their own experiences. In science we are learning about living and non-living things, including planting and watching seeds grow. In technology we have been learning all about insects. Our art unit has seen students experimenting with mixing colours and showing emotions through colour. We have also talked about warm and cool colours and different textures. For History we are talking about the past and how we remember things. In geography we are learning all about maps and the world. Students have really enjoyed learning how people say hello in different languages around the world.

Student of the week went to Anthony MacNamara for his fantastic effort in class. He has been working very hard this week and is really showing improvement. Well done Anthony!

Miss Spring

Year 3-6 Class

The first five weeks have been a very fun and busy time for 3-6.

The year 3 and 4 students have finished their first English unit on The Twits looking at narrative structures. Year 5 and 6 also finished the English unit on short stories. We looked at many short stories including the humorous Mission Impossible by Morri Gleitzman. Unit 2 has started with year 3 and 4 examining persuasive texts. Year 5 and 6 will be evaluating medi texts and creating their own multi-media text.

In Maths we have all started exploring fractions. The students are enjoying this concept. In week 4 we had Robyn from YUMI Deadly Maths come and explore many fun maths activities with the students.

Year 5 and 6 have started LOTE. They are learning Japanese. All the students are thoroughly enjoying this lesson once a week.

Looking forward to the next set of units!

Miss Long



Bayley Tritton (School Vice Captain & Student Council) Tjabadungah Yanner (Student Council) Harrison Ford (School Captain & Student Council) Mibulgurrdoo Yanner (School Captain, Student Council & Albert House Captain) Clairice MacNamara (School Vice Captain & Nicolson House Captain)



School leaders with Principal Chris Ford, Councillor Tonya Murray, Mayor Ernie Camp & Acting Senior Constable Ashley Stephenson



Bayley Tritton with Mum Kristy



Tjabadungah & Mibulgurrdoo Yanner with Mum Sasha & Dad TJ



Clairice MacNamara with Dad Anthony



Harrison Ford with Dad Chris

Assembly Award Recipients

Friday February 27 2015

3-6 Student of the Week

Sean Chimpaka

P-2 Student of the Week

Anthony MacNamara

What should we feed our children for breakfast?



Any breakfast is better than no breakfast, but try not to have doughnuts, pastries or high sugar cereals all the time. They're high in calories, sugar, and fat. They also don't contain the nutrients a child really needs. And if you have high sugar cereal for breakfast, you won't feel full for long and concentration levels will be affected.

Breakfast Ideas:

1. Eggs
2. Waffles, or pancakes (try wheat or whole-grain varieties)
3. Cold cereal and milk or hot cereal, such as porridge
4. Toast
5. Fruit smoothie, such as a strawberry smoothie

Lunch Drop-offs

Due to structured/monitored lunch time activities we request that parents do the following:

Lunch delivery for students—as a way to minimise disruptions to student learning and for the safety of all students at school, we request parents come to the office and sign in and deliver lunches to office staff. If office unattended please inform teacher/s that students lunch is in fridge with name clearly marked on it.

Further more - should you need to speak to your child during school time, please request permission from the teacher so less disruptions to the learning environment will take place.

Break times

- 1st Break 10.30-1.00 am play time
11.00-1.15 am eating time
- 2nd Break 1.00 - 1.20 pm play time
1.20 -1.30 eating time

If you have any queries please contact the school.

Just a Reminder

Please notify the school of student absences

- phone call, note, visit, or text.

School contact: 47455124 or 0475964198 (Mon 9/3)

School Wide Positive Behaviour Management

We enjoy a terrific school environment with very little conflict and very little incidents to deal with inside and outside the classroom. Here at Burketown SS we have designed a system called, **BOBs**: Burketown Outstanding Behaviour System. Three main elements make up this system. Behaviour, Attendance and Academic Effort. *Behaviour* in and outside the classroom at all times is being monitored and rewarded for every student being their best. *Attendance* is the next target being rewarded by working on being at school every day as everyday counts for all our students enabling improvement in relation to their level of achievement and the third opportunity for student be rewarded is for their academic effort during class time as **EFFORT = RESULTS**.

Rewards are as follows: Points collected from our rainbow system in each classroom- ask your child how it works

GOLD REWARD = 55 points to 75 points for 3 weeks

SILVER REWARD = 35 points to 54 points for 3 weeks

BRONZE REWARD = 15 points to 34 points for 3 weeks

Through the '**You Can do it**' program our staff are continuing to set high expectations by working on an approach to positively reward good behavioural choices in children, effectively ending most "punishment" regimes in the school. Our goal is to promote good choices and responsibility for actions not reacting to bad choices with punishment, which never works and often has just the opposite effect.

There are five characters in which we intend to focus on which will help support all students to remember each key a little easier:

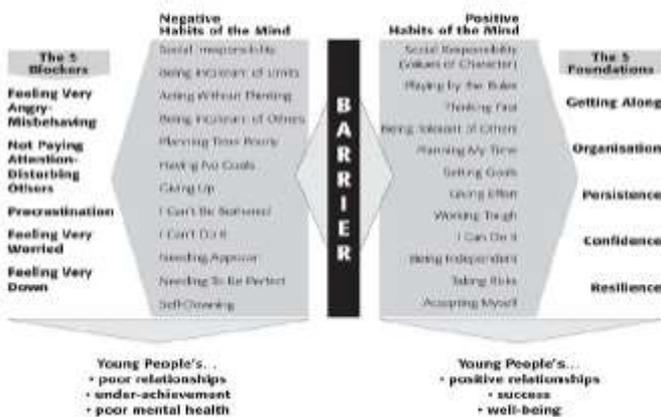
- **Oscar Organised**
- **Gabby Get Along**
- **Connie Confidence**
- **Pete Persistence** *and*
- **Ricky Resilient**

Over the next couple of weeks our major focus will be on Getting Along - **Gabby Get** Along teaches us:

- * *I work and play nicely with other children*
- * **I like to get along with other people**
- * *I take turns and share*
- * **I try to fix problems by talking, not fighting**
- * **I take care of my classmates**

Below is the big picture of the You Can Do It Program:
Success and Well-Being:

You Can Do It! Education: Success & Well-Being ~ The "Big Picture"



You Can Do It



