



Burwood Heights Primary School



Primary Years Programme

Issue 4

Thursday 12th March, 2026

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

SATURDAY	14 TH MARCH	WILD TOGETHER – SCAVENGER HUNT - PREPS
MON TO FRI	16 TH -20 TH MARCH	NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK
THURSDAY	19 TH MARCH	HARMONY DAY – DRESS UP DAY
FRIDAY	20 TH MARCH	CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY
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	EASTER BONNET PARADE 9.00AM 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	21 ST MAY	ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE 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
THURSDAY	21 ST MAY	ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE ASSESSMENT 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
TUESDAY & THURSDAY	21 ST & 23 RD JULY	MIDDLE SCHOOL EXCURSION - HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY
WEDNESDAY	29 TH JULY	SCHOOL COUNCIL

BE CARING

BE RESPECTFUL

BE INQUIRERS

BE RISK-TAKERS

BE CREATIVE



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HARMONY WEEK – 16TH- 22ND MARCH 2026



The theme, “Everyone belongs” 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. They leave their country of birth hoping that they will gain a peaceful and fulfilling life in our wonderful country.

Harmony Week 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.

Harmony Day – Thursday 19 March

On Thursday 19 March, our school will celebrate **Harmony Day**, a day that recognises and celebrates the cultural diversity that makes Australia such a vibrant and inclusive community.

Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in **traditional cultural clothing** that represents their heritage, or to wear **orange**, the official colour of Harmony Day. Wearing orange symbolises respect, inclusiveness and a sense of belonging for everyone.

We look forward to celebrating the many cultures within our school community together!

We are all joined by our humanity and by being proudly Australian.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HOPE

Hope is all about imagining and reaching for a better future for us and for others and is crucial in times of uncertainty, and in dealing with adversity. We have all experienced the need to “come to terms” with events that challenge our mental health and well-being and need to have a vision of what might or could occur in the future. This helps to sustain us and manage our day-to-day lives. Maintaining positive mental wellbeing can support us to feel more balanced, manage stress and anxiety and generally make some of the more difficult times we face more bearable

Hope is essential for our well-being. It encourages us to persist, even though we may be facing setbacks. It is important that our students have hope and this can be strengthened through the values we teach them. The importance of connectedness, belonging and love for one another all play a positive role in strengthening our students’ sense of hope.

The values we teach the students when they are learning about the complex global issues provide them with the tools and support to understand how they can navigate those problems. Some students may have a feeling of helplessness in the face of the current global conflict, and this can lead to a sense of hopelessness about the future.

We all need hope, and our students need to see that we have hope for a future that is peaceful even when all that is bombarded on us is doom and gloom. Please instil in your children the wonders of the future before them and help them achieve a feeling of balance, harmony, peace and content of life.

Support your children to deal with life’s challenges. Be optimistic about the future which will help them to feel safe and secure, achieve inner peace and contentment and enjoy life to the fullest.



On Sunday, 5th April 2026, Daylight Saving Time ends at 3.00am Daylight Saving Time. Clocks are turned **backward** one hour to 2.00am. Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour earlier on 7th April 2024 than the day before. **It will be lighter in the morning.**
Don't forget to turn your clocks backward one hour on 5th April! Daylight Saving Time will return on Sunday October 4th at 2.00am, when clocks will be turned forward to 3.00am (Daylight Saving Time).

NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK

Neurodiversity Celebration Week (March 16th to 20th, 2026) is a global initiative aiming to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week aims to bring about worldwide neurodiversity acceptance, equality and inclusion in schools and workplaces. It is a worldwide celebration of individuals who think, move, communicate, and process information differently.

There is not a definitive list as neurodivergence encompasses a spectrum of natural brain differences, but common examples include Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit Hyper Activity (ADHD) Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) , Dyslexia, Dyspraxia (DCD), Dyscalculia, Dysgraphia, Tourette Syndrome, OCD, Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD), and sometimes Bipolar Disorder or Schizophrenia, representing variations in thinking, learning, and processing information from the neurotypical average.

By celebrating Neurodiversity Week we shift the narrative from focusing on deficits to celebrating the strength and talents of neurodivergent individuals.



REMINDER - PARKING RESTRICTIONS



The provision of **school crossings** is an important service in providing a safe environment for our students. To support the school crossing supervisors and to improve pedestrian safety outside our school, a number of parking restrictions are in place, including “**No Stopping**” areas. The “**No Stopping**” areas are in place to improve sight lines for motorists and school crossing supervisors to maximise the crossing’s exposure and safety of pedestrians.

Please be aware that **you must park legally at all times**. We have been advised that authorised Whitehorse Council Officers will be patrolling school’s crossings.

The two-minute signs mean TWO MINUTES between the following times 8.30am to 9.15 am and 3.15 pm to 4.00pm. Your child should be “dropped off” and you should not need to alight from the car. If you need to enter the school, please do not park in the two-minute parking area.

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 20th March:

PREP B	Sukhmeet S and Claire L
PREP W	Ariana W and Lyam M
PREP H	Leo F and Curley G
PREP L	Harrison Y and Ava K
1/2C	Hubert G and Amyra M
1/2D	Jerry G and Nysa S
1/2F	Yashi S and Easton M
1/2P	Ahana K and Freddy S
1/2S	Lily M and Rena L
1/2V	Chris L and Max P
3/4A	Selena G and Aizah M
3/4F	Ethan L and Katrina F
3/4M	Zoey C and Vedant M
3/4P	Finley N and Yusuf E
3/4S	Sophia C and Brodie V
3/4W	Kosta C and Iqra V
5/6A	Jack D and Alayna L
5/6J	Candace H and Toby S
5/6L	Adrian L and Nathan M
5/6M	Thomas L and Maddie N




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0 - 5 years

Beginner

school aged children

Intermediate

by invite only

Competitive

by invite only

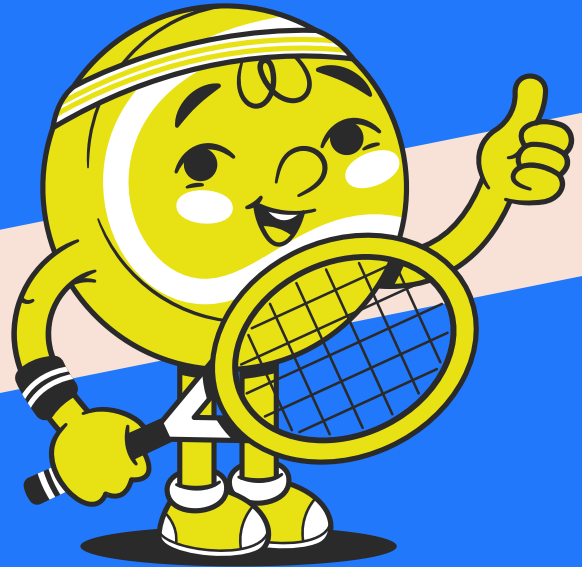
Birthday Party

celebrate at BUGS!





TOPTENN'S JUNIOR HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



PROGRAMS - JUNIOR

BURWOOD TC AND NORTH KEW TC
WEEKDAYS ONLY 7TH - 17TH APRIL

BLUE AND RED PROGRAMS - \$50
(3YO - 8YO)

9AM TO 11AM AND HAVE THE OPTION TO
DO PLAY AND STAY- 11AM - 1PM. EXTRA
\$30.

*PLAY AND STAY MUST BE BOOKED IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE 9-11AM BLUE OR
RED PROGRAM

ORANGE AND GREEN PROGRAMS -
\$70
(8YO - 13YO)
9AM TO 1PM.



TOPTENN OPENS

TOPTENN OPENS ARE MINI TOURNAMENTS THAT ARE A FUN AND FRIENDLY
COMPETITION EXPERIENCE FOR ORANGE AND GREEN STAGE STUDENTS.

ENTRY FEE: \$40
1:15 - 3:15PM

ORANGE OPEN

9TH APRIL @ BURWOOD TC
10TH APRIL @ NORTH KEW TC

GREEN OPEN

16TH APRIL @ BURWOOD TC
14TH APRIL @ NORTH KEW TC



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TOPTENN'S TEEN HOLIDAY PROGRAM



TEEN SQUADS

INTENSIVE 4HR PROGRAM SUITABLE FOR ALL LEVELS IN THE TEEN PROGRAM. GROUPS WILL BE DIVIDED ACCORDING TO UTR RANKING AVAILABLE AT DEEPDENE TC ONLY

7TH - 17TH APRIL

WEEKS DAYS 9AM - 1PM

\$80



TOPTENN OPEN - UTR EVENT

UTR REGISTERED TOURNAMENT

ENTRY FEE - \$50 - \$57

1PM - 5:30PM

THURSDAY 9TH APRIL @ DEEPDENE TC

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL @ BURWOOD TC

TUESDAY 14TH APRIL @ DEEPDENE TC

THURSDAY 16TH APRIL @ DEEPDENE TC



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Spaces available for **Girls aged 5+** to trial 3 meetings!

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Enquiries: whitehorse@guidesvic.org.au or Sarah on 0420975068

Our unique youth-led program fosters a sense of belonging and connection, encouraging girls to explore new challenges and activities in a supportive environment.

With the guidance of our dedicated Unit Leaders and volunteers, your child will create fun and meaningful experiences that last a lifetime while building confidence and courage.



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