



Burwood Heights Primary School



Primary Years
Programme

Issue 2

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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.**

MON-FRIDAY	19 TH TO 23 RD FEBRUARY	PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – JUNIOR, MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY	28 TH FEBRUARY	HOUSE ATHLETICS – PARENTS WELCOME
MONDAY	4 TH MARCH	KINDERGARTEN BARBEQUE
MONDAY	11 TH MARCH	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY	13 TH TO 25 TH MARCH	NAPLAN – YEARS THREE AND FIVE
MONDAY	25 TH MARCH	HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
WEDNESDAY	27 TH MARCH	SCHOOL PHOTOS
THURSDAY	28 TH MARCH	CURRICULUM DAY
FRIDAY	29 TH MARCH	GOOD FRIDAY – COMMENCEMENT OF TERM ONE HOLIDAY BREAK

2024 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS



I congratulate the following personnel on being elected to the Burwood Heights Primary School and Kindergarten School Council for 2024.

Parent Member Group

Mrs Kylie Bellesini
Mrs. Kate Campbell
Mrs Anna Carsons
Mrs Emily Huynh
Mrs Violet Jiang

Mrs. Zoe Mallen
Mrs Lauren Newall
Mrs Sarah Russo
Mrs Tina Snepangers
Mr James Stewart

DET Member Category

Ms Gionia Afflitto
Ms Nicole Blanchard
Mrs Fran Mason
Mrs Jennifer Whiteoak
Mrs Esther Wood (ex-officio)

I congratulate our 2024 School Councillors once again and eagerly look forward to a very progressive year, where we work together to ensure all students have the best learning and teaching environment possible at Burwood Heights Primary School and Kindergarten.



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LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY EXPLAINED



On Monday 11th March 2024, it is a public holiday, to acknowledge Labour Day. Labour Day in Australia celebrates workers' roles in contributing to the nation's economy. It is an annual public holiday. It commemorates the granting of the eight-hour working day for Australians.

The history of Labour Day spans over a century. It remembers those who struggled and succeeded to ensure decent and fair working conditions applied in Australia. During the mid to late 1800s the working day was long and arduous, where some employees would work up to twelve hours a day, six days a week. Many Australians saw the need for better working conditions and in the 1850s there was a strong push for this.

On April 21, 1856, the stonemasons at the University of Melbourne marched to Parliament to push for an eight-hour working week. An agreement with employees for a forty-eight-hour week was eventually reached and Australians welcomed the eight-hour day.

PREP AND JUNIOR SCHOOL WELCOME BARBEQUE AND INFORMATION NIGHT

Mr Rhyder summed the occasion up beautifully with the following words:

"Last night was a wonderful time for the community. The Junior School team delivered a brief, but comprehensive presentation at their parent information night. Having the barbeque follow immediately after, with smells of sizzling sausages wafting through the windows, meant question time was limited to one question, "Can we eat now!" Conversations did continue outside, and individual questions were addressed more informally which made it more personal. Lots of chatter, lots of feasting and lots of good vibes."



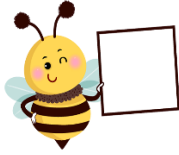
And it all happened again last night, Wednesday, 14th February, with the Middle and Senior School Welcome Barbeque and Information Night!! Once again an amazing evening for our school community.



I acknowledge the team effort of all the staff involved in making such evenings possible. I particularly thank Mr Chris Rhyder who co-ordinates the staff so enthusiastically. The whole process runs flawlessly.

I would welcome any feedback on the new format of Information Nights and the Welcome Barbeques you have just experienced. From staff perspective, the whole-school approach to the presentation of information was extremely effective, as was provision of more space to move and chat with others during the socializing part of the evening.

ANNUAL PRIVACY



Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

HOUSE ATHLETICS

The House Athletics (Field and track events) will be held on Wednesday 28th February at the Bill Sewart Athletics Track, Burwood. Middle and Senior School students will represent their House in the athletics competition. Parents and friends are welcome to attend this sporting event and cheer on the competitors.

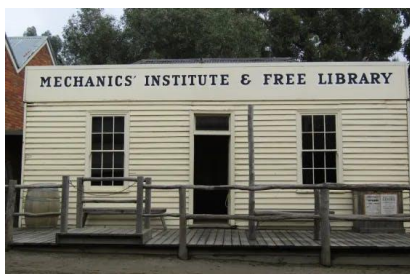
More information to follow.

RISING COSTS AFFECTS US ALL

Although it is disappointing that the Senior School Camp will not be held this year, we believe it is the right action to take at this time.

Due to the rising cost of groceries, energy bills and fuel increasing dramatically over the past year, many families are struggling to meet the everyday demands and have less money for discretionary spending. Many families have said they are cutting back on so many things at the moment. To ask for additional funds at this time would place another level of burden on some.

Staffing is another consideration during these times, due to staff availability on any one day. The good news is that alternative curriculum excursions have been planned for each term. A trip to Sovereign Hill (term two); the Victorian Space Science Education Centre (term three) and Fun Fields (term four) will provide wonderful opportunities for Unit of Inquiry support and fun of being together, sharing such amazing experiences.



We do hope that these excursions will enhance our Senior School students' learning experience, social skills, and exposure to new environments. They offer the students hands-on learning opportunities that will help them develop their sense of curiosity and appreciation for the world around them.

COVID-19 REMINDER

There is at present an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria. I am seeking your help to keep our school as safe as we can by taking two important steps. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and are tested. The easiest way to test is to use a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)

Firstly, ensure your COVID-19 vaccinations are up-to-date. Information on how and where to get vaccinated is available on the Get vaccination webpage.

Secondly, free RATs are available from your local council, where you can collect two packs of five RATs and an extra two packs for each person in your household. You can also buy RATs at pharmacies and other retailers.

If your children have symptoms, but test negative, please **do not** send them to school until they no longer have symptoms.

If the RAT test result is positive, please ensure they stay home for at least five days and until there are no more symptoms.

Thank you for your support as these steps will help us all stay well.

CHANGES TO STUDENT REPORTING FOR MATHEMATICS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS



The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) has revised the Mathematics curriculum (Mathematics curriculum 2.0) and schools can implement it this year or in 2025. As we are implementing it this year, you will see changes in how Mathematics is reported.

For this year your child's report will only show achievement and not progress; however, from 2025 onwards, progress will be shown against the single achievement standard.

On your child's previous report, the teacher reported against the three strands (Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability). Under the mathematics 2.0, your child's teacher will report against the achievement standard as a whole, providing a single aggregated score.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024



The impulse for all of us to save our recorded memories is a powerful force which is why school photos have been treasured since schools began. School photos are a record of time and place, of friendships, a record of a child's growth and a wonderful way for parents to share their loved one with the wider family circle.

Please make sure your child is in the correct school uniform and, if hair is long, please tie it back with a dark blue or black ribbon or band. Remember to wear black shoes and the correct colour and length socks.

WEARING OF CORRECT UNIFORM

It is very pleasing to see most of the students wearing the required complete school uniform; however, there are some students who are **combining school uniform with items of casual clothing**. If you are having difficulties in providing your child with the correct school uniform, please speak to staff in administration, who will assist you.



Please do not send your child to school with coloured items of clothing under their school uniform that is visible. The correct colour of leggings (navy blue or black) for girls is required. If your child's hair is long, this needs to be tied back with either a black or blue ribbon or tie.



CAMPS, SPORTS, AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)



The Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like school camps or trips, swimming and school-organized sport programs, outdoor education programs and excursions and incursions.

Payments for 2024 are \$125.00 for eligible primary school students and \$225.00 for eligible secondary school students. The payment is made directly to the school.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card such as:

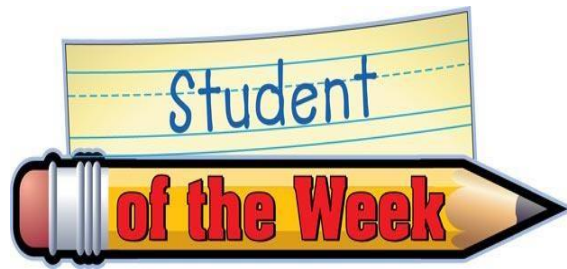
- Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Centrelink Health Card
- Pensioners Concession Card

Families can list more than one student in the one application form if they are attending the same school. A special consideration category exists for:

- families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, are in community detention or are asylum seeker families – a letter from Australian Red Cross or similar welfare institution, visa grant notice or ImmiCards is required as evidence.
- students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care – a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example Mackillop Family Services) or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing is required as evidence. Copies of court orders are not required.

Applications for special consideration can be made through the standard application form and must be submitted by **28th June 2024**.

- from March onwards each year where the parent/carer's concession card is assessed as valid on the first day of Term One; and
- until June 28th when the parent/carer's concession card is assessed as valid at the end of Term Two.
- Year Seven and Prep students in government schools who receive funds are also able to get support for school uniforms. For more information regarding this initiative, see [State Schools' Relief](#). Applications can be entered from 29th January 2024. Parents/carers wishing to apply for CSEF payments for 2024 must submit their application form to the relevant school by 28th June 2024. Please refer to the link attached for application form.



Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at assembly on Friday 23rd February:

PREP L	Genevieve Bellesini and Quentin Louie
PREP M	Adrian Lai and Charlotte Loon
PREP P	Lexie Clarke and Santiago Meneses
PREP W	Evaan Ali and Maya Liao
1/2D	Dylan Xu and Olivia Song
1/2F	Burhannuddin Shiraz Kareem and Shaina Cabanatan
1/2G	Ethan Yuen and Quinn Co
1/2M	Ashley Jimenez and Lior Hill
1/2P	Izna Ali and Flynn Ilukpitiya
1/2S	Ethan Lee and Francesca Russo
3/4A	Thomas Lekos and Lucas Shao
3/4C	Declan O'Sullivan and Tahlia Rose
3/4M	Hannah Ball and Nathan Mander
3/4P	Maxwell Young and Isabella Meneses
5/6C	Lexi Golomb and Sadheesha Gunasekara
5/6L	Lily Garth and Justin Li
5/6M	Dean Ball and Ava Nguyen
5/6S	Connor Hill and Jessica Shim
5/6T	Anjelika Mantzaris and Jessop Gould

VISUAL ART COMPETITION – ‘FANTASY CREATURES’ P-6

Create a drawing or painting at home based on the theme ‘Fantasy Creatures’. Once your artwork is completed, please hand in to Ms Carslake in the art room.

We look forward to seeing your amazing creations.

Last date to submit your entries is Friday 15th March.

Zoe, Coco, Jessica, Shifa and Ms Carslake



Ukrainian Folk Art inspiration for ‘Fantasy Creatures’ art competition