Welcome back to a great year of learning at Budgewoi
The start of the year has seen a number of new enrolments and we welcome those students and families who have joined us this year. We also welcome a number of new staff Ms Esther Berkon, Mr Todd Johnson, Mr Aaron Luff, and Mr Brenton Smith. Mrs Weekes has returned from maternity leave and is working 2 days per week. Our classes have been formed and are very settled but until Kindergarten enrolments are finalised today we cannot yet ascertain our final numbers. At the moment I am hopeful no reorganisation will be necessary but this will depend on the final numbers and whether we can maintain our current class structure. We are fortunate to be able to form 2 additional classes with funding received for Socioeconomic loading which means we can have reduced class sizes across the school. I am continuing in my role as Principal School Leadership 2 days a week mentoring and supporting Principals in the Gosford, Wyong and Hornsby networks each Wednesday and Thursday so Mrs Keats is Relieving Principal and Mrs Rich Relieving Deputy Principal on those days. Staff is as follows:

Principal: Mrs Kerry Moore, Deputy Principals: Mrs Vicki Keats and Mrs Leigh Rich, Assistant Principals: Mr Dale Edwards KE, Mrs Mandy Jones 2M (relieving) Mrs Tracey Ellen S2EV, Mrs Shauna Crook (Special Education) Unit 1, Mrs Megan Lindsay S3L and Classroom Teachers: KD Mrs Sharon Duffy, KC Mrs Christine Coper, KL Mrs Rachel Langley, 1K Mrs Margaret Kirchner, 1MC Mrs Terri Mastello and Mrs Lynne Clarkson, 1M Miss Michelle Martin, 1O Miss Brianna O’Connor, 2J Miss Dianne Jurd, 2WB Mr Shane Wootton and Mrs Michelle Bondfield, 2SA Ms Mel Aterton, 2SB Ms Esther Berkon, 2SC Miss Jody Cuthbert, S2L Mr Aaron Luff, S2EV Mrs Ellen and Mrs Paula Vincent (Thursday and Friday), S2J Mrs Todd Johnson, S3SW Mrs Felicity Seaton (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Cally Weekes (Thurs & Friday), S3C Mr John Clifford, S3S Mr Brenton Smith and S3GP Mrs Sam Gamble (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Robyn Peady (Thurs – Fri). Our Special Education class teachers are Unit 2 Ms Hayley Gray Unit 3 Mrs Louise Seal and Unit 4 Mr Ryan Emerton. Mrs Lynne Clarkson and Mrs Mastello are teaching Reading Recovery for nominated students in Year 1 as well as teaching 1MC. We have 3 Learning and Support Teachers Mrs Paula Briggs, Mrs Michelle Bondfield, Mrs Michelle Lyons who provide assistance to students in a variety of support programs. Mr Brad Westfall (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday), Mrs Linda King and Mrs Trudie Carter are teaching across the school in RFF (Release from Face to Face). Mr Andrew Stephen is our new School Counsellor (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) we have Mr Brad Nelson who is working Monday and Friday as our Student Welfare Worker. Our General Assistant is Mr Mitchell Neal who performs maintenance duties. Our Administrative Manager is Ms Trudy McBride who is responsible for administering the financial operations of the school and administration. Ms Karen Kennedy-Bilsborough, Administrative Officer looks after student enrolments and reception duties. Mrs Joanne Regan Administrative Officer looks after first aid, teacher support and administrative duties. Mrs Jessica Riley Administrative Officer works one day per week in the library. School Learning Support Officers working with our special education classes are, Mrs Sarah Rapone Unit 1, Mrs Kristy Miller Unit 2, Mrs Trish Myler Unit 3 and Mrs Gwen Sinclair Unit 4. Mrs Kellie Brooker and Mrs Virginia Tracey are additional School Learning Support Officers supporting students with identified special needs.

Parents wishing to discuss issues concerning their child should initially approach the class teacher for an appointment at a mutually convenient time. In some instances parents may wish to meet with grade supervisors Mr Edwards Kindergarten, Mrs Jones Stage 1 - Years 1 and 2, Mrs Ellen Stage 2 - Years 3 and 4, Mrs Rich and Mrs Lindsay Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6 and Mrs Crook (Special Education) We look forward to another wonderful year. Parents must make appointments with teachers and executive as our morning and afternoon meeting schedule before and after school is hectic. Monday afternoon – executive meeting, Tuesday morning Learning Support Team meeting and afternoon staff meeting, Wednesday afternoon committee meetings, Friday morning Friday Forum Communication meeting. It is not always possible for staff to discuss issues in depth before or after school so it is important to make appointments for mutually convenient times.

Student Leaders
Congratulations to our newly elected student leadership team for 2015. Captains: Keelea and Noah Vice Captains: Maggie and Mathew D. Student Leaders: Jesse C, Bailey D, Libby P, Holly R, William P and Kyle T. The Sports House Captains will be elected shortly. The student leaders have an important leadership role and we look forward to working with them.

A proud moment for a Budgewoi PS ex student
Congratulations to David Hall an ex – student of Budgewoi Public school who this week became the first wheelchair tennis star to be inducted into the Australian Tennis Hall of Fame. David’s career saw him win an incredible 9 Australian Opens, 8 US Opens and 7 British Opens, as well as many medals at Paralympics making him one of the world’s greatest wheelchair tennis players. A collection of memorabilia donated by David is on display in our school library.

School Uniform
It is great to see so many children wearing full school uniform especially black shoes. Students who don’t yet have black shoes need to get them as soon as possible. Student Assistance is no longer sent to schools but we may be able to help needy families in the case of emergencies. Please contact Mrs Moore if this is the case. If anyone has any school shirts or other uniform items their child has grown out of please send them in as we are always short of change clothes in the office.

P & C Meetings
Welcome back to all our P & C Members as well as new parents. Our next meeting is Tuesday 10th February at 9.15am in the Community Education Centre. We would love to see our new parents at this meeting. Come along and find out what is happening in the school.

Top Quad Reroofing
I am delighted to inform you the school funded work to repair the damage done by the birds to the top quad roof was completed in the holidays. A new wall has been built between 1M and 2WB to make the classrooms more sound proof. Two walls of tiles in the disabled toilet and shower will be done mid March and I am still awaiting quotes for the covered walkways to the canteen, 1MC room and over the pathway up to the disabled taxi driveway.
Assemblies

Assemblies will again be held in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term. This year both assemblies will be held on Monday afternoon Years 3-6 1.35 – 2.10 and Yr 1 and 2 2.15 – 2.50pm. Kindergarten will join Year 1 and 2 for assemblies in Term 2.

Keep your toddlers safe and students learning

A reminder to parents that unsupervised pre-schoolers sometimes come into classrooms or play noisily near the rooms in top quad and can disrupt lessons in the mornings and afternoons. Parents are asked to closely supervise pre-schoolers to ensure their safety and well being. Parents are encouraged to conduct social interactions at a suitable distance from the classrooms and in a quiet manner so the students can learn without distractions. A reminder that top quad is Out of Bounds for students and parents in the morning. Students can quickly put their bags in their class line and then need to return to the pergola area. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Coming events for Term 1 (updated as events arise)

Mon 9th
Yrs 3-6 assembly 1.35pm and
Yr 1 and 2 assembly 2.15pm in the hall

Tues 10th Feb
P & C meeting in the CEC 9.15am program

Wed 11th
Little Oxen Kids Club begins in library 3-5pm

Frid 20th
Swimming carnival Yr 3-6 + Y2 swimmers

Fri 28th
Schools Clean Up day

Mon 2nd March
Assemblies this week

Wed 4th
Wallarah Zone swimming Carnival

Tues 10th
P & C AGM 7pm in library

Wed 11th
Stage 1 Safari Day

Tues 17th
Sydney North Swimming Carnival

Thurs 12th – 26th
Life education program

Mon 23rd
Assemblies this week

Fri 27th
Science Fun day

Thurs 2nd April
K-2 Easter hat parade
Last day of Term 1

Congratulations to our Privilege Badge winners

1K Riley, 1O Archie, 1MC Gabrielle, 1M Chelsea, 2J Mia, 2M Jimmy, 2WB Indyra, S2L Shanay, S2EV Brayden, S2J Victoria, S2A Emma, S2B Jaykob, S2C Elijah, S3SW Liam, S3GP Annika, S3L Olivia, S3C Isabelle, S3B Unit 1 Clinton, Unit 2 Iesha, Unit 3 Chloe, Unit 4 Tahlia

Best Attendance

Congratulations to Unit 3, 1K and S3L who had 0 absence last week. Well done!
Mrs Kerry Moore (Principal)

School News

SRC Semester One 2015

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers to be the SRC representatives for Semester One, 2015.


Mrs Moore will present the SRC badges and certificates to students during a special morning tea at recess on 6th February. We will be having our first meeting during Week 4. Students will be notified of a time and venue closer to the event. We are looking forward to a wonderful semester for the SRC. Mr Emerton and Mrs Lindsay

Life Education and Healthy Harold have been successfully supporting primary school drug and health education since 1979.

Harold will be in our school in Weeks 7, 8 & 9 of Term 1

Dates: Thursday 12th March to Thursday 26th. Cost: $4.00 per child

Payment due: Friday 6th February

NO PAYMENTS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

Canteen News

Roster for week beginning 2nd February:

Tues 3/2/15 - Denise Wilson, Michelle Burgess, Amanda
Wed 4/2/15 – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham
Thurs 5/2/15 – Denise Cuff, Vanessa Allan, Georgina Atkinson
Fri 6/2/15 - Madeline & Dale Clenton, Megan Lewis
Mon 9/2/15 – Alison Sutton, Pauline Iserieh

Welcome back to our parents and children and a big welcome to our new kindergarten and new enrolments and their families. The canteen has a good stock of uniforms and our uniform shop is open on Tuesdays from 9am till 10am. Please remember to put your child new class on lunch bags when placing their orders. A big thank you to new and returning volunteers your help is always appreciated. New volunteers are always needed for the uniform shop and canteen. If you have any spare time please keep us in mind. Draw string hats have been ordered and should be available in 1-2 weeks. The uniform pool stock is low so the canteen would appreciate any donation of uniforms.

Book Club

Book Club will close on Monday 16th February. All cheques should be made out to Budgewoi P&C. No late orders accepted.

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To: The Office

I would like to receive the newsletter emailed each week instead of receiving a printed copy from school.

Parent Name: ____________________________

My Child’s Name is ________________________ Class __________

My email address is: ____________________________

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