

Together we are a community of empowered learners

Term 1 Week 9 2023

What's On

Thursday 30th March

- K-6 Assembly 2pm

Friday 31st March

- Light It Up Blue Day
- Applications for Year 7 2024 due

- Got Game

Monday 3rd April

- Shine Shed Excursion (Amber, Ochre and Orange classes)

Thursday 6th April

- Easter Hat Parade and Raffle 12pm

- Last day of Term 1

Friday 7th April

- Good Friday

Wednesday 26th April

- Students return for Term 2

News from the Principal

Dear families,

School environment –

There will be a lot of changes to our school environment with works and plans in the making to make our school one that we can be proud of and reflective of our beautiful diverse multicultural community. The following works are planned for this year:

- ♦ **Assembly seated area** – This is being resurfaced and new seating will be put in place this school holiday.
- ♦ **Basketball court** – Over the Christmas holidays this will also be resurfaced and painted for all our avid basketball players.
- ♦ **Murals** – Some of our walls will be painted to reflect some of our core values and possibly our new mascots for school. Please have your say in the link provided further below around our mascots.
- ♦ **Shading** – Around the school we will be putting up more shading to help protect our little ones in the heat.
- ♦ **Community room** – We hope to redo our community room and make it operational! This will become a hub for our Aboriginal programs, our community workshops and other student initiatives! Excited to see this re-open soon.

Kindness and our Anti-bullying plan

Out our last assembly I had spoken to our children about kindness as there have been quite a few incidences of children not speaking nicely to each other. Language that is inappropriate is being used, children are teaching other children inappropriate words in their own language and sometimes saying cruel things to each other. ***Please speak to your children about the way they speak to each other***, what respect and kindness looks like and also to tell someone if they are not being treated with respect.

We are currently redesigning our processes around behaviour and antibullying which has some of the following initiatives in place.

Family conferences – Meeting with families to work together to support students needing help with behaviour which looks at plans and strategies to ensure we do all we can to educate and guide students to do the right thing.

Reflection time – Sometimes our students will need time with a teacher to learn about positive strategies to ensure they follow our school rules:

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be an Active learner

If your child is on reflection please expect a letter or call.

When students at our school do not follow our school rules we will have a cool down time, time out to think and sometimes Reflection time with an Executive where a letter will be sent home where they will write what rule they broke, what did they do and what should they do next time. If you receive one of these then please sign this and send it back as we work together to help our students. An example is here:



Student Reflection Sheet

Name _____ Date _____		
What did you do?		
Write and describe		

What rule did you not follow? Please circle		
Be Safe  Be Safe	Be Respectful  Be Respectful	Be a Good Learner  Be a Good Learner
What can you do to make things right?		
Think about and write		

Parent comment		

Parent signature: _____ Date _____		
Teacher comment		

Teacher signature _____ Date _____		

Restorative practices –

When students have disagreements we will work together with them to build healthy relationships to resolve conflict between students.



SNAP SHOT

We have 2 weeks left of schooling before the Term 1 and Easter break. How fast did the term go?

Here is a snapshot of what the last 2 weeks have been like at Busby Public School things to look out for in the next week.

NAPLAN - NAPLAN testing has dominated the last 2 weeks, with students from Years 3 and 5 completing the round of tests that give a snapshot of their progress in a range of English and Maths areas. Mrs McKay and the Year 3 and 5 teachers have been working hard to ensure that our students have the best opportunity to get an idea of the progress in these areas. The streamlined process has resulted in the tests being delivered with efficiency.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS - This starts on Sunday 2 April 2023 at 2 am local standard time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier than the day before. The adjustment can affect students getting used to the change is start times at school. Please help us by having your child attend school on time every day.

HARMONY DAY – This week we celebrated Harmony Week, and on It was terrific for the students to join in this wonderful celebration, with students at school wearing orange heritage, enjoying a fruit salad to show how we are all different but together we make school richer and flavoursome. Students were able to complete a range of activities and displayed these around their classrooms.

RAMADAN - We wish all the students, parents and carers the best for the start of the Holy month of Ramadan. The month of Ramadan is when there is fasting during this time from sunrise to sunset with a collective breaking of the fast at the end of the day and concluding with a celebration at the end of Ramadan.

EASTER WEEK ACTIVITIES – As the Easter break is not too far away, Busby PS will be having a Easter Hat parade and Easter poster competition. Many of our students have started this both at home and at school. In the lead up to the day, students will be participating in a range of class based activities to ensure students are ready for the big day which will be Thursday last day of term. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's class teacher.

LIGHT IT UP BLUE FOR AUTISM - This Friday we will be wearing blue to support our autism students in the national Light it up Blue for Autism day!



One of our families made the local newspaper!



One million families bag back-to-school vouchers but more on offer

More than one million NSW families have so far taken advantage of the Premier's Back to School vouchers — but there's still cash up for grabs for those who haven't claimed them yet.

UNIFORM — We are extremely proud of the Malaefono family and all our other families who are wearing our uniform with pride! Please make sure your child is wearing uniform complete with school hat. We will be giving out hats at school for those who do not have any to be kept at school so that they can play because there is a No Hat No Play in the sun policy. To keep our kids safe.



NEW MASCOT and MURALS we need your help!

Fill in form and send in and your child will receive \$5 Busby Bucks or complete the survey online —

We will be painting murals to support the Wellbeing of our students and build a sense of belonging with instilled values we believe will help them strive, achieve, empower and succeed! We need your say as to what you think about the following mascots.

Survey <https://forms.gle/2F21jhja7QYMLy6F8>

1. Beary Busby Bear

Is the original mascot wearing our school uniform.



2. Dragons of Virtue

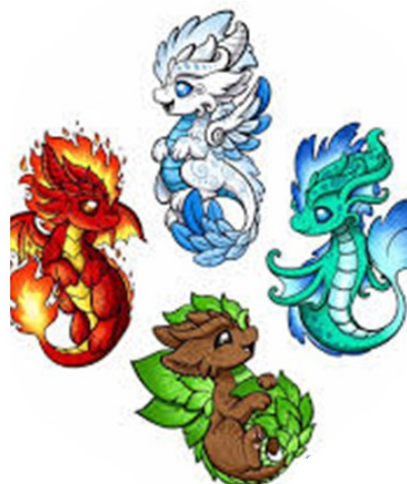
Fire Dragon of Courage

Earth Dragon of Responsibility

Water Dragon of Kindness

Air Dragon of Dreaming

Unity Dragon of Truth uniting all



NAPLAN 2023

This year, over the last two weeks, Year 3 and 5 students completed the National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessment. Miss Reddy and Mr Angus administered the tests. Students completed the assessments in writing, reading, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy. All tests were completed online, except for Year 3 writing, which was a paper test. It was great to see that most students completed the tests!

The NAPLAN assessment informs schools, not only of individual student achievement, but also trends and when results come in, schools look at student data and analyse it, so that our school and each student can improve.

When results of the NAPLAN are released, parents and carers will receive it by mail.

Mrs McKay

NAPLAN 2023 Coordinator

Don't forget our Rubbish Bin Competition

See Mrs Reeves with your designs as we look to encourage our community to keep our school clean! Best designs will get painted on our bins!



Clean Up Australia Day

In week 8 Busby Public School students participated in Clean Up Australia. Students took to the playground, quad and classrooms to keep our school clean.

Miss Reeves

Clean Up Australia Day Coordinator

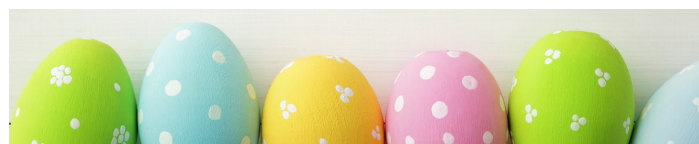


Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

Parents and carers are invited to attend our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 6th April from 12pm.

Students will be making hats at school to wear on the day. Families may send items to school with your children to decorate their hats or they can choose to make their own hat at home.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn during this time. We would appreciate if students, families and community members donate Easter eggs and prizes for the raffle. The success of the raffle will depend on the generosity of the donations and all money raised will contribute towards the purchasing of equipment for our students.





Rubbish Bin Competition

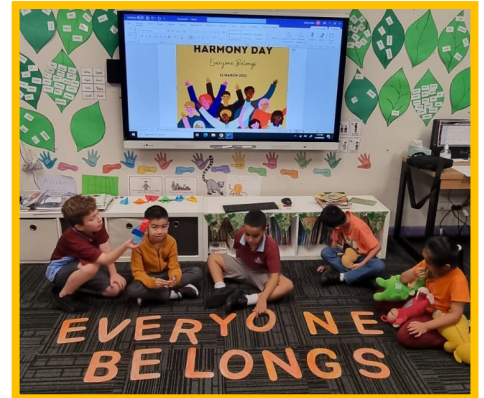
Get creative and paint our school bins.

The most creative design will have the chance to become Busby's own Picasso.

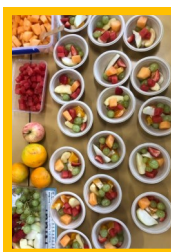
Let's look after our school, pick up the rubbish and use the bins.

Entries due: Wednesday 5th April.





Harmony Day is a day for us to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and is about inclusiveness, respect and creating a sense of belonging for everyone. Orange has been the Harmony Week colour as it signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.



Students across K-6 made a fruit salad with their class using the fruit brought in by students and school staff. The message we are giving is that individually we are all different, but together we can all be part of something bigger.



