



What's the buzz @ Busby

Week 9 Term 1

Principal's Message

Wellbeing

Each year, the staff at Busby work hard to ensure that our students are encouraged to reach their academic and social potential and to create a culture of excellence. The Department of Education has acknowledged the role that student welfare and wellbeing have on the learning success of our students.

"Every student is known, valued and cared for" is the umbrella phrase for several initiatives that put child welfare and wellbeing at the heart of what we do. To that end, I'd like to reiterate and share with you several programs that we run here at Busby to facilitate the wellbeing of all our students, parents, teachers and the school community.

Effective leadership

Our Principal Ms Ritherdon always works strategically with the use of both human and financial resources to provide opportunities for students to engage and participate in their learning.

An example of this is our STEM (innovation) room. Ms Ritherdon has allocated time and money to develop a unique and state-of-the-art resource room, as well as a specially trained teacher, to implement quality, innovative and highly engaging lessons to our school students. These lessons not only teach critical and creative thinking and problem solving, but also collaboration – skills that future focused schools and students need.

Ms Ritherdon also ensures that all of her staff and teachers are up-to-date with their teaching and learning, by giving them extra time throughout the week to participate in professional learning. This learning ensures our teachers' knowledge and skills are at the forefront of best practice. All staff also participate in professional learning outside school hours and in their own time.

Ms Ritherdon has invested in providing classrooms with a significant amount of resources, aimed to support the learning of all students. All teachers have a commitment to high expectations of learning, ensuring that students have access to the most appropriate learning 'tools' they can to elicit the best results.

A flexible timetable for our Learning and Support Teacher, the employment of a Speech Therapist 2 days per week and several School Learning and Support Officers are also examples of Ms Ritherdon's commitment to supporting teachers to work more effectively with students.

A whole school approach to wellbeing

Busby P.S has several whole-school wellbeing systems in place to ensure maximum participation at school. New this year is our 'Busby Bucks' initiative, which rewards students who exhibit appropriate social behaviours in the classroom and playground. The term, we have seen a phenomenal improvement in how students relate to each other and adults around them. Our 'Market Days' have been a huge success, which has piqued the enthusiasm of our students.

We have also tweaked our Bronze, Silver, Gold and now Platinum award system for academic achievement, to enable more students to reach higher levels of success. These awards are now accompanied by rewards, such as a disco, movie, lunch with Ms Ritherdon, and for those students who reach Platinum level, a fun day out at JumpZone.

We are also fortunate to have Kids Xpress in our school, whose aim is to support students' emotional needs through creative therapies, such as dance, music and drama.

We are currently embarking on implementing Peer Support, a school-wide program designed to use and develop the leadership capacity of Stage 3 by training them to be mentors to younger students. Peer support teaches resilience, how to cope with adversity, friendships, conflict resolution and positive relationships. We are excited to offer this program and hope it will produce the desired positive outcomes.

Our school works hard to communicate effectively with our parent community via our digital platforms, such as Skoolbag, Facebook and our Website. Information is constantly updating, to give families the most current access to see what is happening at school. We have a dedicated promotions officer, who works with our staff to give parents and caregivers insight into the daily life of your children.

As you can see, Busby Public School offers many opportunities for students to flourish and be successful.

We welcome Ms Ritherdon back from leave next week to resume her position as Principal.

Mrs C. McKay

Relieving Principal

Student Attendance

This is an extract from the Department of Education's policy on student attendance.

"Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Schools in partnerships with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, record and monitor part or whole day absences."

This year, we have noticed an increasing number of students who arrive late and / or leave early from school. Often it is only several minutes, but it can be very disruptive to your child's learning and engagement in school. By law the school regularly monitors the attendance of students and frequent absences can come to the attention of the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO). Parents and caregivers are asked to be mindful of the effect that regular absences and frequent lateness has on learning and participation of their child.

If a student is 7 minutes late every day for a term that equals 1 full day of learning missed.

CRUNCH AND SIP

Crunch and Sip is a set break for students to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Busby Public School participates in Crunch and Sip to support students to establish healthy eating habits while at school.



In order to maximise student learning time we ask that larger fruits such as apples and oranges are pre-cut, mandarins are peeled ready for children to eat.

Fruit, Vegetables and Water Guidelines

Fruit

- ◆ All fresh fruit and vegetables are permitted (eg whole fruits such as apples, bananas or plums and chopped fruit such as melon, pineapple or kiwifruit).
- ◆ Preserved fruit in water, or juice with no added sugar (eg small fruit tubs or canned peaches).
- ◆ Dried fruit (eg sultanas, dried apple or apricots) are permitted, however only in small amounts, eaten infrequently, are recommended as these fruits have high concentration of natural sugars that cling to teeth and increase risk of tooth decay.

Water

- ◆ Plain, still water

Not permitted

- ◆ All other fruit products, including bars and leathers, fruit in jelly, pies, cakes, pastries and muffins.
- ◆ Potato chips and crisps
- ◆ Vegetable pies, cakes, pastries and muffins
- ◆ All other drinks, including flavoured waters, sparkling water, flavoured mineral water, fruit and vegetable juices and fruit cordial.

K-6 Cross Country Carnival

On Tuesday 2nd April our students will have the opportunity to participate in the Cross Country Carnival. This carnival will be held on our school grounds. Students will run the course in their age groups.

- 11 and 12/13 year olds will run a 3km course.
- 8,9 and 10 year olds will run a 2 km course.
- K-2 students will run a shortened course around the school.

Teachers will be positioned around the school at check points supervising students.

Parents and community members are invited to watch the races and bring along a picnic recess to have with their child at the conclusion of the races.



Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair will



be held in the hall from Monday 1st April until Thursday 4th April.

Lots of great titles, novelty stationary items, posters and more available for purchase. Prices start from \$1.

Assembly

On behalf of the teachers and students at Busby, we would like to formally invite all parents, carers and community members to our school assemblies, that run every Friday at 9am in the school hall. These assemblies showcase and highlight all the academic achievements of our students, and are a great opportunity for you to see all the programs and initiatives that are being held across the school. This Friday 5/6 Emerald will be hosting assembly.

On the 5th of April the whole school will be going to the Camden Show, and so assembly for week 10 will be postponed till week 11, and will be held by 1/2 Azure.

Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

We are holding our Easter Hat Parade on Monday 8th April at 9:15am. All parents and the community members are invited to join us in the school hall.

You can make a hat at home to wear on the day or send some craft supplies to school with your child to make at in class during Week 10.



Raffle tickets are available at the school office. All tickets and money are due back at school on Friday 29th March.

Good Luck!

Mrs Brasier

OUR SPORTING SUPERSTARS

Basketball Champions

Earlier this month, Busby had 5 students tryout for the South West Sydney basketball team. Charmaine, Mercy, Angela, Harlem and Jordan attended and showed off their basketball skills with over 200 other students from the area. There were many talented students and our students did themselves and their school very proud.

Congratulations to Jordan for being selected for the boys team. This team will play against other teams in the Sydney area in May. Good luck Jordan.



NRL Tag Tryouts

NRL Tag tryouts were held at school for next terms gala day. Congratulations to all the students pictured below who gave it their all during tryouts. We will be looking forward to see what happens next term.



Swimming Star

Mason in 5/6 Olive represented Busby at the District Swimming Carnival in February where he qualified for the Regional competition. His results at the District Carnival included 1st in the 100m freestyle, 1st in the 50m freestyle, 2nd in the 50m butterfly and 2nd in the 200m Individual Medley. Super swimming Mason!



Please remember **NO** pets are allowed to be brought on to the school grounds, even on a lead.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 10

- Mon 1st April - Thurs 4th April Book Fair
- Friday 5th April K-6 Camden Show Excursion

Week 11

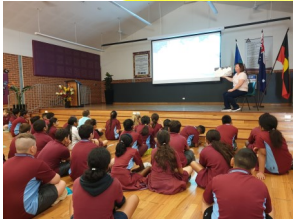
- Mon 8th April Easter Hat Parade and raffle
- Mon 8th -- Fri 12th April Swim Scheme
- K-6 Assembly 9:10am

Term 2

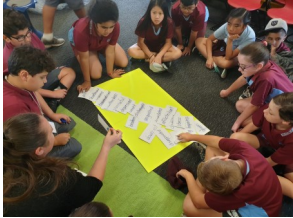
Week 4

- Tues 21st May School Photos

SPOTLIGHT ON STAGE 3



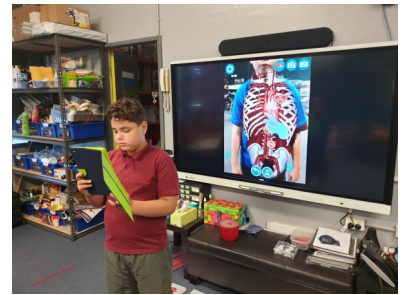
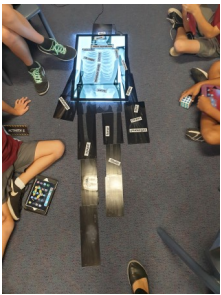
This term, all of our Stage 3 students have been exploring the process of writing through our information reports on Australian Natural Disasters – fire, flood and cyclone. We have been using our research skills to synthesise information in order to produce powerpoint presentations on these topics. We have discovered some AMAZING facts about these environmental disasters!



Later in the term, we are going to use this knowledge to have a debate on which natural disaster is the most devastating to our environment. This will involve us writing some persuasive texts, using evidence from our research, to support our opinions. We are looking forward to some lively discussions!



And the learning doesn't stop there! Stage 3 students have been learning about keeping safe on the road as part of their PDHPE unit. To link this learning to real world scenarios in the innovation room, students have been learning lots about the human body, and what parts can be injured during road accidents. Students then further extended their learning by drawing graphs during maths to visually show the number of deaths on NSW roads in 2018.



As well as all the learning happening in Stage 3, students have been hosting Sweet Tooth Fridays every second week. So far this term we have managed to raise a total of \$809 that will go towards the Year 6 jersey's, farewell and school gift. The next Sweet Tooth Friday will be held on the 5th of April 2019, and will be lolly bags at \$5 each.

CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE TO SEE WHAT ELSE STAGE 3 HAVE BEEN DOING THIS TERM!

Market Day

Our next Market day is just around the corner, and will be held on Friday the 12th of April 2019. Market days are an opportunity for students to cash in their hard earned Busby Bucks for prizes, or donations. The first market day was such a success that the school managed to raise a whopping \$453 for charity. Keep up the good work Busby, it hasn't gone unnoticed!



DHARAWAL LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CAMP

ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

21ST – 22ND MARCH 2019

Mrs Daniel and Miss Herron attended the Dharawal Language and Culture Camp with Kiren, Emily and Aaliyah. In attendance were 120 Koori kids from around NSW.

The focus of the camp was about empowering and connecting students with their culture and pride in their identity. The camp was funded by the NSW AECG Inc. and the Aboriginal Education and Communities Directorate.

The camp was opened by Uncle Ray Ingrey with a Welcome to Country, followed by a Smoking Ceremony by Uncle Shayne Williams and Uncle David Ingrey.

The students were then split into 4 groups, Bilima (turtle), Buru (kangaroo), Gari (snake) and Marida (sea eagle). They then participated in activities including cooking, dance, weaving and language. After dinner there was a dance performance and artefact demonstration.

The following day there were more activities, spear making, and throwing, bush toy making, fire making and shell work.

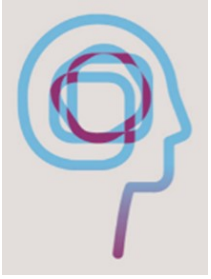
Here are some thoughts from Kiren, Emily and Aaliyah about their time at camp.

“I liked the shell work and ping pong. I liked going to the deck and I liked the spear throwing because it was amazing.” Kiren.

“I liked weaving because it was relaxing and really fun. I also enjoyed shell work, all the shells were pretty and some peoples work was fantastic. The camp was really fun and I would do it again. During the night activities we listened to stories in front of the camp fire.” Emily.

“Once all the schools started to come we had to go to the hall to find out our groups. Our group was named Marida. Marida means sea eagle. We started with cooking a damper with other schools then we moved to weaving and language. The second day we did spear making and throwing then we did fire making then we had lunch and sadly had to leave.” Aaliyah





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