

BURRUMBUTTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Personal Best for All

TERM 4, WEEK 4
WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025

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What a wonderful time the Stage 2 and Ms J had on their excursion to Melbourne! This involved a trip to Scienceworks, the Melbourne Museum and the Melbourne Zoo!





PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Hi everyone!

Congratulations to the Burrumbuttock community on a very successful 150th Celebration. It was a great weekend of sharing and learning about Burrumbuttock history. As soon as we have the transcripts prepared for the local resident/student interviews we will be sending copies of the transcript and recorded interviews to the recipients. Also, congratulations to the students who received prizes and commendations for their artwork at the Walbundrie Show.

The Year 3/4 students and I thoroughly enjoyed the WSS Melbourne Excursion - it was a great way to reinforce our classroom learning. The 'TILT' exhibit/experience at Scienceworks was amazing and added to our learning about the solar system that we have studied in Science.

Thank you to all the Grandparents/friends that attended school on Monday, Week 3. The students loved sharing their learning, finding out about the past and then enjoying a picnic lunch with their special people.

Waratah and I fine tuned our golf skills last week at Thurgoona - the Pros were very impressed with the student's skills and engagement, (I still have a bit of work to do...).

It was great to have our 2026 Kinders, (Logan, Edison and Rorie-Mae), come to school for their first morning of Orientation last Wednesday, Mrs Schulz and Banksia helped them settle into our school routine. The Year 2s were promoted to Waratah, and Sophie, (Yr 6), helped out in the Office preparing for our end of year events. They came back on Wednesday for another fun morning, then from Week 7 -10 they will attend for full days! If there are any children in our community that will be starting school in 2026 please encourage the families to contact us.

On Friday we all wore red for 'Day for Daniel' in honour of the memory of Daniel Morcombe who was abducted in 2003. It aims to educate children and adults on how to keep kids safe by "Recognising, Reacting, and Reporting" unsafe situations. The teachers provided learning activities for the students to reinforce safe behaviours.

It was also 'World Teachers Day' on Friday, I appreciate our teaching team, (Mrs Trevethan, Ms Griffin, Mrs Schulz and Miss Ellis), for providing quality education for our students. They are dedicated to ensuring our students achieve their personal best. The students and parents joined me in thanking our educators and they very much appreciated the gifts, cards and the acknowledgement of their quality teaching.

Thank you Waratah for running a great assembly on Friday - showcasing their learning with enthusiasm. Well done! Banksia will run assembly on Friday 21st November at 9.30am.

I had the pleasure of sharing lunch with our PRIDE Playground awardees on Monday. Congratulations Sophie, Lucy, Indie and Weston! Much discussion was had around our positive playground changes.

Mr Matt Gray, Hume Director of Education, will be visiting our school on Monday, he is looking forward to getting into the classroom to observe our quality teaching and learning.

Next Tuesday, (11th Nov.), it's all about leadership. The Year 4,5,6 students will be joining with their peers from the Walbundrie Small Schools network to engage in an 'Aspire Higher' workshop led by the 'Unleashing Personal Potential' team to develop skills in leading through example, positive influence and kindness.

The Year 3 students will be running the Remembrance Day Ceremony at 11.30am.

Then the P&C Meeting will be held at 7pm at school - all families are encouraged to attend.

Please check Schoolbytes and the term calendar for other important dates.

Kind Regards,
Lynne Johnston



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Education

TERM 4 CALENDAR

W5 Term 4	10	11	12	13	14
	P & C Meeting, 7pm Remembrance Day WSS Year 4-6 Leadership Day 10:00am - 2:40pm Walbundrie Small School Network Year 4 -6 Aspire Higher Leadership Day	WSS K-2 Creative Arts Excursion 9:25am - 3:00pm K/2 WSS Create Arts Excursion	Hume Principal's Meeting Rugby Gala Day 10:00am - 2:00pm Rugby Gala Day 2:15pm - 3:15pm Scripture		
W6 Term 4	17	18	19	20	21
1:15pm - 12:00am K-6 Intensive Swimming Program 1:00pm - 2:00pm Intensive Swimming Lessons – Term 4	K-6 Intensive Swimming Program 11:00am - 1:00pm Year 5 and 6 Murray High Maths Challenge 1:00pm - 2:00pm Intensive Swimming Lessons – Term 4	K-6 Intensive Swimming Program 1:00pm - 2:00pm Intensive Swimming Lessons – Term 4	K-6 Intensive Swimming Program World Children's Day 1:00pm - 2:00pm Intensive Swimming Lessons – Term 4	12:00am - 2:15pm K-6 Intensive Swimming Program 9:30am - 10:00am Assembly - Banksia 1:00pm - 2:00pm Intensive Swimming Lessons – Term 4	
W7 Term 4	24	25	26	27	28
			9:00am - 12:00am Stage 3 Excursion 2025 – Ballarat and Bendigo Kinder Orientation, 9:30am-3:30pm	Stage 3 Excursion 2025 – Ballarat and Bendigo Newsletter 2:15pm - 3:15pm Scripture	12:00am - 3:00pm Stage 3 Excursion 2025 – Ballarat and Bendigo
W8 Term 4	December 1	2	3	4	5
		Kinder Orientation, 9:30am-3:30pm	2:15pm - 3:15pm Scripture		
W9 Term 4	8	9	10	11	12
		Kinder Orientation, 9:30am-3:30pm	Student reports go home 2:15pm - 3:15pm Scripture	10:00am - 2:00pm Presentation Day / Yr 6 Farewell	
W10 Term 4	15	16	17	18	19
Yr 5 / 6 Dinner 8:30am - 4:00pm Parent / Teacher interviews - Waratah Ms Griffin	8:30am - 4:00pm Parent / Teacher Interviews Banksia - Mrs Schulz	Kinder Orientation, 9:30am-3:30pm Newsletter Xmas Craft Day	Yr 5/6 Fun Day	Term 4 end Last Day of 2025	

BANKSIA CLASSROOM WITH MRS SCHULZ AND MISS ELLIS

We've had a fantastic start to the term here at Banksia. It was wonderful to begin Kindergarten transitions last week, welcoming our three newest students, Edison, Logan and Rorie-Mae into the school community.

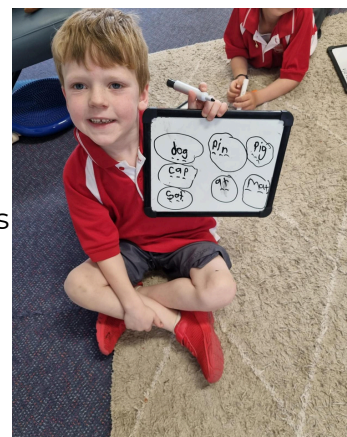
We also came together last Friday to celebrate 'Day for Daniel', promoting safety and respect for all children.

A huge thank you to all the parents and students who sent in gifts for Teacher's Appreciation Day—we greatly appreciate your kindness and support.

We are very grateful to have Miss Paige 5 days a week as the SLSO in Banksia.

We're looking forward to a fun and successful term ahead!

This term, our students have been enjoying reading fluency activities with the fun Aaron Blabey "Pig the Pug" books. They are exploring rhyming words, making predictions, and learning about sentence structure, punctuation, and new vocabulary. We've also been diving into quality stories like 'The Gruffalo' and 'Three', using these books to help students understand how sentences are put together through clear, step-by-step teaching. It's been wonderful to see the students' confidence and love for writing continue to grow!



In Drama we are finishing the year off with an end of year production. Each student has been allocated a role within the play and have designed their own costumes. Families will be asked to create the costume to bring in for the production (e.g wombat, koala, angel). This could include a mask of that particular animal and wearing the colour of that animal (grey shorts and shirt for koala). Students have also been starting our Drama lessons with some warm up games to get the students thinking outside the box, getting them out of their comfort zone and building confidence for the stage!

In Mathematics, our students have been exploring numbers and their meanings through a range of practical, hands-on activities. They have practised counting objects, matching numbers to groups, and learned how numbers can be broken into parts. In our lessons about time, students have been using number lines and discovering patterns, like counting by 5s, to help them make connections and build strong number skills. It's been a great opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of numbers and how they work in everyday life.



In History, we are looking at family roles and the differences from 'back in the day' to now and how things have changed in the household including the influences that have caused these change e.g technology, money. The students have also been learning about 'family trees', identifying how different each of our families are, completing their very own family tree.

English text **The Concrete Garden**

Students created their own concrete garden after reading the text, 'The Concrete Garden'.

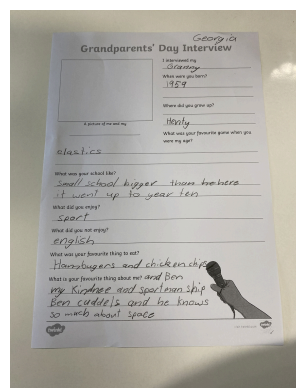


WARATAH CLASSROOM WITH MS GRIFFIN

Hello parents and carers!

As we enter Week 4, Term 4, I would like to acknowledge Waratah students for hosting a wonderful assembly on Friday 31st October. Assemblies are student directed and the items presented are chosen by pairs or groups of students. They collaborate their ideas, discuss their opinions and write their presentations together yet independently. Our focus on Friday was to stand without fidgeting while presenting and to sit with straight backs and feet together while facing the audience. I think all students did a great job!

Last week we welcomed our Grandparents and important persons into the classroom. It was such a beautiful morning, and everyone had a fantastic time sharing. Students interviewed their special person or people and learned a little about their likes and dislikes as school aged children, and their favourite subjects when they were at school.



George's Grandparents' Day Interview

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When were you born? 1929

Where did you grow up? Italy
What was your favourite game when you were my age? None

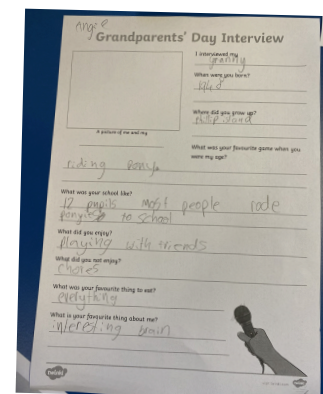
A picture of me and my Grandma

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We also had a visitor last week from Murray High School, Mr Darryl Brownlaw, who observed a Maths lesson as taught in a primary school setting. He was very impressed with how well the students worked, both together and independently, and commented on our safe classroom culture. Creating a safe space for students and staff to feel confident to share their ideas, solutions and problem-solving strategies is incredibly important as it enables us to learn from each other and expand our ideas without fear of judgement or ridicule.

Looking forward to more great learning opportunities in the weeks to come.

Sydney Thunder School Smash Cricket

What a fabulous day we had in Culcairn on Friday 17th October for the Sydney Thunder School Smash Cricket. Not only was the weather superb, but the event was well organised and ran like clockwork.

Thanks to Mr Allibon for answering all my questions on the day.

Nine schools competed in the competition, with most schools hosting more than one team.

Burrumbuttock was represented by a Years 3/4 team and a senior team comprising our Year 5/6 students. Thank you to Archie for stepping up and joining the senior team and to Cameron, Lejay and Emma Y for supporting the 3/4 team.

A huge thank you to all the parents who transported students out to the grounds, and to those who were able to stay for the day and show their support. A big thank you also to Billabong High School students for their umpiring and keeping track of runs and percentages on the day.

A special mention must go to Ash and Drew for their support as team managers. They were encouraging, supportive, and were able to guide their teams in demonstrating wonderful sportsmanship to their fellow and opposing team players, umpires and scorers.

Finally, thank you to Ms Johnston for nominating Burrumbuttock to participate. It was a wonderful opportunity to play in a relaxed yet competitive environment with students from across the region.

Enjoy photos from the cricket later in the newsletter!

Thank you to the parents for attending and helping out on the day.

TERM 4 WEEK 3 ASSEMBLY

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Celeste - for being an enthusiastic and positive member of our school community. Always willing to embrace new challenges and step beyond her comfort zone, she consistently demonstrates courage, and a can-do spirit. Her readiness to 'have a go' not only inspires others but also enriches the school culture.

PRIDE Playground Awards

Lucy B - for thanking the umpire.
Weston - setting up a safe area to play.
Indie - making a great choice as to where to shoot hoops.
Sophie - for great leadership and encouragement in your sport activity.

Teacher Awards

Ms Griffin - for being the best Waratah teacher ever.
Ms Johnston - for being the best Principal/teacher and helping us with our leadership journey.
Miss Ellis - for always helping Banksia and doing Assessment with Waratah.
Mrs Schulz - for being really good helper to Banksia and a good coach.
Mrs Trevethan - for helping people in needs, especially the children.

BIRTHDAYS

- Celeste
- Indie
- Emma M
- Angus
- Cooper
- Lara
- Ella
- Ben
- Georgia
- Ms Johnston

Student Awards

BANKSIA

Dominic - for being a risk-taker and contributing in class with discussions and group work.
William - for his excellent writing and having a red hot go!
Indie - for following PAX rules and putting 100% effort into learning.

WARATAH

Reilly - for working hard to solve formal X problems.
Ben - for stepping up inside and outside of the classroom.
Nicholas - for being respectful and following the PRIDE values.



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Thank you!!

Thank you Donna and Troy Male for your kind donation of 2 bags of chook food!

Also thank you to Barry, Sam Marshall and Steve Mills for putting our sign up.



World Teachers' Day!

Thank you to our wonderful teachers at Burrumbuttock Public School for everything you do!!

HATS OFF TO TEACHERS!



Grandparents Day!

NSW Grandparents Day celebrates the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups, cultural backgrounds, and geographical locations. Thank you to everyone who joined us for Grandparents Day!



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Sydney Thunder School Smash Cricket



Kinder Transition

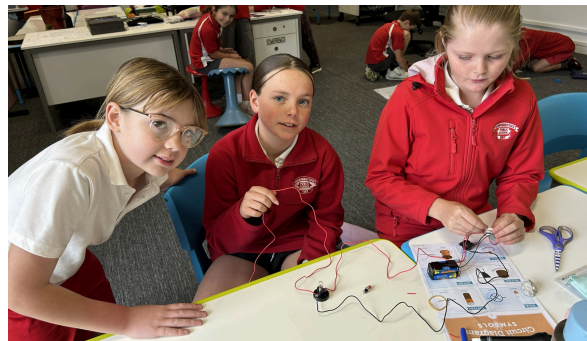
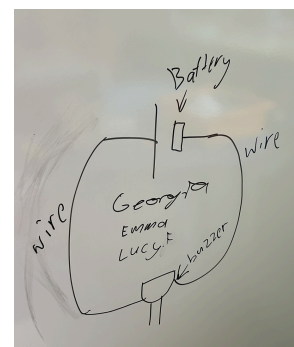
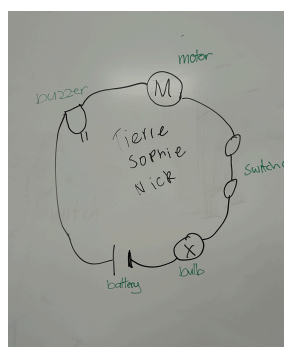
The first two sessions of our Kinder Transition have been fantastic! We have had a great time welcoming Edison, Logan and Rorie-Mae to the Banksia Class.



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

**Waratah making
circuits
with Ms J in Science!**

Waratah students had a great time in Science with Ms J, creating and testing electrical circuits.



Gardening with Mr Mott

Banksia have been enjoying getting back into the garden this term with Mr. Mott. They have been planting sunflower seeds, mulching the garden beds, weeding and watering. We are excited to nurture the garden and watch our plants grow this term.





SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Chaplain News

Hi everyone,

As chaplain I have the privilege of supporting your kids to be strong in their social skills (Banksia) and in creating healthy mindsets (Waratah). Your support at home is hugely helpful – see ideas listed below. Happy to chat if you'd like to connect when I'm at the School every Thursday and alternate Wednesdays.

Kindly, Jeanette



Help shape wiser screen habits – Student & Parent/Carer Survey

Our school has been invited to participate in a study on best practice screen use. Parents/carers, please click on the link below to give permission for your child to complete a 10-15 min anonymous questionnaire and/or, if you wish, complete the parent survey: Take the Student & Parent/Carer survey. You can opt to receive a summary of the statewide results. Your insights will directly inform new parent resources and policy. Thank you for your support.



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**Invites you to our
PRESENTATION DAY AND
YEAR 6 FAREWELL**

**Friday 12th
December 2025
10am**

