



## BUSBY NEWSLETTER—Term 2 Week 4 2023

### What's on ahead

<b>Monday 15th May</b>	StoryFactory in with Teal and Emerald	<b>Thursday 18th May</b>	No assembly this week POSTPONED
<b>Tuesday 16th May</b>	Dance Groove Nation	<b>Monday 22nd May</b>	Dentist truck onsite
<b>Wednesday 17th May</b>	Schools in Sports Australia	<b>Tuesday 23rd May</b>	Zone Cross Country
<b>Thursday 18th May</b>	ABED Aboriginal Education classes	<b>Thursday 25th May</b>	Assembly

### Principal's Message

Dear families,

#### Happy Mother's/Carers Day

I hope you had a lovely Mother's Day or Carers Day weekend! Last week we held our Mother's Day stall with lots of children buying gifts for their mum's, nanna's, aunties and family! Thank you to our family volunteers who came and put the stall together and sold gifts to our students.

#### Market Day

Last Monday we had our Market Day! Students had collected Busby bucks for good behaviour and were able to buy what they wanted at market day. There was sport gear, dolls, lego sets and more available. We are looking to have one in the next few weeks to clear some of the stock we have and to encourage our students to keep saving those Busby bucks!

#### Aboriginal Education Classes

Exciting opportunity and huge thanks to Ms Trish Daniel and Mr Munoz who have started our Aboriginal Education Classes which will focus on withdrawing our Indigenous students for an hour to learn about culture, identity and participate in some amazing programs. We are in the process of organising a family meeting to get some input from our families as to what you would like to see in these classes. Some of our students have already shared their ideas. We have connected with

Ashcroft Public School and Liverpool Public School in a dance program for our senior students.

#### ILSP—Intensive Learning Support Program

We have an amazing group of teachers working with many of our students in the ILSP program to push and challenge our students to learn and improve. Our focus is Literacy and Numeracy in these sessions designed to give targeted intervention to help your child grow and improve in their learning. These are small groups working with a teacher.

#### Groove Nation Dance Ensemble

Last year the Dance program was such a popular event that it is back this year with students learning a new routine and having the opportunity to dance and be healthy! Ask your children to show you their new moves and what they are learning.

#### Integration of our students and other fun activities

We are excited to announce that after some parent suggestion and having the Learning and Wellbeing officers out, it was decided that we would as a school move to integrate our Support Unit into the mainstream during breaks.

There was a lot of preparation and practice for this but we can say it was a huge success! We wanted our school to be inclusive and rich with diversity. Our senior students have been helping our little buddies transition



from one end of the school to the other end. One teacher wrote : Their smiling faces of our students was like setting birds free to fly!

We also moved our K-2 students whom we initially separated to their own area to come back down to the oval where they can now play on the Pirate ship.

Staff have also initiated other activities for students to participate in during our breaks with a Handball competition, Oz Tag tournament, Table tennis, Art and Games room, cooking, knitting and weaving as well as a Technology room just to name some that are featuring this time around. Dance and Yoga are coming soon!



Staff have been all out making sure our students are safe and engaging in all the many activities available.



A friendly reminder that all forms of energy drinks are **banned** at school including Prime. This particular drink contains dangerous levels of caffeine for children and is unsafe. Please encourage your children to make healthy drink choices.

## Votes completed for our MASCOT and MURALS.

It was a close one in fact so close that although Dragons won for our Murals, Busby Bear came up a close second so we have decided to keep Busby Bear and have the Dragons reflect our values.

We are also planning at the front an Aboriginal Mural that may reflect the story of the Land in which we are on.

Murals will begin to be developed:

<b>Fire</b>	Dragon of Courage
<b>Earth</b>	Dragon of Responsibility & Respect
<b>Water</b>	Dragon of Kindness
<b>Air</b>	Dragon of Dreaming
<b>Unity</b>	Dragon of Truth uniting all

## 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:

- \* All staff 2 hours on collaborative professional learning around data and assessment.
- \* All teaching staff 1 hour on Curriculum Reform.
- \* Exec staff 2 full days of Curriculum Reform, planning and programming, policy implementation on going each fortnight.
- \* Exec staff 3 hours on Verbal and Physical interventions module.

All staff professional learning ensures that the highest quality of education is provided for all our students and staff.

**Ena Lakisoe-Mapuna**

**Principal**



**We all play a part**  
The best education happens  
when parents and schools  
work together.

## Deputy Principal's Message

Dear families,

I would like to thank you for the warm welcome I have received since starting at Busby Public School!

Students and teachers in K-2 have been engaging with the new curriculum for English and Mathematics. We have been working hard to establish our foundational literacy skills, including knowledge of the alphabetic code and to develop essential numeracy skills in our early years. Through our units we have been saying and matching graphemes and phonemes, blending and decoding to read texts and using drawings to support planning and writing. In maths, we have been identifying part-whole relationships in numbers as well as modelling and recognising combinations for numbers up to ten. The numbers 0-9 are the only numbers most of us will ever need to learn. It is important to know everything there is to know about each number.

### *How can you help at home?*

Read aloud with your children everyday. Ten minutes for each child around a book of his/her choice. If English is your second language, read in your home language. If you lack confidence in reading aloud, the fact that you are reading with your child is what matters. Talk about the illustrations and contribute where you can. Share your excitement for reading and this will be the model your child will adopt.

The **Everyday maths hub** can also be accessed to build on the learning we do at school. There are activities for every grade. This can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/mathematics/everyday-maths>

We look forward to building on this work as the year progresses.

**Christine Ghassibe**

**Deputy Principal**





## Cross Country

On Thursday 4 May we held our school Cross Country Carnival. Our amazing students from years 3 to 6, as well as our Year 2 students turning 8 this year, approached our course with fierce hunger and determination. The junior divisions (8, 9 and 10 years) ran 2 laps of the course, and our senior divisions (11, 12 and 13 years) ran 3 laps of the course. It was an exciting contest as the students battled each other for house pride and zone qualification. 32 of our students placed in order to qualify for the zone carnival which will be held on Tuesday 23 May at Joe Broad Reserve, Mt Pritchard. We congratulate our amazing athletes and wish them all the best at the zone carnival.

**Mr Angus & Miss Reeves**



## Gala day

On Friday 12 May, Busby PS embarked on its first PSSA Gala Day for the season. We have entered teams in boys' soccer, girls' soccer, girls' touch football and mixed newcombeball. Our students played against other schools in our Green Valley PSSA zone.

Our girls' touch team played 4 games, our senior team winning 1 game against some very tough opposition, and our junior team winning all 4 games. The girls' skills developed as the day went on, and their exemplary team work and sportsmanship is something to be celebrated. We are looking forward to our next Gala Day which is on Friday 2 June.



**Mr Angus**

