



Burwood Heights Primary School



Primary Years
Programme

Issue 14

Thursday 21st August, 2025

Burwood Heights Primary School's goal is to educate the whole child.
Our students are at the heart of everything we do.

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| TUESDAY | 26 TH AUGUST | READ IN BED DAY |
| FRIDAY | 29 TH AUGUST | SUMMER SPORT |
| TUESDAY | 2 ND SEPTEMBER | SCHOOL COUNCIL |
| WEDNESDAY | 3 RD SEPTEMBER | FATHER'S DAY STALL |
| THURSDAY | 4 TH SEPTEMBER | SPECIAL ASSEMBLY- IB PYP REVIEW |
| THURSDAY | 11 TH SEPTEMBER | RUOK DAY |
| FRIDAY | 12 TH SEPTEMBER | SUMMER SPORT |
| SATURDAY | 13 TH SEPTEMBER | MIDDLE SCHOOL BIKE RIDE – WILD TOGETHER |
| THURSDAY | 18 TH SEPTEMBER | INTERIM REPORTS TO PARENTS |
| FRIDAY | 19 TH SEPTEMBER | LAST DAY FOR TERM THREE |
| MONDAY | 6 TH OCTOBER | FIRST DAY OF TERM FOUR |
| SATURDAY | 19 TH OCTOBER | SPRING FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE |
| MONDAY - WEDNESDAY | 20 TH TO 22 ND OCTOBER | SENIOR SCHOOL CAMP |
| TUESDAY | 21 ST OCTOBER | SCHOOL COUNCIL |
| THURSDAY | 23 RD OCTOBER | JUNIOR SCHOOL EXCURSION TO THE ZOO |
| MONDAY | 3 RD NOVEMBER | CURRICULUM DAY |
| TUESDAY | 4 TH NOVEMBER | MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| TUESDAY - THURSDAY | 11 TH TO 12 TH NOVEMBER | TEETH ON WHEELS IN SCHOOL |
| TUESDAY | 18 TH NOVEMBER | KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT |
| WEDNESDAY | 19 TH NOVEMBER | THE PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT |
| THURSDAY | 20 TH NOVEMBER | PREP AND JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS |
| TUESDAY | 25 TH NOVEMBER | SCHOOL COUNCIL |
| FRIDAY | 28 TH NOVEMBER | WILD TOGETHER – SENIOR SCHOOL HIKE |
| TUESDAY | 9 TH DECEMBER | YEAR SEVEN ORIENTATION DAY |
| MONDAY | 15 TH DECEMBER | REPORTS TO PARENTS |
| TUESDAY | 16 TH DECEMBER | GRADUATION |
| FRIDAY | 19 TH DECEMBER | END OF SCHOOL YEAR. DISMISSAL AT 1.30P.M. |



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

On Monday 18th August, the Inclusive Playground was opened by John Mullahy, Member of State Parliament for Glen Waverley District in the Victorian Parliament.

A special assembly commenced the proceedings with the official party present, before a brief visit to the new Junior School classrooms, once known as the “old hall”; a drop-in to the Homecrafts room and then to the wonderful Outdoor Learning Classroom, where kindergarten children were contributing to the development of an igloo (made from milk bottles) and a discovery activity in the garden area. It was then straight to the Inclusive Playground for the official cutting of the ribbon.

I acknowledge the support of Mrs Zoe Mallen, School Council President, and Mrs Frances Mason and Mr Hany Seffeen for their school management of the project, overseeing the day-to-day arrangement necessary for the works to progress. Miss Emily Whitelaw successfully wrote the grant that started the ball rolling.

The Inclusive Playground was financed by the government, and the Victorian School Building Authority managed the project.

It is indeed an area that has been designed to be welcoming and accessible to all students of all abilities, including those with physical, mental and learning difficulties. The playground goes beyond basic accessibility standards to create a space where everyone can participate and feel included in play.



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE REVIEW

This is for those who are new to our school and as a reminder to others.

It is time for our five-yearly review of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) which is the curriculum framework that supports our teaching and learning for our kindergarten and school students.

The IB emphasizes inquiry-based learning, transdisciplinary themes, and the development of the whole child. The programme highlights our fostering of student agency, promoting transdisciplinary learning, and creating a positive school climate.

The Key Aspects of the IB PYP:

- **Inquiry-based learning:** Students are encouraged to ask questions, investigate, and construct their own understanding through active exploration.
- **Transdisciplinary themes:** Our curriculum is organized around six transdisciplinary themes that provide a framework for exploring universal concepts and issues across different subject areas.
- **Student agency:** The IB aims to empower students to take ownership of their learning, fostering independence and a sense of responsibility.
- **Learner profile:** The IB learner profile outlines a set of attributes that the PYP seeks to develop in students, including being knowledgeable, principled, caring, and open-minded.
- **Conceptual understanding:** The PYP emphasizes the development of conceptual understanding, encouraging students to make connections between ideas and apply their learning in different contexts.
- **International-mindedness:** The PYP aims to cultivate international-mindedness by encouraging students to explore diverse perspectives and develop an understanding of global issues.
- **Community focus:** The PYP emphasizes the importance of collaboration and building a strong learning community among students, teachers, and parents.

The IB PYP focuses on the holistic development of the student.

THE CHILD IS THE CENTRE OF EVERYTHING WE DO HERE.

- We focus on addressing their intellectual, social, emotional, and physical needs.
- We aim to make learning engaging and relevant to students' lives by connecting it to real-world issues and encouraging inquiry-based learning.
- We endeavour to have a positive school climate by fostering a sense of unity, coherence, and common purpose among stakeholders.
- We align the IB PYP Programme very easily to the Victorian standards.



WHAT IS CYBER SAFETY?



Cyber safety is about protecting your child when they use the internet, apps, games, and digital devices. It includes safe online behaviour, managing screen time, and protecting personal information.

Research suggests that by parents/guardians taking an active role in what children are doing online, showing safe practices and being able to talk to them about any questions they have, helps to keep them safe.

This can involve the practice of co-viewing and co- playing with children on their devices. Online safety should aim to start at a young age to create the foundations and building blocks for current and future experiences and interactions that remain safe.

Some healthy habits to start conversations with your child include :

- Ask what apps they like to use and to whom they talk
- Ask what they must do if something happened online that made them feel uncomfortable
- Create tech free zones e.g. Meal times/family time
- Set rules together and review them together
- Respect others online, everything they post leaves a digital footprint.
- Some warning signs to look out for include (but are not limited to)
- Hiding screens or being secretive about what they are doing online
- Sudden changes in behaviour or mood
- Unexplained charges or purchases
- Withdrawal from social activities or schoolwork.

We are committed to supporting every student and their family to navigate challenges both online and offline with confidence, care, and clarity.



PARENT/CARER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

Each year a random sample of parents is requested to complete a Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. The data from this survey is collated and compiled as part of the School Annual Report and forms a part of the Department's School Accountability process and informs future planning.

Parents, Carers/Guardians are randomly selected to complete the 2025 Parent/Caregiver/ Guardian Opinion Survey. If you have been selected you will have received an email via COMPASS with the instructions on how to proceed.

The survey is open from Monday 18th August to Friday 12th September, 2025. It is available in English and ten other languages including Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Somali and Punjab.



RUOK? DAY IS 11TH SEPTEMBER



'Ask R U OK? Any Day'. The annual campaign is a national day- of -action highlighting the importance of meaningful conversations.

This national day- of -action is dedicated to inspiring all people of all backgrounds to regularly ask each other 'Are you OK?' It aims to prevent suicide by encouraging Australians to connect with someone they care about and help stop little problems turning into big ones. On that day the aim of the organization is that everyone across the country, from all backgrounds and walks of life, asks family, friends and colleagues: "[Are you OK?](#)"

Staying connected with others is crucial to our general health and wellbeing. Feeling isolated or hopeless can contribute to depression and other mental illnesses, which can ultimately result in suicide. Regular, meaningful conversations can protect those we know and love. R U OK? Day encourages responsible public discussion of social isolation and its negative consequences such as suicide. The key message is that social connectedness and positive help seeking can assist people.

CODE OF CONDUCT PLAYERS / STUDENTS CODE OF CONDUCT



It is very pleasing to know that all our students who participate in school sporting events with opponents from other schools always behave in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Reports back from the recent District Athletics competition evidence this.

Our students are encouraged to:

- a) Play for enjoyment.
- b) Play by the rules.
- c) Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- d) Do not be induced into 'throwing' a game for the benefit of another team or individual
- e) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport. f) Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- f) Treat all players as you would like and expect to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.
- g) Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and be respectful of your opponents
- h) Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used including by social media, email, instant messaging, and texting.
- i) Behave with courtesy and consideration for others. Violence, bullying, verbal intimidation, offensive or abusive behaviour and harassment on or off the playing field is not acceptable.

REMINDER



For those students who have lost their school hat or for those students new to the school, now is the time to prepare for wearing a school hat to school every day.

From Monday 1st September the school hat should be worn at all times when the student is outside.

Chocolate Fundraiser

We are thrilled to launch our Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser - a sweet and simple to support the upgrade of our Children's Book Library in both the Kindergarten and School.



Why we are fundraising

One hundred percent of the funds raised will go directly toward refreshing and expanding our library collection. Our goal is to provide students with engaging, age-appropriate books that encourage reading and support learning across all year levels. New books mean more stories to spark imagination, curiosity and a lifelong love of reading.

How It Works

This year, families have the option to pre-order and pre-purchase their chocolate boxes or bags - no more automatic distribution! This flexible approach allows you to choose what suits your household and helps avoid waste from over-ordering. over-ordering while still raising much-needed funds.

Available Chocolate Options for Purchase

- Freddo and Friends Variety - 12g Freddo, 15g Caramello Koala, 15g Freddo Strawberry, 12g Freddo Milky Top
- Funpack - 35g Freddo and 35g Caramello Koala
- Goody Box - 39g Twirl, 44g Cherry Ripe, 40g Twirl Crispy, 46g Picnic, 50g Turkish Delight

Ordering Details

To purchase your Cadbury treats, simply complete and return order form by Friday 12th September. Payment can be made via cash or credit card at the school office.

Delivery: All orders will be distributed to families during Week One of Term Four.

Need another form? Extra order forms are available at the school office.
Thank you for supporting this delicious initiative and helping us build a vibrant, and well-stocked library for every child!

Burwood Heights Primary School and Kindergarten
Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser Order Form

Available Boxes for Purchase

| Product | Contents | Price | Quantity | Total |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------|----------|----------|
| Freddo & Friends Variety Box of 120 | 12g Freddo, 15g Caramello Koala, 15g Freddo Strawberry, 12g Freddo Milky Top | \$60.00 | | \$ _____ |
| Funpack Box of 60 | 35g Freddo and 35g Caramello Koala | \$60.00 | | \$ _____ |
| Mixed Chocolate Treats Box Box of 60 | 39g Twirl, 44g Cherry Ripe, 40g Twirl Crispy, 46g Picnic, 50g Turkish Delight | \$60.00 | | \$ _____ |

Available Bags for Purchase

| Product | Contents | Price | Quantity | Total |
|---|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Freddo & Friends Variety Bag of 20 (5 of each) Bag of 40 (10 of each) Bag of 60 (15 of each) | 12g Freddo, 15g Caramello Koala, 15g Freddo Strawberry, 12g Freddo Milky Top | 20 - \$10.00 | | \$ _____ |
| | | 40 - \$20.00 | | |
| | | 60 - \$30.00 | | |
| Funpack Bag of 10 (5 of each) Bag of 20 (10 of each) Bag of 30 (15 of each) | 35g Freddo and 35g Caramello Koala | 10 - \$10.00 | | \$ _____ |
| | | 20 - \$20.00 | | |
| | | 30 - \$30.00 | | |
| Mixed Chocolate Treats Box Bag of 10 (2 of each) Bag of 20 (4 of each) Bag of 30 (6 of each) | 39g Twirl, 44g Cherry Ripe, 40g Twirl Crispy, 46g Picnic, 50g Turkish Delight | 10 - \$15.00 | | \$ _____ |
| | | 20 - \$30.00 | | |
| | | 30 - \$45.00 | | |
| 💰 Total Payment: | | | Total Boxes/Bags Ordered _____ | Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ |

Order Due Date: Friday 12th September

Delivery Date: Week 1 Term 4

A total payment of \$ _____ is to be charged to :

Credit Card - Name on card: _____

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Card Number:

Expiry Date:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Cash - A total of \$ _____ is enclosed.

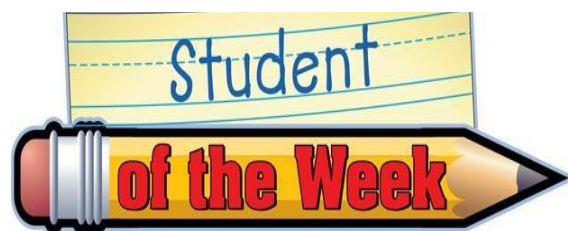
Family Information

Student Name: _____ Class/Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Please return this form with payment by the due date. Thank you for supporting our students' love of reading through this sweet initiative!

Enquiries? Contact: Burwood Heights Primary School Office 98864759



Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at assembly on **Thursday 4th September**:

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| Prep L | Harper M and Harrison Y |
| Prep M | George G and Gracelyn P |
| Prep P | Dorian B and Alyssa W |
| Prep W | Max B and William W |
| 1/2B | Jasven F and Amal A |
| 1/2C | Lucinda H and Vedant M |
| 1/2F | Rosalie B and Finn O |
| 1/2H | Zariya I and Yutong T |
| 1/2P | Santiago M and Jaxon Y |
| 1/2S | Ayden A and Zara G |
| 3/4A | Isabelle H and Naraiz B |
| 3/4C | Lochlann C and Bella Z |
| 3/4P | Aidan K and Atakan A |
| 3/4T | Myra K and Aaira K |
| 3/4W | Rishi B and Isha S |
| 5/6A | Bentley M and Karissa G |
| 5/6J | Noah K and Tina S |
| 5/6L | Franco Y and Cayla L |
| 5/6M | Avissyea G and Jaiden J |
| 5/6S | Lyra M and Will H |

National Science Week

Decoding the Universe



LAST WEEK WE CELEBRATED NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK, WITH THIS YEAR'S THEME "DECODING THE UNIVERSE – EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN WITH NATURE'S HIDDEN LANGUAGE."

STUDENTS EMBRACED THE DAY BY COMING DRESSED AS SCIENTISTS AND PARTICIPATING IN A RANGE OF EXCITING ACTIVITIES IN OUR OUTDOOR LEARNING CLASSROOM. THEY HAD THE CHOICE OF EXPLORING PATTERNS FOUND IN THE GARDEN, CONSTRUCTING A BUG HOTEL, OR CREATING BEAUTIFUL LEAF RUBBINGS. EACH ACTIVITY ENCOURAGED CURIOSITY, TEAMWORK, AND A CLOSER LOOK AT THE HIDDEN WONDERS OF NATURE.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS, CATHERINE NGUYEN, HONEY JAIN KATHURIA, AND KATE TEO, WHO GENEROUSLY GAVE THEIR TIME TO HELP RUN THE ACTIVITIES.

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR BUDDING SCIENTISTS—KEEP ASKING QUESTIONS, KEEP EXPLORING, AND REMEMBER: SCIENCE IS EVERYWHERE, JUST WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED!



FREE Father's Day Family Event



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Thursday 4th of September 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

Lots of fun for the whole family.
We have a pirate ship ride, pony rides, fluffy
pets, reptile display, fathers day craft,
community group displays and much more.
For bookings scan the QR code or email
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**Don't miss out,
register now!**



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Reminiscing August

During the last 2 weeks of term 3 we had activities themed around Space and Sciences. During the mornings we had trivia games before leaving for classes and after school, we mostly have outdoor games and craft activities like DIY Playdough, Dominos effect etc.



Science Week Celebrations



We had a lot of fun at
TheirCare during Science Week!



Secret Garden

SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

BOOKINGS OPEN 15th AUGUST!

Book to secure your child's spot in this magical journey of fun and discovery at TheirCare.com.au. Holiday Program won't be running at BHPS, however, bookings can be made for different locations based on your convenience.



FEEL GOOD FIESTA



Date: Thursday 11th September

When: After School Care

Where: At Your TheirCare Service!



Join us on R U OK? Day for a magical afternoon of fun and feel-good vibes at our wellbeing party. It's all about happiness and mindfulness as we take part in a selection of calming and self-care activities.

To join in, simply book into service.



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Mwai Kumwenda, Kate Maloney, Kate Eddy,
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Adults

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Private

Private lessons are offered at all clubs. There is a range of 30min, 45min & 60min options for private, semi-private & private group lessons.



Toptenn Tennis has many clubs based in the inner Eastern suburbs. To book your free trial in one of our group lessons, scan the QR code or contact our office.

