VALUES FOCUS: Participation

K/1D Writing by Daniel Challis
We made stained glass windows during an art lesson. Later in a writing session, students wrote about what they made. Four days ago I did stained glass windows and I have not finished my artwork. When K/1 is finished, Mrs Davenport is going to put the artwork up.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
P &C Raffle
5 Weeks to go!!! Want to win an Ipod—The family who sells the most tickets will win an Ipod. So far the Daddo family has sold 4 books. The Booth family has sold 3 books. Our aim is to sell all our books and we will raise $10 000. With the money raised we hope to buys some ipads for classrooms. This would be of benefit to all our students so please sell your raffle tickets.

New work spaces in Class 2/3/4M —Last newsletter I shared how our school had joined the S7 group of schools. I mentioned how teachers were team teaching with other teachers from 6 schools in engaging 21st Century technology lessons. It’s great to be able to learn from each other by watching each other teach. A part of being involved in this group means that we are providing different furniture for one nominated class to work in different spaces. The money for this furniture comes from a grant we received - $50000 across the 7 schools. The exciting part isn’t really about the new furniture but more importantly about allowing for students to work in different spaces working at different levels. So in the words of a student from 2/3/4 – “It’s fun and most importantly helps us learn better.”

Kindergarten Orientation
Last weeks’ kindergarten orientation session went well with all our enrolments coming along to meet their buddies and spend time in the K/1 classroom and parents were given an insight to their child’s schooling for 2016. (photos top left). The second orientation is next Tuesday 10 November at 10 am.

Annual School Survey
Attached to this newsletter is survey to gain your understanding of what is great and what we can improve at Burringbar Public School. Please take the time to read and complete the survey. Surveys can be placed into a box at the office. All surveys are confidential.

Thanks for your support and cooperation.
Peter Halloran.

Abigail sings in Sydney
Last week I went to Sydney to sing with the Small School’s Choir at the Sydney Opera House. We left on Monday at 6.10 am and took all day to drive to Sydney. When we
finally got there we stayed at the Rocks YHA. It was fun because it is right on top of the big dig—where they have found lots of fossils. On Tuesday night we watched a performance at the Opera House and the next day we had a rehearsal. After that we got to buy some souvenirs. We then got into our performance clothes and we had dinner at the City Extra Restaurant. We then had our first performance. It was a thing I will always remember singing in such a special place. During the week we also went to Vaucluse House, Susannah Place and Circular Quay. We also got to walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge. That was really amazing. Thanks everyone who helped buy tickets in my raffle and to the P & C who donated money to help me attend. It was awesome!
Abigail Greenshields.

Check out these new additions to our rooms.
These are called document cameras. They enable teachers to project anything onto their Interactive whiteboard through a camera that takes photos and videos. You can showcase to the class a great piece of work or edit someone’s writing as a group. It is also handy to work through student worksheets or magnify something small onto the board. Now every class has one of these and it is a great tool to aid teaching.

Years 4, 5 and 6 Camp
Camp is only 2 weeks away. Final payment $110, is due by Friday 13 November please.

Intensive Swimming
The $80 payment for the 10 days of swimming is due by Friday 20 November. Swimming starts Monday 23 November. To assist with your budget instalments are welcomed.

Christmas Celebrations
On Friday 27 November, our School will have a special Children’s Christmas Celebration between 10—11:00 am. We are one of 10 public schools to host this Tweed Coast community initiative, in its ninth year. The whole of school programme will include an assembly and three learning centres, celebratory songs, activities, DVD & craft with the theme "Christmas Gifts", including references to Christ and Christmas. There will be no cost to our school or students. If you do not wish your child/children to attend, please advise the school in writing.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)  This is a message from NSW Health.
There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) amongst primary-school-aged children and a modest increase in high schools. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any younger brothers and sisters at home. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

• Children with symptoms should see a GP.
• If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

P&C News
Raffle Tickets
Please keep working at selling our P & C raffle tickets. Every dollar made will make such a difference to the education opportunities for your child. Once you have sold your tickets please return the book and money to school. All unsold ticket books must be returned to school too please.

Car Rally Fundraiser
It was a great day we made $1000 for the school. I would like to thank Ashleigh, Ian, Karen, Alana, Georgina, Karren, Amala, Stacy, Yasmin, Chris and Nina for giving up their family time and helping with the organisation and running of the day.
Leah Daddo - Fundraiser coordinator

Uniforms
Don’t forget the last day to order uniforms for next year is Monday 16 November. Payment is not necessary at the time of ordering.
Nina Bathie - Uniform coordinator
Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to reflect by gaining a thorough understanding from a range of people about what was great at Burringbar Public School in 2015 and what could be some of the things that we could do to improve our school. This is your opportunity to positively contribute your opinion and view about our school and what it offers its students. Your information will be valuable for our staff to use in finalising the School Management Plan for 2015 and beyond. This survey isn’t compulsory, however the more responses we receive, the more genuinely it will help us to create the best school environment for our students to have. Your responses will be taken seriously.

Please answer each question below by circling the appropriate response or completing a written comment and returning to the survey box located at the front office by Thursday 27th November. The scale of responses vary from 1 (NEVER) to 5 (ALWAYS). Please think carefully about each of the following statements as they might apply to you and your child. If you have more than one child, please circle whichever answers apply most pertinently to you. If you are unsure of a result, leave the question blank. Thank you for positively contributing to our school.

Peter Halloran - Principal

| NEVER = 1 | RARELY = 2 | SOMETIMES = 3 | USUALLY = 4 | ALWAYS = 5 |

LITERACY / ENGLISH

Please make any comments about the teaching of Literacy at the school:

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NUMERACY / MATHEMATICS

Please make any comments about the teaching of Numeracy at the school:

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TEACHING AND LEARNING, SCHOOL ORGANISATION & SOCIAL INTERACTION

Did your child enjoy the teaching and learning experiences offered across all key learning areas in their classroom in 2015.

1  2  3  4  5

Did the school have an effective plan for the delivery of the English in 2015.

1  2  3  4  5

Did the school have an effective plan for the delivery of the Mathematics in 2015.

1  2  3  4  5

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Do you believe that the use of technology increased the engagement of your child with their learning?

1 2 3 4 5

Burringbar Public School is a safe, happy, vibrant environment?

1 2 3 4 5

Do you believe that the school is consistent with their behaviour management?

1 2 3 4 5

Do you feel that the school communicates well with the parents and community?

1 2 3 4 5

Please nominate you or your child’s highlight for the 2015 school year.
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What programs/activities do you think have been worthwhile this year.
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What program/activity do you think is not necessary that our school offers.
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What is important for your child as a parent/carer at our school? e.g. sport, music, engagement etc.
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Do you have any suggestions for the school to consider for future improvement.
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Would you be interested in paying tuition to have your child learn an instrument.
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