



Burwood Heights Primary School



Primary Years
Programme

Issue 3

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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.

MONDAY	3 RD MARCH	KINDERGARTEN BARBEQUE
WEDNESDAY	5 TH MARCH	SENIOR SCHOOL INCURSIONS -WASTE
MONDAY	10 TH MARCH	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY	11 TH MARCH	RACV ON-LINE INCURSIONS FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY	12 TH TO 24 TH MARCH	NAPLAN – YEARS THREE AND FIVE
TUESDAY	25 TH MARCH	SCHOOL COUNCIL AND ANNUAL REPORTING MEETING
WEDNESDAY	26 TH MARCH	SCHOOL PHOTOS
THURSDAY	27 TH MARCH	SENIOR SCHOOL MARKET DAY
FRIDAY	28 TH MARCH	HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
SATURDAY	29 TH MARCH	WILD TOGETHER –PREP SCAVENGER HUNT
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-ALL CLASSES – BEING BRAVE ANZAC SERVICE
FRIDAY	25 TH APRIL	ANZAC DAY – STUDENT FREE DAY
THURSDAY	1 ST MAY	DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
FRIDAY	2 ND MAY	WILD TOGETHER - JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMP- OUT OVERNIGHT
WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY	21 ST TO 23 RD MAY	MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP
MONDAY	9 TH JUNE	KING'S BIRTHDAY- PUBLIC HOLIDAY
FRIDAY	13 TH JUNE	WINTER SPORT
FRIDAY	20 TH JUNE	CURRICULUM DAY
TUESDAY	24 TH JUNE	REPORTS TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS
MONDAY TO FRIDAY	30 TH JUNE TO 4 TH JULY	PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
FRIDAY	4 TH JULY	END OF TERM TWO. SCHOOL DISMISSAL 2.30PM
MONDAY	21 ST JULY	COMMENCEMENT OF TERM THREE
FRIDAY	8 TH JULY	SCHOOL PRODUCTION



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HOUSE ATHLETICS

What a wonderful day of competition today. House Athletics is a highlight for our Middle and Senior School students, where the spirit of competition was alive and well, even between the parents and staff as they pounded the tracks to be the winner.

The wearing of ribbons, the cheering and the excitement of the students being together was wonderful to witness.

Those students who achieved outstanding results in their age group will earn the honour of 'Age Group Champions', and those who showed exemplary sportsmanship on the day will be given 'House Spirit Awards'. These students will be announced at our next assembly.

A big “Thank you” to all the parents and teachers who supported our athletes throughout the day. A special “thank you” to Mr Britton for his organization of management of this wonderful day of athletics.





REMINDER

We have students in our school who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products. If exposed to nuts these students can have an anaphylactic reaction and, within a very short time span, experience extreme difficulties with their respiratory and/or cardiovascular systems. Potentially this is life-threatening.

The key to prevention of anaphylaxis in schools is knowledge, awareness and planning. As part of our Risk Management to ensure the safety of these students, **I ask families not to bring nuts or nut products to the school site or to school activities. If your child is at risk of having an anaphylactic reaction, please educate him/her about not accepting food from others.**

Anaphylaxis is not rare. The Australian statistics show one in one hundred and sixty-six children have had at least one episode of anaphylaxis in the past, with one in six episodes of anaphylaxis having occurred in school or childcare. Safe schooling is often a big worry for parents however with education and co-operation between school, parents and doctors, school can be a safer place for those with anaphylaxis.

Your cooperation with this requirement is appreciated. The classroom teachers will provide you with additional information from time to time, and in particular inform you of protocols to follow around bringing any special foods to school for Special Days or Events.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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. Click [here](#) to view the policy. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic;
- Chinese;
- Dari;
- Gujarati;
- Mandarin;
- Somali;
- Sudanese;
- Turkish;
- Urdu
- Vietnamese.

REMINDER - LABOUR DAY



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 day. 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.



CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK – 17TH- 23RD MARCH 2025



The theme, “Embrace the Journey, “Shape Our Future” – highlights the unique and shared cultural journeys that define our diverse communities, encouraging us to honour our own cultural stories and those of others, fostering belonging, understanding and connection. It invites us all to weave a tapestry of vibrant experiences, history, and culture for all to learn and grow by.

We are all bound together through our different cultures, customs, and traditions and hopefully we will not allow this bond to be damaged in any way but grow stronger with each passing year.

Multiculturalism is a core part of the Australian identity, our character and way of life. People who decide to come to our wonderful land often do so to have a better life than the land of their birth. This is often due to war, suppression, persecution, starvation or simply offer more opportunities. Australians open their hearts to those who join our wonderful Australian community.

These new members accept our Australian values, knowing that Australia is a place where everyone can contribute, belong, and be respected, despite the differences in culture, colour, political persuasion, and religious belief. Australia is home to people who speak two hundred and ninety languages and have three hundred and fourteen different ancestries.

Cultural Diversity is a time to celebrate the power, influence and stories of our rich multicultural communities and there are many events and activities planned in every State. We are all joined by our humanity.



NAPLAN



The National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy is an annual assessment for students in Years Three, Five, Seven and Nine. It has been administered since 2008.

Whilst the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) is responsible for NAPLAN in Victoria, the NAPLAN tests are a national assessment programme run by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. The tests show how students are progressing in Numeracy and Literacy against national standards for all Australian students. It does not replace school-based ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. The benchmarks describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia,

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment.

Assessments commence on Wednesday 12th March. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year.

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

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 7th March:

Prep L	Arielle Eagle-Grant and Harrison Yeung
Prep M	Amyra Mamani and George Gekas
Prep P	Hubert Gleeson and Alexander Karvelis
Prep W	Krish Nayyar and Tobias Martin
1/2B	Alisa Joby and Lexie Clarke
1/2C	Hansen Tan and Jennie Yuan
1/2F	Isla Alavi and Finn O'Sullivan
1/2H	Kian Bandsode and Charlotte Loon
1/2P	Chris Liouliakis and Scarlett Schibrowski
1/2S	Juliette Douglas and Alfie Snepvangers
3/4A	Angela Xu and Reyansh Kushwaha
3/4C	Theodore Li and Angel Joby
3/4P	Jack Emmerson and Gaurangi Singh
3/4T	Samar Budhiraja and Jing Chen
3/4W	Mackenzie Bellesini and Kyle Chan
5/6A	Declan O'Sullivan and Mila Bayne
5/6J	Finn Wang and Tina Shi
5/6L	Aden Vas and Hamish Foster-Ramsay
5/6M	Sue-Anne Tan and Nathan Mander
5/6S	Grace Fraser and Thomas Lekos



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