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Term 1 Week 11 2023

## What's On

### Thursday 6th April

- Easter Hat Parade and Raffle 12pm
- Last day of Term 1

### Friday 7th April

- Good Friday

### Monday 24th April

- Staff Development Day

### Tuesday 25th April

- ANZAC Day

### Wednesday 26th April

- Students return to school

## News from the Principal

Dear families,

We made it! The end of term 1 and what an amazing journey thus far as I look back at my first term at Busby Public School as your principal. I want to thank students, staff and the community for welcoming me into the school and making it a place where I want to be at, striving to serve our students, families and community!

### Highlights for the term:

- **Meet the staff event** - So many new families coming to share in a sausage sizzle, face painting, bubbles and sport! Plus our first school performance initiated by students who did a Samoan dance and haka.

- **Dressing in Orange and Blue** - This term saw the school dressed to celebrate Harmony Day with students wearing orange and sharing in fruit salad to represent the diversity and richness of the cultures in our school. We then dressed in blue for Light It Up Blue for Autism, which had our kids eating blue jelly and acknowledging our Support Unit Autism students.

- **Shine Shed excursion** - The first excursion for the school and for many of our autism kids, the first excursion ever. This was organised by our AP Skye Curran and was a huge success!

- **Student connection** - I have enjoyed getting to know so many of our students, from those who have had great ideas of building and creating groups, to students who have

shown me their work, art or to build in my office. Groups of kids have brought in items from their cultures to share with me, including traditional costumes and dances. I have met some students who greet me with a smile and a wave every day, making me feel so good to be here. Thank you to all the wonderful students of Busby Public School! You make me want to come to school every day to work hard for you all.

- **Families** - Thank you to the family members who have come in to share ideas or concerns. With your help we can make Busby to be even better. Thank you to the family members who came in to help us with making baskets for fundraising, sharing ideas about school items or even pointing out things that need fixing like drains, helping with face painting, sitting on panels and even cooking food for us! Thank you for all your help! If you see me outside the gate please do wave or come up for a chat.

- **Staff** - I have been privileged to see how hard our staff work from initiating sports teams, answering phones, taking care of sick little ones, out on duty every day, calling parents to work with families to help students who need it and taking on new learning to be the very best they can be for our kids. The staff here at Busby are amazing! From our cleaners, crossing man Jim, Support Learning Officers, our GA Danny, amazing office ladies to the teachers and executive team. Team awesome!

## Staff Learning

Not only do the students spend their days learning, but so do all the staff at Busby Public School. Over the past two weeks, staff members have participated in the following professional learning opportunities

- ◆ Four hours School Financial budgeting and planning – Principal and School Administration
- ◆ Manager
- ◆ One and a half hours on Trauma informed practices with David Harcourt – all teaching staff
- ◆ One hour on unpacking our Strategic Direction 2 of High Impact Teaching and Learning – all teaching staff
- ◆ One hour on unpacking our Strategic Direction 3 on Resilient Learners – all teaching staff
- ◆ One hour mentoring on Professional Development Goal setting and the Q+ site for tracking
- ◆ maintenance – all staff
- ◆ Five hours of planning around the curriculum, teaching and learning – all classroom teachers

All staff professional learning ensures that the highest quality of education is provided to all students at Busby Public School.

**Kindergarten enrolments** – BEING TAKEN NOW If you have a child who needs to start Kindergarten in 2024 please complete an online enrolment by visiting our Busby Public School website as soon as possible or you can also come to the school for a paper enrolment form. After you enrol you will also be called to come with your child to the school for an interview. It is never too early to enrol and enrolling early will assist the school to prepare transition programs and events.

**Mascot survey** - Thank you to everyone who handed in their forms for the mascot! It was a close one! As it was so close we have decided the following:

Dragons won! We will base our wellbeing values for the school around the dragons. This will be centred around the elements and tied in with some of the values that our school staff have voted on for each one.

Murals will be painted to reflect this. Below is an example.

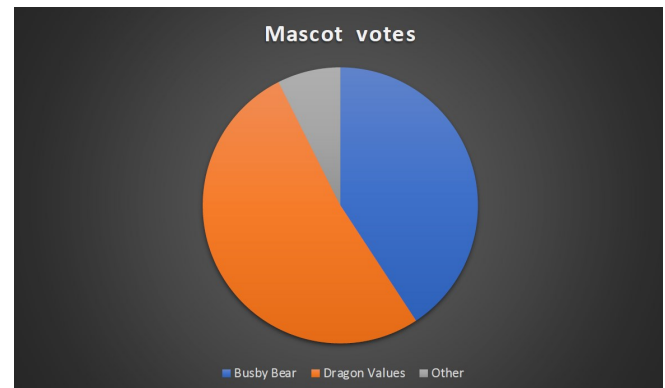
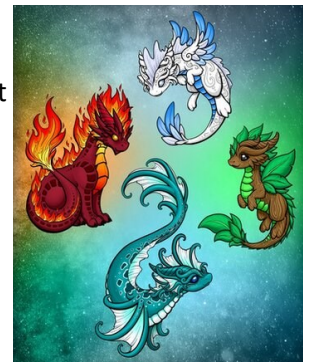
FIRE—Dragon of Courage

EARTH—Dragon of Responsibility

WATER—Dragon of Kindness

AIR—Dragon of Dreaming

UNITY—Dragon of Truth



We will keep Mr Busby Beary Bear as many of our students grew up with him and the votes were close enough to warrant that our kids are not wanting to give up the bear!

Another interesting request that I would like to delve deeper comes from Jacob C in Year 3 who suggested Flags of the Countries around the world. I loved this idea and we will look at having the flags of all our families somewhere reflected in the school.

The front of our school will have an Aboriginal mural to tie in with the narrative of our community.

**Ramadan Mubarak** I wish to extend a warm Ramadan Mubarak to all the families observing Ramadan this month.

**Happy Easter and Happy Holidays** - Have a safe and happy holiday! May you spend lots of time with family celebrating. Happy Easter and see you next term! A reminder that Wednesday 26th April is when students return!

**Goodbye Mrs Curran** - We regretfully say goodbye to our wonderful AP Support Unit Mrs Skye Curran, who leaves us to Ashcroft Primary School. She is an amazing leader who has made impact here. We will miss her and wish her all the best with her new appointment!

Ms Lakisoe

Principal

## Term 1 Wrap Up

Students have been working hard this term and many have begun to achieve wonderful things in their classes. Many students have received their Bronze Awards and a tremendous amount of students have also received their big Attendance Award. Well done! Keep up the hard work! We can not wait to see all the amazing things you will achieve next term. We hope you have restful Easter break.

**Miss Reddy**  
**Rel. AP**

## K-2

Students in K-2 have had a fantastic start to the new year! Kindergarten have begun to have fun exploring their new school and getting to know and make new friends. They have been learning about what school rules are and why we need to follow them to keep safe. This term they have been learning about the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make which help them to read and write. During Mathematics our Kindergarten students are learning about numbers; how to count, number recognition, ordering and writing numbers and counting groups of objects to get a total. They are definitely becoming little independent people who are proud to show me their great work, and I am very proud of their achievements so far.

In Stage 1, we have also been very busy with learning class rules and expectations, why we need to be safe and how to be a good friend. We have hit the ground running with our spelling this term, learning about spelling rules and to think about what a spelling pattern looks like in a word, does it look right when we record it? Or is there another way to spell the word. Spelling is quite tricky, not only is it hearing a sound but also visual. Does it look right? In writing, we have been looking at characters in books that may be food or kitchen utensils. Student have had fun coming up with utensil names and then creating human-like features such as a face, legs and arms. You will be glad to hear that yes, your children do know what a fry pan is or a measuring jug or even a spatula and whisk!!

**Mrs Brasier**  
**K-2 Assistant Principal**

## 3-6

This has been a busy term for the students in Years 3 – 6. Violet and Lilac participated in a creative writing project with Story Factory. An expert storyteller visited their classes each week and ran workshops where students had the opportunity to produce pieces of writing.

Emerald and Teal have had zoom meetings with a class in South Korea. The students presented google slides where they shared with each other the different aspects of life for

students in each other's countries. Olive will participate in the program at the beginning of next term.

We are all looking forward to seeing what is in store for Term 2.

**Mrs Teuma**  
**3-6 Assistant Principal**

## Stage 3 Police Visit

On Friday March 31, Stage 3 were visited by Constable Rachel who delivered a presentation centred around the values of respect. Topics covered included respect to yourself, to others, at school, and in the community. Our students listened attentively and were able to gain some valuable insights.



## Green Valley PSSA Sport

### Under 11s Rugby League

On Monday April 3, the Green Valley PSSA team contested the Sydney South West Championships in under 11s rugby league. Gizyah of 4/5 Olive proudly represented Busby in this team. The team played hard and fair, ending the day with two wins and two losses, missing the finals on points differential. Mr Angus had a brush with fame as he managed to get a selfie with Wests Tigers player David Klemmer. We are excited to continue the development of our skills in Rugby League throughout the year at Busby.

### Girls' Touch Football

On Tuesday April 4, the Green Valley PSSA team contested the Sydney South West Championships in girls' touch football. Lyn of 5/6 Teal and Jacqueline of 4/5 Olive proudly represented Busby in this team. Our team battled hard against some quality opponents, winning one pool game and finishing the championships in 8th place. I would like to congratulate all of the girls involved and look forward to developing our touch football skills throughout the year and into the future. A special thank you to Ms Rogers for assisting in transporting both girls to and from the championships.

**Mr Angus**  
**Sports Coordinator**





# Shine Shed Excursion

## Monday 3rd April

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, the Support Unit went on their first ever excursion to the Shine Shed all abilities play centre. Students enjoyed their bus ride and then had a blast playing on the different swings, trampolines, slippery dips, scooter boards and the flying fox!

Thank you to the Transport Workers Union who donated their bus and a driver (Mr Curran) so we could reduce the costs for families.

**Mrs Curran**

**Rel. AP Support**

