From the Principal’s Desk

School Plan: Strategic Plan 2016-2019
(Quadrennial School review: QSR)

Our school has just completed its QSR on the 11th Nov and our plan was verified and endorsed by our ARD Robbie Mitchell. Below is the Department of Education, Training and Employment School Planning, Reviewing and Reporting Cycle.

Thank you to all our staff, parents and community members who participated in the creation of our 4 year plan. Many parents and community members came together during many meetings to develop/create and embed wonderful ideas of what they would like to see happen in our school of the next four year period. Data and ideas were collated from the School Improvement Unit review, Internal Audit, School Opinion Survey, NAPLAN results, GRG, AIP, Student Level of Achievement data and table top discussions.

A big thanks goes out to the presenters on the day:

Welcome to Country – Billy Jackson: CLCAC Head Ranger

Staff –
- Irene Marshall: BSS Reading Program
- Rachel Spring: SSP Program
- Katrina Rex: Attendance Program

Parents and Community –
- Phil Keirle (CEO Council): Community Partnerships
- Terrence Taylor: (Head Ranger/Parent) - Carpentaria Land Council: Community Partnerships
- Troy Crompton (Sergeant Burketown Police/Parent), Transitions
- Sasha Hookey (parent): Attendance for Parents
- Simone Hollingworth (Parent): Transitions

Student –
- Mibulgurrdoo Yanner: (School Leader) My school

Well Done to all who participated in this QSR process.

Billy Jackson: CLCAC Head Ranger — Welcome to Country

Kind Regards
Chris Ford
Principal
Burketown State School
Burketown State School was very fortunate to have the CLCAC visit and share valued information about Caring for Country. They brought 2 crocodylies to upskill all students about how we need to live together with all animals and native habitats for the longevity of our land in North Queensland. Terrence Taylor was inspirational for all students to better understand the dangers and to alert when around waterholes or the river when fishing, swimming and camping. In 2016 we are developing the Junior Ranger Program into our school in conjunction with CLCAC to coach students from this area to:

1. Care for Country
2. Be a Junior Ranger
3. Increase the cultural history of area (through the students)
4. Elders to teach Gangalidda Dictionary

We would like to thank Terrence Taylor & Billy Jackson: CLCAC Head Rangers and all the rangers for supporting Burketown State School
Beautiful work by all our wonderful students at the Remembrance Day service on Wed 11/11 at the council cenotaph. A special congratulations to the grade 5/6’s who presented: Harrison for reading the ‘Ode’ and the reading: ‘What he did for us’ to Mibby for the reading of: Remembrance Day Poem. Our ARD Mr Mitchell was very impressed how our leaders presented and also how nicely all the students conducted themselves when laying the Poppies. I as the principal was very proud how our leaders upheld the good nature of the school and to all our little ones - beautifully done.

AFL Cape York have been upskilling our students with drills and skills in relation to AFL. Dane and Dwayne have been working with all students from Prep to Grade 6 for the past 2 days and will also be working with them in the upcoming weeks.

The key messages the Coaches are delivering for the students are:
1. Sport is fun—so join in
2. Be a team player
3. Support your team members
4. The Power of positive talk
5. Winning is not everything