

Bute Early Learning & Primary School News

Week 8, Term 4

4th December, 2020



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Early Learning & Primary School

Growth Respect Integrity Teamwork

Diary Dates

8-9/12—Yr 3-6 Camp

9/12—JP Excursion

11/12— Last Day of Term 4
Early Dismissal 2.15pm



Reminders

Breakfast Club will be held each morning.

Newsletters will be fortnightly

Students are required to **wear broad brimmed** hat this term.

We are a **NUT FREE** school

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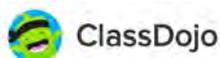
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Our 2020 Student Award Winners

Barunga Village Awards:

Recipients of these awards have demonstrated a high level of improvement and positive attitude throughout the year. Congratulations to the following award winners;



Junior Primary,
Brody Green



Middle Primary,
Shayla Bettess



Upper Primary,
Pippa Krieg

Academic Achievement Awards:

The recipients of these awards have consistently demonstrated a high level of achievement with their learning and development. These students have consistently taken on extra challenges to extend themselves and pursued their personal best at all times. Congratulations to the following award winners;



Junior Primary,
Florence Trengove



Middle Primary,
Stella Hewett



Upper Primary,
Laura Green

Our 2020 Student Award Winners

Fraser Ellis MP Award:

Recipients of this award must be in either Year 6 or 7 and have applied themselves to their studies and made a significant positive contribution to the school and community. The 2020 recipient is **Laura Green**. Laura has always strived to be a leader within our school community, and this year she has developed and grown into a wonderful role model for her peers. Laura always displays our school values, accepts all challenges and pursues her personal best.

Throughout 2020, Laura has displayed significant growth with the empathy and kindness she shows towards others. She is aware of and always thinks about other students and how she can support them with their learning, development and wellbeing. Recently, this genuine care for her peers, came to the forefront when Laura discovered the need for a Buddy Bench in our school. Laura has demonstrated great initiative in leading this project from start to completion, including collaborating with the Men's Shed to bring this idea to life. This will be a wonderful legacy Laura leaves at Bute as she transitions into Middle School at Kadina Memorial School in 2021. Laura, well done on a fantastic year of learning and personal growth.



Laura Green

Our 2020 Student Award Winners

QuickSmart Numeracy Awards:

In 2020, **Laura Green and Pippa Krieg** have successfully completed the QuickSmart Numeracy Program. QuickSmart Numeracy is a program which focuses on developing students' skills and confidence with their number operations, problem solving and Maths vocabulary. At Bute Early Learning and Primary School we are very lucky to have 3 fantastic QuickSmart instructors in Deb Taylor, Steph Murray and Justine Koch who guide students through this program and challenge the students to always do their best.

Both Laura and Pippa have displayed great determination to improve and extend themselves within this program. They have been enthusiastic, goal orientated but most importantly, humble in the success they have had with their learning in this program.

Congratulations to both Laura and Pippa!



Laura Green



Pippa Krieg

From the Principal's Desk

Presentation Night - 2020

Well what an excellent night of performances and celebrations we enjoyed last night. A terrific showcase of student talents and a wonderful way to celebrate the achievements of so many students throughout 2020.

Whilst it was not possible to have all of our families and friends attend on the night, we will hopefully share this experience with our extended community with videos and many photos from the night. Thank you to all of the staff and helpers for the work and energy they have invested in the lead up to these presentations.

Some special mentions go to Deb and Sarah Taylor for helping to create the Year 6 leavers video, Lyn and Karlie Bettess and their little helpers for spending many, many hours preparing the gardens for the night, Pauline McCormack for attending to the sign in desk, helping to hand out the gifts received by Santa and many other jobs in the lead up to the event and Julie McDonald for organising the PowerPoint Presentation among many other things for the night. A big thank you also to the teachers and the students for developing, rehearsing and performing such polished dances and singing throughout the night.

Events like these are hard work and only made possible by people working together and going above and beyond their everyday work. Thank you everyone!



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Staffing News

I am very excited to be able to announce that we have finalised all of our teaching positions for 2021.

Dempsey Fuss has again been appointed as the Early Years Teacher (Preschool and JP) for 2021. Throughout 2020, Dempsey has shared her time between the Rural Care and the JP class, and has continued to grow and develop as a brilliant educator. Dempsey has immersed our children in many wonderful and engaging experiences and always contributes to the development of inspiring learning spaces. She is a team player, always doing what is best for the young people entrusted to her. We are very fortunate to have Dempsey with us again next year, and we are looking forward to Dempsey supporting and educating a great bunch of Preschoolers and Junior Primary students in 2021



Brooke Russell will step so capably back into the role as the Middle Primary teacher (Mon-Thurs) and Combined MP/UP teacher on Fridays. Brooke has been a breath of fresh air in the Middle Primary classroom and has helped to establish a culture of high expectations with the students. Brooke has worked hard to implement our Site Improvement work and strongly contributed to how this has evolved and developed over the year. Brooke has also been very proactive in her role as our School Sport / SAPSASA representative, developing many fantastic opportunities for our students to learn some new sports and sporting skills. We are very grateful to have Brooke continue with us in 2021.



Min Sawyer returns to our site after a year off to spend time with the beautiful Lucy and the handsome Cameron – her wonderful children! We are so lucky to welcome Min back to Bute and know that her experience, her enthusiasm and her genuine care for the entire school community is a huge asset. Min will once again share the Upper Primary class with myself and I am sure she will quickly resume the role as the favourite teacher in this class. Min has been involved in much of our Site Improvement work and I am confident she will have a seamless transition back to this work next year.



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Staff Milestones

Julie McDonald - 40 Years of Service

Believe it or not, but this year marks Julie McDonald's 40th year of service to Public Education. It is simple mind-boggling to think about the many thousands of students, families and staff whose lives have been touched by Julie's service in one way or another over this time.

To remain committed to any profession for 40 years is incredible, however, education is one of the rare professions that continuously evolves and changes year after year, making this milestone extra special and noteworthy. It is a true testament to how passionate and dedicated Julie has been and remains in her role in schools.

Since beginning her time at Bute in 2019, Julie has had a significant impact on our entire school community. Julie has so capably juggled the many roles interwoven into her position at our site, however, it has been her work within the Library that has really shone and inspired all of us. Julie was instrumental in the refurbishment of the Library, ensuring we are providing the most beautiful and inviting space for our students, staff and families to share the joy of reading together. Julie's love of books has ignited this passion in so many of our students and helped them to expand the sorts of books they read and enjoy.

Julie continually develops and coordinates wonderful experiences for our school community with many of these events creating fond and lasting memories for our students. In only 2 years, there are already too many wonderful events to mention. However, there are two events which continue to stand out in my mind; the opportunity for our students to hear from a world renowned author (Sally Rippen) and the inception of the Bute Township Book Week Parade and Celebrations.

Julie continues to go above and beyond in her role at Bute and we are so very grateful and proud to have shared some of Julie's time in Public Education.



Paula Knowles - 10 Years of Service

This year also marked 10 years of service to Public Education and Care for Paula Knowles. Luckily for our site and community, all of this time has been spent educating and nurturing our littlest people in the Bute Rural Care Centre.

Paula's experience, passion and dedication was instrumental throughout the amalgamation of the Primary School, Preschool and Rural Care, and continues to be an asset as we move forward as one site.

The relationships and rapport Paula builds with all of the young people entrusted into her care, is simply incredible! It is not surprising that many of the families who attend our Centre, have been long-term families who continue to feel safe in the knowledge that we have educators of Paula's calibre!

This year our site was very excited to be able to repay some of Paula's commitment and service, by appointing her into a permanent, ongoing position in our Early Learning Centre. I know this will be exciting news for all of the families who frequent our Centre. In 2018, our Early Learning Centre was externally assessed against the National Quality Standards and rated as exceeding these standards. These achievements are only possible because educators such as Paula, continue to exceed in their roles. Paula, thank you for your ongoing dedication, passion and professionalism.



Farewell Assembly

In 2020, I have been fortunate to work with an amazing group of educators and support staff. These people invest an enormous amount of their energy, time and knowledge to support our young people to reach their full potential. Unfortunately, at this time of the year, we have some staff to farewell from our school. We hope to welcome these wonderful people back to our site in the near future. We will more formally farewell these staff members at our **Week 9 Assembly On Thursday 10th of December from 2:30pm**. Leaving staff members are;

Justine Koch – SSO and QuickSmart Numeracy Instructor

Steph Murray – SSO and QuickSmart Numeracy Instructor

Mel Conley –Upper Primary Teacher



Lawn Bowls



During Term 4, students in Reception to Year 6 have been participating in a Lawn Bowls program 'Rookie Rollers' provided by Bowls Australia. We have been lucky enough to have Bob Scott run the Lawn Bowls sessions. Students have thoroughly enjoyed learning a new sport and challenging themselves to develop new skills. We are planning to continue our Lawn Bowls learning in 2021 and hope to re-schedule our community Bowls event early next year. It looks as though Bute may have some promising up and coming bowlers.



Gold Pass

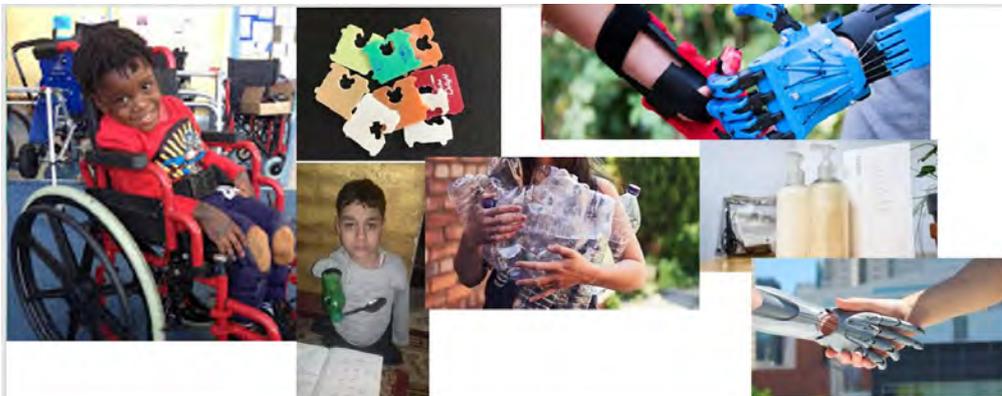


Stella Hewett received a gold pass for her Science test on electrons and atoms. She got 26 out of 24—the bonus points were because she answered way beyond what was expected. Well done Stella!



Laura Green received a Gold Pass for her powerpoint presentation on Genius Hour Project.

This term in HASS we did a project called Genius Hour, where we had to choose our own inquiry question. Our inquiry question had to be linked to a problem and we had to find a solution to the problem. My topic was {how can my local community increase the



Genius Hour Project

BY LAURA



amount of materials recycled and how can recycled materials be used to help the wider community?} I talked about how bread tags can be recycled and used in wheelchairs, and also shampoo and conditioner bottles can be recycled into artificial body parts. I presented my information in a video and a PowerPoint.

JP Christmas Poem

Ten Little Christmas Trees

Ten little Christmas Trees a-growing in a line,
The first went to Mr Hall's Office,
And that left only nine.



Nine little Christmas Trees all found it long to wait,
The second went to the Library,
And that left only eight.



Eight little Christmas Trees said, " Christmas will be heaven. "
The third went to the Front Office,
And that left only seven.



Seven little Christmas Trees, and all as straight as sticks!
The fourth went to the Cottage,
And that left only six.



Six little Christmas Trees, all growing and alive!
The fifth went to the COLA,
And that left only five.



Five little Christmas Trees said, " Will they want some more? "
The sixth went to the Middle Primary,
And that left only four.



Four little Christmas Trees, as sturdy as could be!
The seventh went to the Upper Primary,
And that left only three.



Three little Christmas Trees all grew and grew and grew,
The eighth went to the Kindy,
And that left only two.

Two little Christmas Trees, December almost done!
The ninth went to the Playground,
And that left only one.



One little Christmas Tree, feeling very small!
She came to our class,
And that was best of all.



Ten little Christmas Trees, with Christmas drawing near,
Wish you love and gladness
And a Happy New Year.



The Junior Primary Class,
Bute Early Learning & Primary School



Community Notices



HO! HO! HO!

The Bute 2000 Onwards Progress Committee invite you to the Annual Christmas Eve Celebrations at the Bute Sporting Club

Come along from 5:30pm for a sausage sizzle from 6pm (Gold Coin Donation). Santa will be arriving at 7:30pm. Family friendly activities including craft, tree decorating, water fun and soft serve. Bar facilities will be available.

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