



Burwood Heights Primary School



Primary Years
Programme

Issue 19

Thursday 6th November, 2025

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

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	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	1 ST -12 TH DECEMBER	PREP AND JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING
TUESDAY	9 TH DECEMBER	YEAR SEVEN ORIENTATION DAY
MONDAY	15 TH DECEMBER	REPORTS TO PARENTS
TUESDAY	16 TH DECEMBER	GRADUATION
WEDNESDAY	17 TH DECEMBER	AMAZING RACE – SENIOR SCHOOL
FRIDAY	19 TH DECEMBER	END OF SCHOOL YEAR. DISMISSAL AT 1.30P.M.
WEDNESDAY	28 TH JANUARY	STUDENTS COMMENCE SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THE LAST WEEKS OF TERM FOUR

We are fast approaching the final stretch of the school year, and the familiar rhythm of the assessment and reporting of students' progress, of planning for 2026, of celebrating students' achievements and anticipating what the 2026 school year will look like, takes hold. It is the start of transition and renewal. It is a unique blend of joy and complexity.

It is a time when the energy level our Year Six students really starts to lift and sometimes it is hard to "keep the lid" on their enthusiasm to leap into the next part of their learning journey before the primary years have been completed. It is a time when we reflect with pride on all that has been achieved....and there is much to celebrate.



Phone: 9803 8311

Website: www.burwoodhps.vic.edu.au

Email: burwood.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au

CLARIFICATION OF CLASS ALLOCATIONS FOR 2026

Each year we go through a rigorous process, conducted with care and consideration for each student, to determine the best composition of classes for the following year. These decisions are made with the detailed knowledge our team has of each student.

There was an opportunity for parents and guardians to provide information confidentially about their child's learning or social needs that they consider the school may not be aware of. This is provided to the principal in late August through to early October. This information is referenced, along with other available information, during the class allocation process. As you can imagine, there are many wide-ranging factors that influence these decisions, but please know that they are made with the students at the centre of a thorough and rigorous processes.

It is acknowledged that friendships are important; however, friendship groups are not the primary determining factor in class allocation. Students are given the opportunity to list five students they would prefer to be with, and every student has at least one of those therein named in their 2026 class.

Whilst extra information regarding each student is certainly appreciated, I do stress that decisions on class placements lie with the school.

LIMITING SCREEN TIME

Recent updates focus on limiting screen time, enhancing school duty of care, and addressing data privacy. In Victoria, primary students will have their screen time restricted starting in 2027, with specific limits for different year levels, and schools will be expected to provide fewer digital devices. New national legislation will also affect social media usage for younger students.

KEY UPDATES FOR CYBER SAFETY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

- [Victorian screen time limits](#): Starting in 2027, primary school students in Victoria will have limits on their daily screen time. Years F-2 will have minimal screen time, while Years 3-6 will be limited to a maximum of 90 minutes per day.
- [Device policy](#): Also starting in 2027, schools in Victoria will not be able to invite or allow families to provide their own digital devices for primary students (Years F-6).
- Exemptions: Exemptions for using digital devices will apply to students with disabilities as a reasonable adjustment.

DUTY OF CARE AND EDUCATION

- School responsibility: Schools have a duty of care to reasonably protect students from foreseeable harm, including in the online learning environment.
- [eSafety Commissioner](#) resources: The [eSafety Commissioner](#) provides toolkits and professional development to help school staff better understand and respond to online harms, such as cyberbullying and exposure to inappropriate content.
- [Data privacy](#): There are increasing concerns about the amount of personal data collected by third-party apps and platforms used by schools, with parents seeking more transparency about how this data is collected and used.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CHANGES

- [Commonwealth legislation](#): The [Commonwealth Online Safety Amendment \(Social Media Minimum Age\) Act 2024](#), which took effect in December 2024, requires social media providers to take steps to prevent children under 16 from creating accounts.
- Policy updates: Schools are continuing to update their digital policies to align with these new laws, with further updates expected in the second half of 2025.

PARENT AND CARER ROLES

- Build good online habits: Parents and carers are encouraged to help their children build good online habits and use resources like the [eSafety Commissioner's website](#).
- [eSafety Guide](#): Parents can use the [eSafety Guide](#) to learn about online games, apps, and sites, including age requirements and how to protect personal information.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 11TH NOVEMBER

LEST WE FORGET

The Remembrance Day service will be conducted by the students on Tuesday 11th November at 11.00am. Parents and friends are welcome to attend our service. The student leaders will briefly outline the significance of this day and how fighting in World War 1 stopped on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. The placing of flowers by the students around the flag- pole and the playing of "The Last Post" will complete the Remembrance Day ceremony.



Many Australians stop what they are doing at exactly 11.00am in their local times on November 11th each year to dedicate a minute of silence for those who died in war, especially soldiers from as far back as World War I. Those who join in this act of remembrance include teachers, students, politicians, and workers of public and private sector enterprises.

On the first anniversary of the armistice, in 1919, one minute's silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony. After the end of World War II in 1945, the Australian and British governments changed the name from Armistice Day to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war- dead.

Remembrance Day in Australia is dedicated to Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War I onwards. A minute of silence is dedicated to the deceased, especially for soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.

ELECTION OF 2026 SCHOOL LEADERS

On Monday 24th November 2025, we will be holding elections for School Captains, School Sports Captains, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Cultural Awareness and Environment of the Student Representative Council, School Arts Captains and School House Captains and School Monitors

The results of the election will be announced at School Assembly, Friday 12th December, 2025.



PAYMENT OF REQUISITES - EARLY PAYMENT

Once again, as an incentive for early payment, we are offering a ticket in a draw for one student's contribution to be free. This draw will take place on Friday 12th December 2025.



Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at assembly on Friday 14th November:

Prep L	Kayla C and Rena L
Prep M	Kai B and Vedant B
Prep P	Sophia G and Hubert G
Prep W	Krish N and Jeremy W
1/2B	Claire P and Flynn P
1/2C	Michelle C and Aizah M
1/2F	Zoey C and Devang D
1/2H	Harper S and Judah T
1/2P	Layla B and Yusuf E
1/2S	Sarah Y and Scarlett H
3/4A	Gladys L and Ethan L
3/4C	Rishan K and Audrey A
3/4P	Charlotte H and Johan L
3/4T	Whole Class Award
3/4W	Zac K sand Ella W
5/6A	Josh K and Olivia H
5/6J	Nikki I and Sophie L
5/6L	Robin A and Hamish F
5/6M	Sue-Anne T and Mia L
5/6S	Marian W and Marcy C

Stage School Australia

BOOK YOUR AUDITION FOR 2026 TODAY!

Singing, Dancing & Acting Classes
For ages 4 - 18.



**25+ Locations
across Melbourne!**

stageschool.com.au



ROBERTS McCUBBIN
PRIMARY SCHOOL

TWILIGHT FAIR & FIREWORKS

57 BIRDWOOD ST, BOX HILL SOUTH

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER

3PM 'TIL LATE

RIDES | GAMES | FOOD | BAR
LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT



SILENT AUCTION

Check out our huge silent auction!
Find your favourite items & get bidding!

PRESALE RIDE WRISTBANDS

Buy them here, up until
7pm Wednesday 12th November



CHN



AMOR MEXICO
CANTINA & RESTAURANT

BLACKBURN
ORTHODONTICS

KENNA LEGAL
ESTABLISHED SINCE 1970

Bendigo Bank

Community Bank
Inner East
107 Urban Rd, Surrey Hills

