



Burwood Heights Primary School

Learning for Life!

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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	23 RD MARCH	ANNUAL REPORTING MEETING SCHOOL COUNCIL
TUESDAY	14 TH APRIL	CURRICULUM DAY
WEDNESDAY	15 TH APRIL	TERM TWO COMMENCES (Unless otherwise advised)
MONDAY	20 TH APRIL	SENIOR SCHOOL – PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This newsletter will be a brief one due to the unprecedented circumstances schools are currently facing and the uncertainty day-to-day of the precautions that are required. The outline of events listed above cannot, with any certainty, be confirmed as proceeding.

As my correspondence to the school community at the weekend indicated nothing is set in concrete; however we have been informed that schools will be closed as from tomorrow, Tuesday 24th March, with school resuming on Wednesday 15th April, unless otherwise notified.

Staff will continue to work on-site, working collaboratively to develop learning resources for your children at home this week. It will be important that you establish a regular schedule of study if schools are closed following the break. This will assist your child to focus on their learning and certainly it will help you establish a routine and will make your life easier. We will be in contact with all families advising them of learning at home schedules and recommended learning programmes.

I do ask that you join your child's "Class Dojo" and the school app, Flexibuzz, as this will allow us to maintain contact with you at all times and keep you fully informed. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information at this time.

I do wish all the community the best of health during this forced early holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone back on deck in the not too distant future. Please email the school if you are having any difficulties in the coming weeks and we will try to support you. Take good care of yourselves and your loved ones.

See you next term!



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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



The outbreak of the coronavirus across the world has been on every person's mind. It affects us all, directly or indirectly. Most services, organisations, businesses (large and small) and all families are being challenged incredibly as we are struggling to come to terms in this new landscape, floundering as to what to do next to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Feeling anxious about the coronavirus is understandable, but we are in good hands with the systems Australia has in place and knowing that we are all doing our best to slow down the spread the coronavirus.

It is undeniably a world-wide health crisis; however, Australia has many advantages that other countries have not had, such as in Europe and Asia. We are learning from them and our response time is earlier. In many ways we are more fortunate as our medical system is second to none and treatment is for all Australians.

Our scientists and medical practitioners are involved in key research and this is forming an integral part of the rapid global response to the novel coronavirus outbreak. As part of an international coalition, Australia's many research teams and bio-medical companies have already enhanced our country's preparedness and will certainly help fast-track the development of a new vaccine. I do feel very optimistic that this will occur.

Our medical researchers are collaborating with scientists, medical researchers and health officials across the globe in an effort to find a vaccine to contain the coronavirus. Pharmaceutical companies are assisting in every way they can, and bio-medical centres are working around the clock. The work that is being undertaken will certainly enhance our strong medical research record of protecting people globally from the threat of infectious diseases. Their commitment is extremely praiseworthy.

It is so rewarding and comforting to hear of the many people and communities coming together to work as one, concentrating their efforts on a common goal

Up-to-date information on the Coronavirus is available at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus or from the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398. For translated information contact 131 450.

Please find attached to this newsletter a reminder of things you can do all the time to slow the spread of the Coronavirus.

ANZAC DAY – 25TH APRIL



ANZAC Day, 25th April, is probably Australia's most important national occasion. It marks the Anniversary of the first military action by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as the ANZACs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day. With the coming of the Second World War, ANZAC Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in that war.

In subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include Australians killed in all military operations in which Australia has been involved.

A powerful legacy has been left to us all. ANZAC Day is an important part of our history, shaping the ways we view both our past and our future.

Unfortunately we will not be able to conduct a whole-school ceremony of remembrance of those who sacrificed so much for their country.



SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENT – 2020

I know that many parents have visited secondary government and non-government schools already, in preparation for their child/children transitioning to Year Seven in 2020

The state-wide placement timeline and procedures are as follows for those students wishing to enter a government school in 2020: -

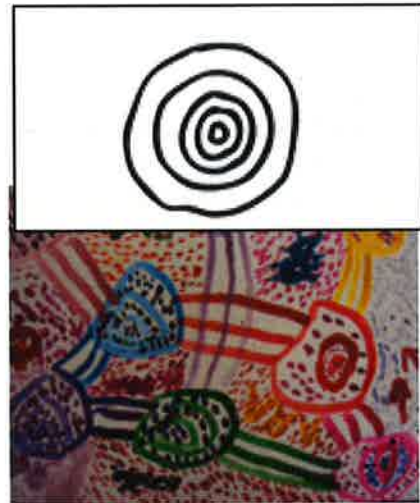
- Information regarding secondary education and Application for Enrolment (Year Seven) forms will be distributed to Year Six students during the first week of Term Two. These forms are to be returned to Burwood Heights Primary School by 15th May.
- We will then submit all initial placement requests to the secondary school.
- Secondary schools will advise primary schools of the names of all students who have been accepted into Year 7.
- We will notify parents of the results of the placements applications, in writing, on 5th August.
- Parents/Carers may commence lodging non-placement appeals for secondary schools on 6th August.
- Orientation Day will be conducted on 11th December for Year Six students.

What's happening in the Art Room in Term One?

Junior School

Junior School students have been learning about the Wurundjeri tribe, Melbourne's first people. The Wurundjeri people take their name from the word *Wurun*, meaning Manna Gum, a eucalyptus tree common to the area; and *djeri*, a grub found in the tree. Students have also learnt about the creator spirit, Bunjil the eagle hawk. They have created art works that symbolise a journey through Wurundjeri country using aboriginal symbols and a representation of Bunjil. The art works were created using water-colour and acrylic paint.

Campsite symbol





Spotlight On.....

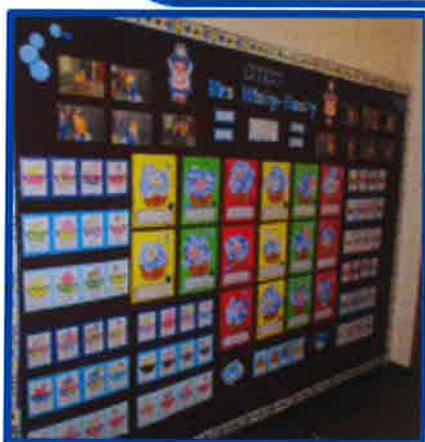
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We read the Big Book Mrs Wishy-Washy.

We acted out the story with some of us being cows, pigs and ducks playing in the mud. We then needed to be washed by Mrs Wishy-Washy!

We were focusing on the sight words:

it, in, said, went



Kitchen Corner

For anyone with a discerning palate, these Easter biscuits will be indulgence enough.

Spiced Easter Biscuits

Ingredients

- 250g butter, softened at room temperature
- 1 cup caster sugar
- 1 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3 cups plain flour



Method

1. Pre-heat oven to 180c
2. Place butter in a large bowl with the sugar and cream together with electric beaters until light and fluffy.
3. Add the spices, then egg.
4. Add the sifted flour, a cup at a time (mix half of the flour in with the beaters and then mix the rest in by hand - wooden spoon) to form a soft dough that is not sticky, adding more flour if necessary.
5. Roll out on a lightly floured surface to 5mm in thickness, and then cut into shapes with cookie cutters.
6. Place on a lined baking tray and bake for 12 - 15 minutes until golden brown.
7. Allow to cool. They can be decorated, served with a dusting of icing sugar or as is.

Enjoy!

Protect yourself and your family

Cover your cough and sneeze



1

COVER your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Put your used tissue in the rubbish **BIN**.



2



3

If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, **NOT YOUR HANDS**.

WASH your hands with soap and running water. Dry your hands thoroughly with a disposable paper towel or hand dryer.



4

Stay germ free and healthy

Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly.



1

Wet your hands.

Put soap on
your hands.

2



3 Rub the soap over all
parts of your hands for
at least 20 seconds.



3

4 Rinse your
hands under
running water.

4



5

5 Dry your hands thoroughly
with disposable paper towel
or hand dryer.

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