



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

MON-FRIDAY	17 TH TO 21 ST FEBRUARY	PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – JUNIOR, MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY	26 TH FEBRUARY	HOUSE ATHLETICS – PARENTS WELCOME
MONDAY	3 RD MARCH	KINDERGARTEN BARBEQUE
MONDAY	10 TH MARCH	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY	12 TH TO 24 TH MARCH	NAPLAN – YEARS THREE AND FIVE
WEDNESDAY	26 TH MARCH	SCHOOL PHOTOS
FRIDAY	28 TH MARCH	HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
THURSDAY	3 RD APRIL	INTERIM REPORTS. LAST DAY OF TERM ONE FOR STUDENTS
FRIDAY	4 TH APRIL	CURRICULUM DAY
TUESDAY	22 ND APRIL	TERM TWO COMMENCES
THURSDAY	24 TH APRIL	INCURSION BRAINSTORM THEATRE
FRIDAY	25 TH APRIL	ANZAC DAY – STUDENT FREE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2025 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Due to the number of nominations exceeding the number of vacancies a
BALLOT IS REQUIRED

Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday 24 th February 2025
Close of ballot	Friday 28 th February 2025
Vote count	Monday, 3 rd March 2025
Declaration of poll	Wednesday 5 th March 2025
Announced in newsletter	Thursday 13 th March 2025
Council Meeting	Tuesday 25 th March 2025.

Each parent or guardian of each child or children at the school is eligible to vote. Ballot papers will be distributed together with two envelopes to each voter. Voters will be asked to place an “X” next to the name of each candidate standing for election, for whom the voter wishes to vote. As there are four vacancies, the voter should only have four “X” on the ballot paper.



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Voters can deliver, or arrange delivery of, the completed ballot paper to the school between the hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm on any school day up to and including the day fixed for the closure of the ballot, and place the completed ballot paper in a blank envelope,

- (1) and then place this envelope in another envelope with the voter's name and address written on it and deliver the envelope to the person authorised to receive the votes

OR

- (2) place the completed ballot paper in a blank envelope in the ballot box provided and print the voter's name and address in the register of voters.

Post the vote by:

- (1) placing the completed ballot paper in a blank envelope; and
- (2) placing the blank envelope in a second envelope with the voter's name and address printed on the back of this envelope; and
- (3) posting the envelope to the principal so as to reach the principal by 4.00pm on the day of the closure of the ballot.

No campaign literature in support of candidates or groups of candidates may be distributed. The candidates will prepare a short statement which will be included with the ballot voting papers.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Jenny Atta, Secretary Department of Education has been appointed as Secretary of the Department of Health. Euan Wallace will finish his time as Secretary at the end of February. Jenny Attar has served as Secretary of the Department of Education for the past six years.

STARLIGHT SUPER SWIM



I'm excited to share that I am participating in Starlight Super Swim, and I need your support! I'll be swimming laps to raise money for Starlight Children's Foundation and I'm asking you to help me make a big impact by donating. My goal is to swim thirty kilometres in the month of February.

By supporting me, you'll be directly helping children in need of medical care, family support, and more. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, makes a real difference in the lives of these kids and their families.

You can donate by clicking the link or scanning the QR code.

<https://superswim.org.au/b-pullen>

Thank you so much for your support!
Miss Pullen



Beth Pullen

FOR YOUR DIARY - LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY EXPLAINED



On Monday 10th March 2025, 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.

REMINDER - SCHOOL PHOTOS – WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH 2025



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.

HOUSE ATHLETICS

The House Athletics (Field and track events) will be held on Wednesday 26th 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.

 *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 2025 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

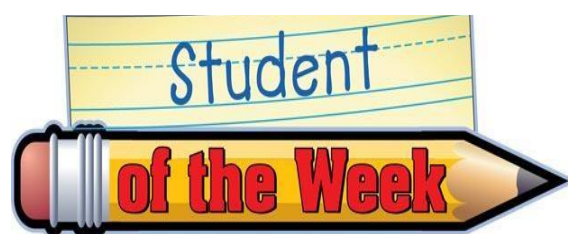
Families can list more than one student in the one application form if they are attending the same school. A special consideration category exists for:

- 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

- 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 27th June 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 30th January 2025. Parents/carers wishing to apply for CSEF payments for 2025 must submit their application form to the relevant school by 27th June 2025. Please refer to the link attached for application form. [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund application form \(DOCX\)](#)

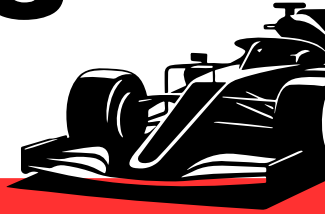
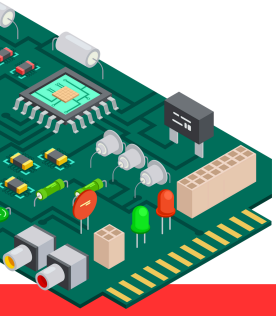


Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at assembly on Friday 21st February:

Prep L	Thomas Hood and Rena Lee
Prep M	Kai Byrne and William Huang
Prep P	Dorian Barber and Fatima Hamza
1/2B	Genevieve Bellesini and Flynn Park
1/2C	Iqra Vadsaria and Adrian Lai
1/2F	Kian Salehi and Shaina Cabanatan
1/2H	Elliott Goldsmith and Max Wu
1/2P	Amy Lee and Santiago Meneses
1/2S	Alexander Huynh and Clara Young
3/4A	Chiara Lee and Vihaan Mistry
3/4C	Athena Qiu and Rishan Khowaja
3/4P	Isabella Meneses and Johan Lam
3/4T	Hayley So and Ethan Yu
3/4W	Ashton Chen and London Bucknell
5/6A	Bentley Miet and Olivia Harkess
5/6J	Meera Dalal and Ephron Daniel
5/6L	Robin Aisbett and Franco Yu
5/6M	Mia Lin and Sehaj Bajwa
5/6S	Marian Wang and Sherlock Zhang

INSPIRE ROBOTICS AND BURWOOD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT:

F1 Engineers

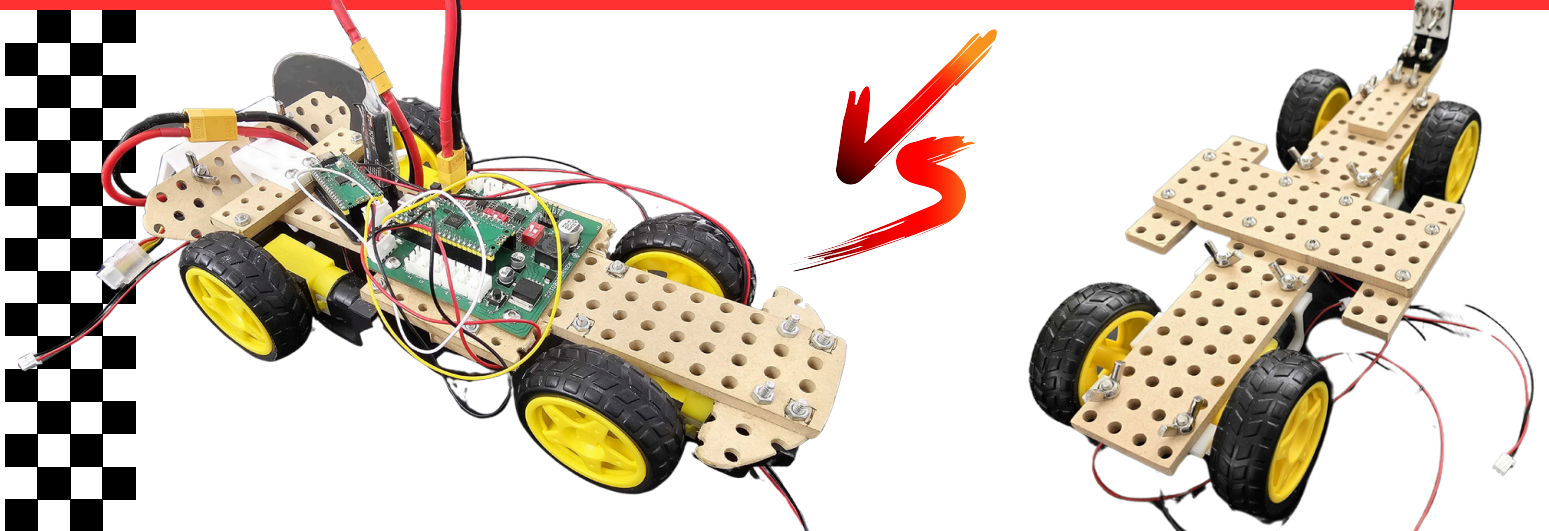


After School Program

Grades 3-6



INSPIRE ROBOTICS



WHEN IS IT?

**MONDAYS
3:45 - 4:45 PM
FROM 17/02 TO
31/03**

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OR VISIT inspirerobotics.com.au/private-program-enrolment

**REGISTER BY FRIDAY THE 12TH OF
FEBRUARY TO SECURE A SPOT!**