



Burwood Heights Primary School



Primary Years
Programme

Issue 16

Thursday 18th September, 2025

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

FRIDAY	19 TH SEPTEMBER	LAST DAY OF TERM THREE SCHOOL – SHOOOL DISMISSAL 2.30PM
MONDAY	6 TH OCTOBER	CURRICULUM DAY
TUESDAY	7 TH OCTOBER	STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM FOUR
SUNDAY	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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HOLIDAY TIME!

This is the final newsletter for this term, with the term ending tomorrow, Friday 19th September. We are all looking forward to two weeks break from the normal routine and life's immediate demands. On behalf of staff, I wish you and your family a safe holiday and look forward to seeing you back at school for the commencement of Term Four on TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER.



MISS DAISY-MAY CREIGHTON LEAVES US THIS TERM

Miss Creighton will leave us this term to take up a full-time teaching position in a Special School, commencing Term Four. I thank Miss Creighton for her commitment to our school and kindergarten and wish her all the very best as she starts the next part of her teaching career, knowing her enthusiastic and positive approach to all matters will be appreciated.



BEST WISHES AND THANK YOU

9.00AM START FOR SCHOOL DAY



Term Four will see the school day officially commencing at 9.00am. The school gates will be opened at 8.40am for students and parents/guardians to enter the school site. The school yard will be supervised by staff from 8.45am until 9.00am. The music will play at 8.57am with the ringing of the bell at 9.00am for the commencement of the day. Staff will indicate to their students, whether they will line-up outside before entering the class or are able to enter the room when the bell rings.

In Term Four we will be trialling students eating lunch outside. Lunch will run from 1.30pm – 2.30pm with students eating their lunch in designated areas. Once students finish eating they will place their lunch boxes into a tub outside their classroom. The re-introduction of ‘nude food’ should assist with keeping rubbish in the yard to a minimum.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight saving starts on the first Sunday in October, so for 2025, on Sunday, October 5th, clocks will jump forward an hour – that means we skip an hour at 2.00am and go straight to 3.00am.

This is the practice of advancing clocks to make better use of the longer daylight available during summer, so that darkness falls at a later clock time. **Remember to turn your clocks on one hour**



PLEASE WATCH OVER OUR SCHOOL DURING THE BREAK



If you see any incident that impacts on the safety or wellbeing of staff, students or visitors in or around schools, especially after school hours, you can alert **Emergency Management by phoning 95896266 (24-hour service)**. Of course, if what you see is **criminal behaviour, call the police on 000**.

To keep our school secure it is incumbent upon us all to always be vigilant. Unwanted visitors to the school should be reported to the police immediately.

Please help us to keep our school safe from vandalism. **Report intruders to the police.** No one should be on the school property when the school is not operating. Thank you.

INTERIM REPORTS

Having a positive partnership with our students' parents and guardians is extremely important to all at Burwood Heights Primary School and Kindergarten and we pride ourselves on the positive two-way communication we have between staff and parents and guardians.



Parents/guardians received two extremely detailed written reports and two Interim Reports during the year. Although this is not a Department requirement, staff consider it important that you are informed regularly about your child's progress. Your feedback on this innovation for reporting has been appreciated.

The change in the date you will receive the Interim Report is due to the changes we have made to include more comprehensive snapshot of your child's progress. You will now receive this on 10th October on COMPASS and the Semester Two Report on Monday 12th December in hard copy.

CONGRATULATIONS, WILLIAM X

William X recently participated in both the Victoria and the National Snowboard Championships, where he achieved sixth place in Victoria and ninth place nationally. Our school community is very proud of William's achievement.

Such results are achieved through dedication to improvement, talent, passion, commitment and the support of a family, who provide such opportunities.

We all look forward to seeing William achieve the sporting goals he sets for himself in the future.



PREPARE FOR SPRING AND THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA SEASON



There are important steps that can be taken to ensure students are sun smart and safe at school. UV radiation is at its highest from mid-August to April and peaks during school hours. Schools are required to have measures in place to manage extreme heat and provide sun and UV protection. Extreme heat or a heatwave is a period of unusual and uncomfortable hot weather that can negatively affect health.

Asthma and hay fever symptoms increase every year between October and December. There is also the chance of an epidemic thunderstorm asthma event during grass pollen season.

Increased risk of thunderstorm asthma can occur in people with:

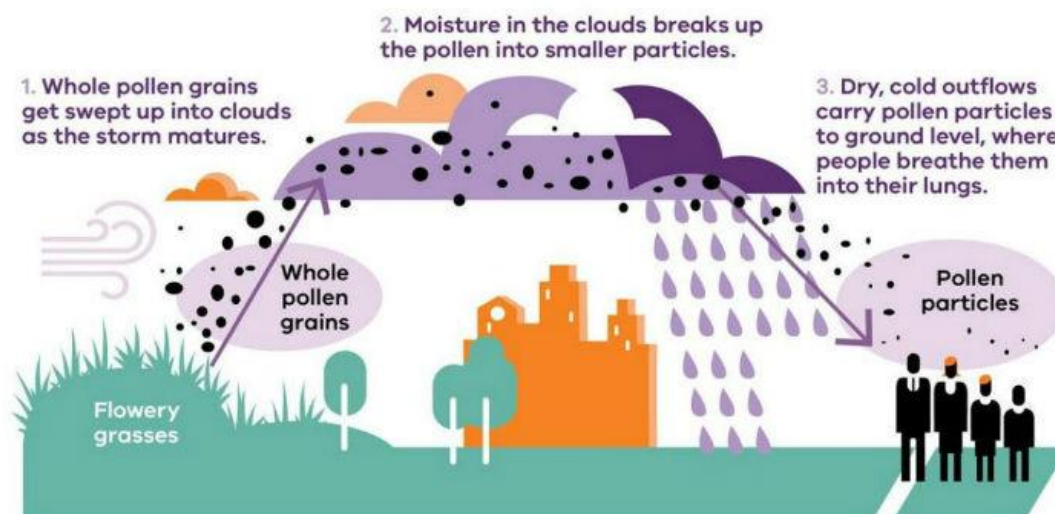
- Asthma
- A history of asthma
- Undiagnosed asthma
- Hay fever, who may not have asthma
- Poor control and self-management of asthma

To be sun smart and safe there are three important steps to take. These are:

1. **Extreme heat and sun protection** (hats, sunscreen, clothing, drink water, be outdoor in the coolest part of the day).
2. **Thunderstorm asthma preparation** (asthma medication easily accessible, avoid outside between October and December especially if windy; asthma action plans and allergy plans if required,
3. **Thunderstorm asthma event alerts** (subscribe to the Prepare and Get Ready – Victoria Emergency to receive warnings; emergency response procedures and following individual asthma action plans as needed.)

link: <https://emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare/#where-do-i-get-information-in-an-emergency>

What is thunderstorm asthma?



TEN GENERAL SAFETY RULES YOU SHOULD TEACH YOUR CHILDREN

Safety Rule #1 : KNOW YOUR NAME, NUMBER AND ADDRESS

Your child may be small but it is important to teach basic contact details like your and your partner's name and contact number. Your child should be able to share your contact number with someone in case of an emergency. Also, knowing where home is and any nearby landmark is also important. Help your child memorize these with regular practice at home. Also, help your child memorize a backup number to call, like a grandparent, uncle or aunt

	My Name:
	Our Address:
	Phone Number:



Safety Rule #2 : DO NOT EAT ANYTHING GIVEN BY A STRANGER

You need to teach your child about the dangers of eating food that is given by a stranger. No matter how tempting the treat is, if it comes from a stranger, your child should not eat it. Teach your child that it is dangerous to accept food from anyone. Ask them to politely refuse in case someone is offering food without your consent or

in your absence.

Safety Rule #3 DO NOT CLIMB THE FENCE:

Your child may be playing ball and suddenly it bounces off to a space inside a fence. Teach your child never to try and retrieve something by climbing through a fence. If something like this happens, your child should ask the help of a grown up, but never go near a fence.



Safety Rule #4 : DO NOT WALK OUT OF THE YARD ALONE

Similar to the point above, your child should know that it is not permissible to walk out of your yard alone. If your child needs to go out for anything, you or some known adult should be accompanying your child at all times.

Safety Rule #5 : PLAYING OR EXPERIMENTING WITH FIRE IS NOT ALLOWED

Whether or not you are at home, your child should know that it is absolutely not allowed to play with fire. Only if you are around and have given your permission can your child be near fire. Make sure all fire outlets are safely out of your child's reach.



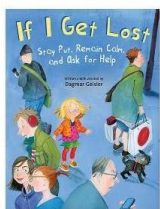
Safety Rule #6 : NEVER GO ANYWHERE WITH A STRANGER

Your child should know that no matter what the reasoning, it is not safe to go anywhere with a stranger. Tell your child that if a stranger tells them something like 'Your mum asked you to come with me immediately,' they should stay where they are and shout out for help. Ensure that if there is an emergency, you will always send a family member, like grandparent or aunt, to be with your child and not a stranger.

Safety Rule #7 : NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO TOUCH YOUR CHILD'S BODY

This is a very important safety rule for child and you should teach about it as soon as your kid can understand the basics. Teach about good touch and bad touch. Tell your child that no one is allowed to touch your child except mommy, and sometimes papa, if needed. If anyone else has touched your child, your child should immediately shout for help and alert people around.



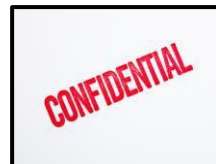


Safety Rule #8 : IF YOU GET LOST, STAY WHERE YOU ARE

In the event that your child gets lost, tell them it is important they stay right where they are. If they see any other mom with child nearby, they can ask her for help. Your child should stay inside the place and not go out, even with the other mom. Most common places where child get lost are the super markets. Tell your child that they can walk up to the counter of the store and tell the person they are lost.

Safety Rule #9 : DO NOT SHARE ADDRESS & PHONE DETAILS WITH STRANGERS

Your child should know that it is unsafe to share personal details like phone numbers, address, email ids or pictures with strangers. Any information that is shared should only be with your consent or in your presence.



Safety Rule #10 : IF I AM UNCOMFORTABLE I WILL NOT DO IT

No matter what your child may be asked to do, if it makes your child uncomfortable, your child should NOT do it. This could be something as simple as taking off clothes in front of others and diving in a home pool. If your child is not comfortable about it, no matter how many friends are doing it, your child should not do it at all.

It is important that you teach your child about these basic safety rules for children as soon as they are able to understand. There are certain things that you can start teaching your child as early as three years of age. Make sure you speak to your child in an age-appropriate language. Always keep communication open. This will encourage your child to tell you everything.

Source: momjunction.com

CLASS FORMATION

The process for student placement for 2026 is about to commence in a few weeks. We aim to have well-balanced classes of students that consider each student's social, emotional and academic development and friendship groups.

Class compositions are based on Level groupings (Foundation - Preps; Junior School – Grades One and Two; Middle School – Grades Three and Four and Senior School – Grades Five and Six.

We endeavour to make optimum use of prior knowledge teachers, parents and others have of each student prior to class placement.

If there is any information you consider important for the school to be aware of, please put it in writing and return to me before 16th October 2025. The reason for the request must be a valid one. **Simply placing a request does not mean that this will be granted, however due consideration will be given.**

Class formation is a lengthy process and entails much discussion and sharing of information between staff.

THERE WILL BE NO CLASS CONSIDERATIONS AFTER THIS DATE.



On Saturday 13th September, our Middle School students took part in a Wild Together adventure—this time on two wheels! With over 60 riders setting off from Jells Park, the Dandenong Creek trail was alive with laughter, chatter, and the whirr of bike tyres.

Our destination was Tirhatuan Park, where icy poles awaited as a well-earned treat. Some students took the chance to rest, while others made the most of the playground before the return journey.

The ride back was filled with memorable moments—hearing bellbirds, spotting kangaroos, and meeting a horse called Hugo! Covering around 15km was no small feat, and everyone should be proud of their efforts, whether finishing with tired legs or bouncing back from the occasional tumble.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success—dads who came to the rescue after spills or with bike repairs, students who pitched in with food prep, and especially Fei and Yameng (Hannah's parents) and Bella's grandparents for cooking sausages and slicing oranges.



Wild Together
 Connecting dads with their child...other dads...and the outdoors

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Saturday
18 October
8.30am to 2.00pm



All proceeds support the community projects of Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Food Stalls, Cakes & Jams, Plants, Craft, Jewellery, Kids Activities, Face-painting, Popcorn, Toys, Silent Auction, Books, Treasures & Collectables, Music and MORE...



Donations Welcome: Donations for stalls including books, plants, household items, toys, treasures or small electrical items (in working order) may be delivered on Friday 17 October 9am-7pm. Please note: We are unable to accept mattresses, furniture, pre-loved clothing or unsaleable items.

For more details contact GWUC Church Office - 9560 3580 | office@gwuc.org.au

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