



Burwood Heights Primary School

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

FRIDAY	17 TH OCTOBER	NED'S RESILIENCE RIDE INCURSION
SUNDAY	19 TH OCTOBER	SPRING FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY	20 TH TO 22 ND OCTOBER	SENIOR SCHOOL CAMP
TUESDAY	21 ST OCTOBER	SCHOOL COUNCIL PREPS TO CHESTERFIELD FARM
THURSDAY	23 RD OCTOBER	JUNIOR SCHOOL EXCURSION TO THE ZOO
FRIDAY	31 ST OCTOBER	PREP 2026 TRANSITION
MONDAY	3 RD NOVEMBER	CURRICULUM DAY
TUESDAY	4 TH NOVEMBER	MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY
TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY	11 TH TO 12 TH NOVEMBER	TEETH ON WHEELS IN SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY	11 TH NOVEMBER	REMEMBRANCE DAY
WEDNESDAY	12 TH NOVEMBER	PREP TRANSITION
THURSDAY	13 TH NOVEMBER	PREP AND JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS
TUESDAY	18 TH NOVEMBER	KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY	19 TH NOVEMBER	THE PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT
MONDAY	24 TH NOVEMBER	SCHOOL LEADERS 2026 SPEECHES
TUESDAY	25 TH NOVEMBER	SCHOOL COUNCIL
THURSDAY	27 TH NOVEMBER	PREP 2026 INFORMATION NIGHT
FRIDAY	28 TH NOVEMBER	WILD TOGETHER – SENIOR SCHOOL HIKE PREP TRANSITION
SATURDAY	29 TH NOVEMBER	WILD TOGETHER – SENIOR SCHOOL HIKE
MONDAY- FRIDAY	1 ST – 12 TH DECEMBER	PREP AND JUNIOR SWIMMING
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



It is so very good to be back at school, ready for a wonderful final term of the 2025 school year. Whitehorse Spring Festival Performance, excursions, incursions, Wild Together, Junior School Sports Day, Remembrance Service, Dance and Glee Concert, Prep 2026 Transition, Kindergarten 2026 Information Night, Prep 2026 Information Night, Year Six Orientation Day, Amazing Race and Graduation, all make for a very busy and exciting final school term.

Planning for 2026 is well underway, involving decisions for curriculum, specialist programmes and staffing. This is not a straightforward process as it is driven very much by our final enrolment number. If you know your child will not/may not be attending Burwood Heights Primary School next year, I would greatly appreciate knowing as soon as possible.

The School Council works to ensure our school environment is one that promotes safety, is attractive, functional and meets the needs of the students, staff and the school community.

During the break much work has been undertaken in our kindergarten and school areas. From the improvement to our outdoor play area in the kindergarten, to the construction of a dividing wall between classrooms and entrance upgrade in Building A, the maintenance of the electrical work in the E.Wood Centre as well as the maintenance of the school grounds, the holiday time has been filled with daily activity.

CLASS FORMATION

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.

A SNAPSHOT OF WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS TERM

We commence the process of welcoming our 2026 Prep students on Friday 31st October from 9.00am to 10.45 am.



Other Transition Programmes will be conducted on 12th November and 28th November. A Prep 2026 Information Night will be held on Thursday, 27th November 2025.



Remembrance Day on 11th November. Parents welcome to attend the student-led service.

Junior Sports Day is always a fun-filled time for our Junior School students and their parents and on 13th November we are planning to keep up the tradition of having fun whilst participating in sporting activities. More information to follow later.

Kindergarten 2026 Information Night on 18th November.

The Dance and Glee Concert is a “not-to-be-missed” event on 19th November.

Prep and Junior School Swimming Programme 24th November to 5th December.

Election of 2026 School Leaders is on 27th November.

On 28th November, the fathers of Senior School students are invited to participate in “Wild Together Hike”.

Our Year Six students will be attending their assigned secondary college on Tuesday, 9th December for their YEAR SEVEN ORIENTATION DAY.

GRADUATION follows on Tuesday 16th December. This is the night we celebrate our students learning journey and wish them all the best for their future education.

On Wednesday 17th December, our Senior School students celebrate the end-of-the-year by participating in the “Amazing Race”.

Parents and Guardians will receive their child’s report for Semester Two on Monday 15th December.

The final day for students is Friday 19th December. Dismissal time is 1.30pm.

Twelve weeks until Christmas!

ON-LINE SAFETY



The new Australian law restricting social media use for children under sixteen years of age comes into effect on 10th December 2025. Age-restricted platforms will be required to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under sixteen years of age from creating or keeping an account.

The government can do something, but whether this will be enough to dissuade children from being on platforms that they should not be on, is debatable. Parents and guardians play a key role in guiding their children as they first encounter the online world and begin to learn through exploration, play and social interaction and this should continue well into their late teens.

It is a good idea to protect younger children from online risks such as encountering harmful content, contact with strangers or missing out on physical activities. But it is up to you to decide when and how they take these first steps and how best to support them as they begin their online journey.

Both the physical age of your child and their level of maturity and resilience can affect their ability to have positive experiences on social media. There are some sites that are created for children under sixteen years of age.

Key questions to help determine your child's readiness for social media

- Is your child able to understand negative online experiences?
- Does your child understand the importance of protecting their personal information?
- Does your child understand how privacy settings for social media work?
- Does your child understand what is safe to share online?
- Does your child know how to report cyberbullying and other kind of abusive content?
- Is your child willing to let you establish clear rules and supervise their social media activity?

Finding the right balance about how much to supervise your child's online activity will depend on your family's culture and the individual needs of your child. Be prepared for your child to need more support from you at particular times, and to resist your support at other times.

Eventually they will be ready to explore on their own – but keep the lines of communication open so they can come to you with any concerns they may have. As parents and guardians you do need to keep a watchful eye on what your child is doing on-line.

THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA SEASON



Grass pollen season, which runs from October to December each year, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious, and even life threatening.

We implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe when the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Our staff is trained in asthma first aid, and we monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater level of risk.

As a parent or guardian there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family.

- If your child has ever had asthma: talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect your child from the risk of thunderstorm asthma, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever: see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing: it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.
- Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

It is important for students to manage any hay fever or asthma symptoms, as these conditions can produce symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, and loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

If your child experiences these symptoms in different or worse ways to their usual hay fever or asthma symptoms, medical advice should be sought.

WHOOPING COUGH



Whooping cough cases are [continuing to increase across Victoria](#), particularly among school-aged and pre-school children.

[Whooping cough](#) is a very contagious infection, mostly spread through coughing or sneezing. Symptoms include:

- blocked or runny nose
- tiredness
- mild fever
- severe bouts of coughing, often followed by a ‘whooping’ sound on breathing.
- Whooping cough can lead to life threatening infections in babies.

If your child is unwell, they should not attend school. Please see a doctor if you or your child develops whooping cough symptoms. Early diagnosis and treatment will help reduce the spread of the infection.

Students diagnosed with whooping cough **must not** attend school.

If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough, they must not attend school for twenty-one days after the onset of the cough, or until they have received five days of antibiotic treatment. You must notify the school if your child is diagnosed with whooping cough.

To further reduce the spread of infection to your child and the school community, the [Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019](#) require that some students who were in the same classroom as a student diagnosed with whooping cough should not attend school.

Your child should not attend school for fourteen days after they were last exposed to a person diagnosed with whooping cough, or until they have taken five days of a course of antibiotic treatment if they are:

- aged less than seven years; and
- not fully vaccinated with three doses of whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine.

This exclusion is required by law – refer to the [School exclusion table for primary schools and children’s services](#).

If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough, please contact the school to let us know.

Vaccination is the best way to reduce the risk of whooping cough. The Department of Health recommends staying up to date with immunisations, including booster doses. A free booster dose of the pertussis vaccine is covered under the national immunisation program for students twelve to thirteen years of age. If you are unsure about your child’s vaccination status for whooping cough, please discuss with an immunisation provider, such as your doctor.

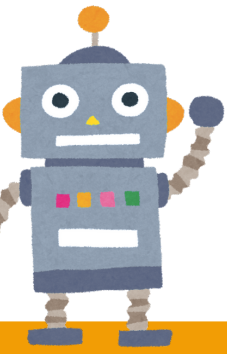
I really appreciate your support in keeping our students safe and well.



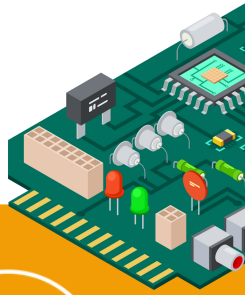
Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at assembly on Friday 17th October:

Prep L	Thomas H and Bailey W
Prep M	Aria J and Kolton L
Prep P	Fatima H and Alexander K
1/2B	Genevieve B and Ethan L
1/2C	Elna J and Jordon S
1/2F	Benjamin C and Gabby L
1/2H	Navira M and Timur B
1/2P	Cristina L and Jack M
1/2S	Arjun D and Lily M
3/4A	Selena G and Aditri A
3/4C	Boey O and Zhen H
3/4P	Vonal A and Ria C
3/4T	Asyra K and Lucas C
3/4W	Timothy L and Hannah M
5/6A	Sadheesha G and Hannah B
5/6J	Patrick L and Ava N
5/6L	Alice M and Mattie M
5/6M	Alexis Z and Eddie D
5/6S	Hannah M and Sherlock Z

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PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT:



Battle Bots!



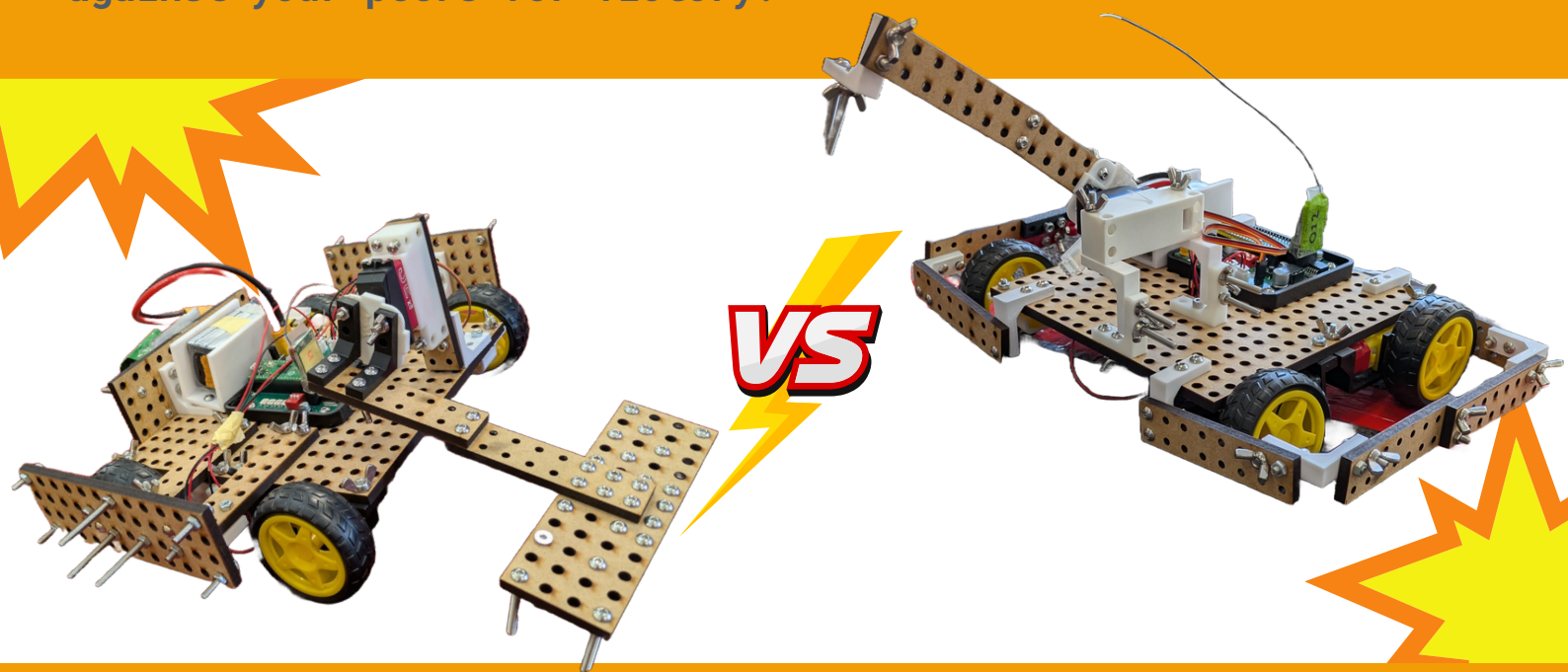
After School Program

Grades 3-6

Build the ultimate battling robot and compete
against your peers for victory!



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WHEN IS IT?

Monday
3:45 - 4:45 PM
FROM 13/10 TO
15/12

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