



# Burwood Heights Primary School



Primary Years Programme

Issue 7

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

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

FRIDAY	8 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	JUNIOR SCHOOL – WILD TOGETHER- CAMP OUT OVERNIGHT
MONDAY	18 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	FOUR-YEARLY SCHOOL REVIEW DAY
WEDNESDAY	20 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY FIRE EDUCATION - PREP
FRIDAY	22 <sup>ND</sup> MAY	WINTER SPORT – SENIOR SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY	27 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	RECONCILIATION WEEK – LITERACY FOCUS “ALL IN”. FIRE EDUCATION – PREP OPEN DAY – EDUCATION WEEK 3.45- 4.45PM
THURSDAY	28 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	ALLIANCE FRANCAISE ASSESSMENT DAY WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY (IN PLACE OF FRIDAY DUE TO SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT)
FRIDAY	29 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	WINTER SPORT – SENIOR SCHOOL
WED, THURS, FRI & THUR	3 <sup>RD</sup> , 4 <sup>TH</sup> , 5 <sup>TH</sup> & 11 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	TEETH ON WHEELS
MONDAY	8 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY	17 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	SCHOOL COUNCIL MARKET DAY – SENIOR SCHOOL
FRIDAY	19 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	STUDENT REPORTS TO PARENTS
MON-FRIDAY	22 <sup>ND</sup> TO 25 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
FRIDAY	26 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	END OF TERM TWO-DISMISSAL 2.30PM
MONDAY	13 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	COMMENCEMENT OF TERM THREE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMMENCES FOR SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS
TUESDAY & THURSDAY	21 <sup>ST</sup> & 23 <sup>RD</sup> JULY	MIDDLE SCHOOL EXCURSION - HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY
WEDNESDAY	29 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	SCHOOL COUNCIL
MONDAY	24 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST	DISTRICT ATHLETICS
FRIDAY	28 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST	SUMMER SPORT
THURSDAY	10 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	ART SHOW
SATURDAY	12 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	WILD TOGETHER – MIDDLE SCHOOL BIKE RIDE.
MONDAY	14 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	INTERIM REPORTS TO PARENTS
FRIDAY	18 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	END OF TERM THREE
MONDAY	5 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	TERM FOUR COMMENCES



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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### **THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS AND STAFF WHO SUPERVISED OUR SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS ON CAMP AT BEECHWORTH – THE OLD PRIORY**



Beechworth is a favourite camp destination for both students and staff. It is well-known for its connection to the Kelly Gang and the infamous bushranger, Ned Kelly.



Beechworth was one of Victoria's most prosperous towns in the time of the Gold Rush and is the best preserved historical towns in Australia. What a wonderful place to have a school camp, where around every corner one is reminded of Australia's early history, and transformative period that fundamentally reshaped the nation's demographics, economy and social structure. It is so easy for those visiting to experience the many activities and historical sites as they are within walking distance. One of the most popular is always the "Sweet Shop".



Our campers appeared very tired on their arrival back at school on Friday, and all they wanted to do was head for home and, I suspect, a good night's sleep in their own bed. The same can be said for the parents and staff!

***I THANK STAFF AND PARENTS FOR GIVING OF THEIR TIME SO WILLINGLY  
MAKING THIS CAMP POSSIBLE.***

## **UNITED WORLD SCHOOLS**

For six years we supported a school in Gupta, Nepal, and on becoming self-managing, we commenced supporting a new school in the remote area of Myanmar.

Myanmar was formerly known as Burma and is located in Southeast Asia. It borders India, Bangladesh, China, Laos and Thailand. Myanmar had been one of the poorest countries in Southeast Asia.

As we know, Myanmar is in a period of crisis following the coup on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. The Australian Government has made clear its deep concerns at the deteriorating political, economic and development situation, particularly in relation to the shocking violence and the high number of deaths and detentions.

The village school we will be supporting serves a small community (Har Lal Pa). It takes four hours to get to the nearest town because of the narrow, slippery and mountainous conditions. It is very difficult to travel in the rainy season. The village people make their living by farming.

Before the United World Schools started, there was a small community school with one teacher, and was started by the village leader and parents. Parents really wanted their children to be able to write, read and have a primary school education, so they collected money and hired a teacher to educate their children. Unfortunately, they were not able to support the school for long term, and they could not hire well trained teachers.

Due to the assistance provided by others, the United World Schools programme has used the funds to employ two United World Schools teachers for sixty children from Prep to Year Two.



***FUNDS RAISED AT THE SENIOR SCHOOL MARKET DAY ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE WILL HELP CONTINUE SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED.***

## ***NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2026***



National Volunteer Week runs from 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May, celebrating the vital contribution of volunteers with the theme “Your Year to Volunteer”. It coincides with the United Nations International Year of Sustainable Development.

Volunteers’ Week provides organisations to publicly say “**Thank you**” to those many thousands of people who donate their time to the service of others. Each year volunteers dedicate over six hundred million hours to help others. What a vital role volunteers play in our lives in every way!

Many organisations would not be able to exist or grow without the support of volunteers, from sporting clubs to Board representation, political parties, hospitals, Lifesaving, and schools.

Here at Burwood Heights Primary School and Kindergarten we highly value our loyal “band of volunteers”, in the Homecrafts Programme, in sporting events, assisting with excursions/camps/activities and giving time to share their experiences with our students. Our Kids Hope volunteers continue to support students and families in many ways.

***ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE TRULY APPRECIATED.***

### ***PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE IS OPEN***

**This year’s theme is ‘Stories to discover. Stories to tell’.**

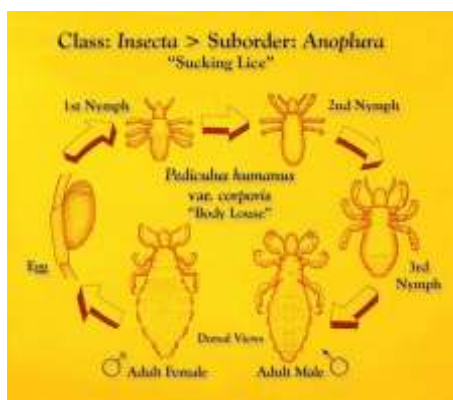


The Reading Challenge is a chance for everyone to explore new books and find new favourites. It provides an opportunity for parents and their children to share time together reading and, importantly, help develop a love of reading together.

If you have not already entered, it is not too late to start. Please speak to Mrs Bakopanos if you would like further information.

## **COMMUNITY REMINDER**

### **PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR FOR LICE/NITS REGULARLY**



Head lice are a common problem that usually affects school-aged children and their families. They can attach to the hair of anyone's head. It doesn't matter if the hair is clean or dirty. Head lice are also found worldwide in all different places, such as in homes or schools or the country or city. And it doesn't matter how clean, dirty, rich, or poor the place or person is.

Though head lice may be a nuisance, they don't cause serious illness or carry any diseases. **Here is information to help you check for, treat, and prevent the spread of head lice.**

#### **CHECKING FOR HEAD LICE**

Regular checks for head lice are a good way to spot head lice before they have time to multiply and infest (are present in large numbers) your child's head.

- Seat your child in a brightly lit room.
- Part the hair.
- Look for crawling lice and for nits on your child's scalp a section at a time.
- Live lice are hard to find. They avoid light and move quickly.
- Nits will look like small white or yellow-brown specks and be firmly attached to the hair near the scalp. The easiest place to find them is at the hairline at the back of the neck or behind the ears. Nits can be confused with many other things such as dandruff, dirt particles, or hair spray droplets. The way to tell the difference is that nits are firmly attached to hair, while dandruff, dirt, or other particles are not.
- Use a fine-tooth comb to help you search the scalp section by section.

#### **HEAD LICE TREATMENT**

There are many treatments that can be purchased at a pharmacy. If you are concerned, please check with your child's doctor before beginning any head lice treatment. The most effective way to treat head lice is with head lice medicine. After each treatment, using the comb-out method every **two to three days for two to three weeks** may help remove the nits and eggs.



## ***SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENT – 2026***

A letter has been forwarded to parents/guardians, advising them of the 2026 process for enrolling in a secondary school for 2027. Schools are now using the Department's on-line enrolment system called VicStudents to simplify and streamline Year 7 enrolments for Victorian Government secondary schools in 2026.

### **Students not attending a Victorian government secondary school in 2027.**

If you are currently considering a non-government secondary school for your child, but are awaiting for acceptance confirmation, please proceed with the digital process. You can withdraw your child's application later if you need to.

It is advisable to still complete the Application for Year 7 Placement form even if your child is attending an independent or Catholic school. This is necessary to inform the Department of Education of their destination. You can use the form to indicate that you have a confirmed place at a non-government school.

The email containing the link to register and use VicStudents will only be sent to the email address of one adult, as currently captured in our records. It remains the responsibility of all adults to consult with each other in making your child's enrolment decision for 2027, where it is safe to do so. Please contact us if you have any questions about this.

### **Next steps**

Applications need to be entered on Student Insight by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Please contact Fran Mason, Year 6 to 7 Transition Co-ordinator on 9803 8311 or on [burwood.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:burwood.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au), for assistance if required.



Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May:

PREP B	Ian K and Garsha R
PREP W	Estelle L and Auson X
PREP H	Sharvin T and Enzo J
PREP M	Oliver L and Lexi MT
1/2C	Liana M and Niko H
1/2D	Ethan J and Mason Z
1/2F	James K and Gabby L
1/2P	Parisa F and Bailey W
1/2S	Hudson M and Genevieve B
1/2V	Aria J and Felix K
3/4A	William H and Lyla K
3/4F	Insiya H and Harper Z
3/4M	Angel J and Alexander X
3/4P	Lior H and Timur B
3/4S	Burhanuddin SK and Livia V
3/4W	Zain A and Binaryo N
5/6A	Jack E and Lincoln D
5/6J	Bradley C and Laila M
5/6L	Mason B and Eden F
5/6M	Bentley M and Samuel R

## A Warm Welcome to Term 2!

We were delighted to welcome children back for the start of Term 2. This week focused on reconnecting with friends, rebuilding routines, and settling back into the program. Children enjoyed creative experiences, ANZAC Day poppy craft, Earth-themed bookmark activities, and fun fitness sessions, creating a warm, positive, and engaging beginning to the new term for everyone. d to welcoming your families and children back in Term 2.



Recognising National Reconciliation Week at TheirCare!

**MAY 27 - 29**

Join in arts and crafts, weaving, yarn circles and celebrations of Indigenous history.

*"Bridging Now to Next".*

COMING SOON...



Are you ready to step up, stand out, and become a true TC Legend?

TheirCare is on the lookout for awesome kids in Years 4, 5 and 6 who want to lead, create, inspire and make TheirCare even more amazing.

Launching during Term Two!



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