



Burwood Heights Primary School



Primary Years
Programme

Issue 3

Thursday 26th February, 2025

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

FRIDAY	27 TH FEBRUARY	SCHOOL CLEAN-UP DAY
MONDAY	9 TH MARCH	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
SATURDAY	14 TH MARCH	WILD TOGETHER – SCAVENGER HUNT - PREPS
WEDNESDAY	25 TH MARCH	SCHOOL PHOTOS ANNUAL GENERAL REPORTING MEETING
THURSDAY	26 TH MARCH	HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
FRIDAY	27 TH MARCH	INTERIM REPORTS
TUESDAY	31 ST MARCH	END OF TERM ONE
WEDNESDAY	1 ST APRIL	CURRICULUM DAY
THURSDAY	2 ND APRIL	CURRICULUM DAY
FRIDAY	3 RD APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY
MONDAY	20 TH APRIL	TERM TWO COMMENCES
WED TO FRI	29 TH APRIL- 1 ST MAY	SENIOR SCHOOL CAMP
WEDNESDAY	6 TH MAY	SCHOOL COUNCIL
THURSDAY	7 TH MAY	ALLIANCE FRANCAISE ASSESSMENT DAY
FRIDAY	8 TH MAY	JUNIOR SCHOOL – WILD TOGETHER- CAMP OUT OVERNIGHT
THURSDAY	14 TH MAY	DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
MONDAY	18 TH MAY	FOUR-YEARLY SCHOOL REVIEW DAY
FRIDAY	22 ND MAY	WINTER SPORT – SENIOR SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY	27 TH MAY	RECONCILIATION WEEK – LITERACY FOCUS “ALL IN”.
FRIDAY	29 TH MAY	WINTER SPORT – SENIOR SCHOOL
WED, THURS, FRI & THUR	3 RD , 4 TH , 5 TH , 11 TH JUNE	TEETH ON WHEELS
MONDAY	8 TH JUNE	KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY	17 TH JUNE	SCHOOL COUNCIL
FRIDAY	19 TH JUNE	STUDENT REPORTS TO PARENTS
FRIDAY	26 TH JUNE	END OF TERM TWO
MONDAY	13 TH JULY	COMMENCEMENT OF TERM THREE



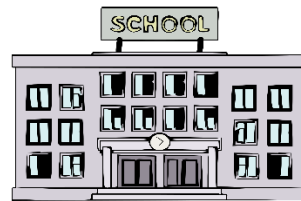
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2026 SCHOOL COUNCIL



I congratulate the following personnel on being elected to the Burwood Heights Primary School and Kindergarten School Council for 2026 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.

Parent Member Group

Amelia Annat
James Bartram
Kylie Bellesini
Anna Carson
Emily Huynh
Dimitri Kritsonis
Chris Mason
Tina Snepvangers
James Stewart
Vesta Vanderbeken

DE Member Category

Gionia Afflitto
Amanda Kritsonis
Fran Mason
Jennifer Whiteoak
Hany Seffeen (Co-opted)
Esther Wood (ex-officio)

The Annual General Reporting Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th March 2026 at 6.00p.m. with the first official school council meeting commencing at 6.30pm.

LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY EXPLAINED



On Monday 9th March 2026, 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.

OUR KINDERGARTEN

The Burwood Heights Primary School Kindergarten has been operating for sixteen years and this was possible due to a “leap of faith, by our then school council and our school community. We realised that early childhood education played a crucial role in shaping a child’s cognitive, social and emotional development and, anything worthwhile, was worth striving for.

Despite the many barriers, and there were many, the kindergarten doors were swung open twelve months after school council gave the “go ahead”. Mrs Jenny De Kretser was employed after a long search for the right person who could bring to life what we envisaged. She brilliantly led the well-structured early learning programme and developed a wonderful culture within the kindergarten where everyone was welcome - children, families and the school community.

Our inquiry-based programmes continue to immerse our young learners in experiences designed to enhance critical thinking, problem-solving, language development and mathematical reasoning. By engaging in structured play and projects, our children are cultivating a natural curiosity for learning that extends into their primary years of schooling. Our kindergarten programme plays a vital role in fostering social and emotional development as the children learn essential interpersonal skills such as co-operation, sharing empathy and self-regulation.

Language development is a key component of our kindergarten providing our children with rich communication experiences. Our staff incorporate storytelling, chants and songs, movement, discussion, play-based activities that inspire children to listen, sing, speak, read and write. The opportunity for play allows the children a natural way to communicate, share ideas and build meaning.

Our passionate staff offer an engaging, play-based programme where language is woven through every experience. The staff plan intentionally, observe progress closely and tailor next steps so each child thrives.

We have welcomed hundreds and hundreds of children and families to our three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten sessions since our time of opening, which seems like a lifetime ago. It is testament to our foresight that this is not a rare occurrence these days.

Having kindergartens on school-sites is now seen as extremely important for creating a seamless, one-stop, and convenient experience for families. It simplifies drop-offs, provides a smooth transition from pre-school to primary school and builds stronger community connections. Proximity allows for better collaboration between early childhood educators and primary school teachers, ensuring a child’s learning and development needs are communicated and supported as they progress.

We aim to continue to nurture our children’s lifelong learning journey by fostering cognitive growth, social and emotional intelligence, communication abilities and essential life competencies, in partnership with parents and guardians.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

I do hope parents and guardians appreciated having a designated day to speak with your child's 2026 teacher/s.

I know that many of you took advantage of having an on-line meeting due to family or work challenges, rather than face-to-face. For some who could not manage any of the available times, another meeting has been arranged.

Parent/Teacher interviews allow you as parents and guardians to:

- meet and get to know your child's teachers
- help your child's teachers understand more about your child
- learn more about your child's academic, emotional and social development
- make plans with the teacher about how to support your child
- to share information and feedback about your child's experiences at school in a new class
- and build a partnership with our school.

I thank the Specialist Teaching staff and Education Support staff who helped free the classroom teachers during the day. The financial cost for the external Sports Provider for the fun-packed activity session was a once-off this year to make this day possible. Thank you to all those who have acknowledged their appreciation of the day and others who have provided feedback on certain aspects that will be addressed in the future.

HOUSE ATHLETICS

The competitive spirit was alive and flourishing yesterday at House Athletics. This special sporting occasion is a highlight for our Middle and Senior School students, where the spirit of competition is always alive and well, even between the parents and staff as they pound 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 presented with a 'House Spirit Award' 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 and management of this wonderful day of athletics.



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.

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, albeit under different names.

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 11th March and will be conducted over the next eight days.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year.

 *CAMPS, SPORTS, AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)* 

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

For 2026, Victorian schools will receive **\$400 per year for each eligible student** through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), a significant increase from previous years, helping families cover costs for camps, excursions, and sports activities. Payments are made directly to the school and must be used for the student's benefit, with applications opening from late January 2026.

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 26th June 2026.

- **Applications Open for Schools:** Around 27th January 2026.
- **Parent/Carer Application Deadline:** Lodge forms at the school by 26th **June, 2026**.
- **Eligibility Check Dates:** Your concession card needs to be valid on the first day of Term One (28th January, 2026) or Term Two (20th April, 2026).

1. **Contact Your School:** Get the CSEF application form and information from your child's school.
2. **Complete & Return:** Fill out the form and return it to the school office.
3. **Check Eligibility:** Ensure you meet the eligibility criteria (usually holding a valid concession card).

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 27th January 2026. Parents/carers wishing to apply for CSEF payments for 2026 must submit their application form to the relevant school by 26th June 2026. Please refer to the link attached for application form.



Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at assembly on Friday 6th March:

PREP B	Meyyan P and Enya H
PREP W	Damon F and Warren H
PREP H	Prisha M and Elvis L
PREP M	Grace G and Liam N
1/2C	Claire P and Mason H
1/2D	Kai B and Rachel W
1/2F	Deon F and Bethany M
1/2P	Adrian L and Antonella S
1/2S	Joshua K and Lesley Z
1/2V	Houston D and Felicia G
3/4A	Angela X and Noraiz B
3/4F	Ashley J and Kian S
3/4M	Ewan M and Annie W
3/4P	Jordan X and Athena Q
3/4S	Alisa J and Ezra P
3/4W	Dev K and Lily E
5/6A	Gaeum R and Samar B
5/6J	Sehaj B and Maxwell Y
5/6L	Kyle C and River L
5/6M	Lochlann C and Hannah H

Hello February!

We have had a fantastic few weeks at TheirCare Burwood Heights P.S. with children engaging in a wide range of themed learning experiences, including Culture, Space, and our highly successful Winter Olympics program. The Winter Olympics week was a standout highlight, with strong participation, teamwork, and enthusiasm from all age groups. Our TC Tucker Cooking Program continues to be a favourite every Tuesday, where educators lead engaging cooking demonstrations and children enjoy tasting a variety of new afternoon snacks.

It has been wonderful to see children building friendships, confidence, and positive engagement across the service.



FLIPPIN' FUN
PANCAKE PARTY!
TUESDAY 17 MARCH

We're mixing up Shrove Tuesday and St. Patrick's Day cheer! We'll be flipping pancakes, enjoying green crafts, making good luck charms, and playing silly games. Join in the fun during after-school care, at no extra cost to families. To book visit TheirCare.com.au

Check your enrolment is up-to-date, so you're ready when life 'happens'!

You know the feeling – stuck in traffic, an unexpected meeting or appointment, or managing the unexpected! We are ready to support your family with flexible, last minute bookings!

Jump into our booking system and check all your enrolment details are up-to-date, so that we are ready to take your before or after school care booking. There are also some really fun activities planned for throughout Term One that you won't want to miss!! **Dive in at theircare.com.au and click the 'Book Now' button.**



TheirCare's
Autumn
2026 
Holiday Program

iSpy Kids

Something exciting is coming this Autumn..

iSpy Kids!

Packed with mystery curiosity and fun filled adventures, it will be one school holiday program you won't want to miss! Bookings open soon..

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Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	\$26.73	\$2.67
After School Care (ASC)	3:30 PM - 6:00 PM	\$36.28	\$3.63
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	\$80.75	\$8.08
Holiday Program***			

*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy | ** Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy | *** Standard fee costs excluding incursions/excursions

Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: **\$5.00**

Holiday Program within 5 days of session start time: **\$10.00**

Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)

BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: **\$5.00**

Holiday Program: book less than 5 days from the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)

\$1 per minute after service close time.

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Your Area Manager oversees the services in your region. You will see them in your service once every 2 weeks. They work closely with your Coordinator to ensure they are well supported in all areas, and are your first contact should you need anything.

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Your Ops Manager is a member of our broader operations team, and their role is to ensure that we live up to the expectations of each school community.



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Your Partnerships Manager looks after all our schools in your state. They will continue to be available to chat throughout the life of the partnership if you ever need.



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FRIDAY 5 - 9 Years

- Aussie Hoops Training
- Junior Competition

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