



# Burwood Heights Primary School



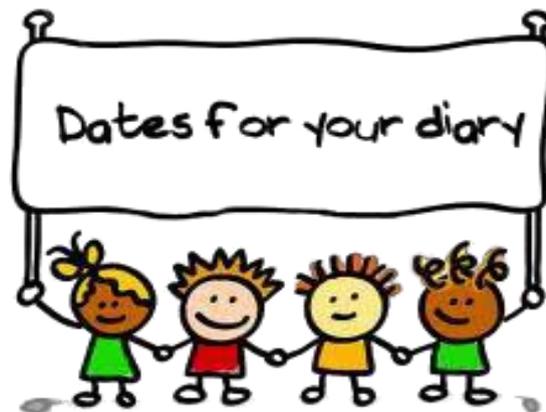
Primary Years  
Programme

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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.

FRIDAY	12 <sup>th</sup> August	IncurSION – “Perform Education” – Book Week
TUESDAY	16 <sup>th</sup> August	ICAS- English
MONDAY	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	ICAS - Science
WEDNESDAY	24 <sup>th</sup> August	Read In Bed Day – Book Week
THURSDAY	25 <sup>th</sup> August	Choir To Perform At The Victorian Principals' Conference
FRIDAY	26 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Parade – Book Week
MONDAY	29 <sup>th</sup> August	ICAS – Mathematics (Middle School)
MONDAY - FRIDAY	29 <sup>th</sup> August To 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Senior School Camp - Beechworth
THURSDAY	1 <sup>st</sup> September	School Hats Must Be Worn Everyday
MONDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> September	School Council
FRIDAY	9 <sup>th</sup> September	District Athletics – Knox Athletics Track
THURSDAY	15 <sup>th</sup> September	Last Day Of Term Three – Dismissal At 3.30pm
FRIDAY	16 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff Planning Day
MONDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Curriculum Day
TUESDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> October	Term Four Commences



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### STAR GAZING NIGHT A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Star Gazing event certainly brought the community together. Having social contact is a very important part of being human and does much to strengthen the bonds between members of the community. Connections with others is vital to our mental and emotional well-being. We all feel so much happier to have spent such a wonderful time together on this night to remember.



It was clear from the students' excitement and comments (and parents' comments) that they enjoyed the thrill of viewing the night sky through a powerful telescope. I wonder if this will spark students' desire to participate in the greatest adventure of all in the future— space exploration. Imagine seeing the whole world literally.

The everyday benefits of space exploration are impacting us all right now and will continue to do so moving forward. Exploration has led to improving health care, protecting our planet and our environment, creating scientific and technical jobs, improving our day-today lives, enhancing safety on earth, making scientific discoveries, sparking our interest in science, and working in partnership with countries around the world.



The world will be in the hands of this next generation.

Special thank you to Chris Rhyder for his management and execution of the whole event and Kevin Morrow, his right-hand man, to Michael our wonderful cleaner and to the many staff who contributed so willingly to make this night possible



**REMINDER**  
***Stranger Danger***



***SAFETY IN SCHOOLS***

One of the primary concerns of parents relates to the safety of their children. I was recently reminded of one of the many advantages of being in a government school when I received an email from the Department of Education's Emergency and Security Management Branch, which has a system whereby it notifies schools of any risks to students, colour coded according to the assessed level of risk. This allows schools to take any necessary action to ensure students are safe.

We are alerted of any severe weather conditions by the Bureau of Meteorology, as well as alerts relating to extreme weather conditions in areas where there are school camps, they may also relate to such things as suspicious strangers seen near schools or criminal behaviour that has been the subject of a police report. The most serious risks could lead to a school "lockdown" where students are kept in classes until the risk has passed. If your child mentions that we have had an emergency evacuation practice or safety practice this is to ensure our students understand the procedures and directions, should such an occasion occur.

There is no doubt that being a part of a large network – which is what the government school system consists of – is an important preventative factor in keeping your children safe. Of course, at Burwood Heights Primary School and Kindergarten we have many methods of ensuring students are safe both physically and emotionally, but it is comforting to know that we also have with us an Emergency and Security Management Branch which can supply information, processes, and people to support us should the need arise.

To keep our school, secure it is incumbent upon us all to be always vigilant. Unwanted visitors to the school should be reported to the police immediately.

I urge all of you to reinforce the message of "Stranger Danger" and the importance that your child must let an adult know if they see or hear anything untoward as soon as they can.

***WONDERFUL NEWS ABOUT "OUR SCHOOL IN GUFU, NEPAL.***

We have received notification from the United World Schools organization that our Gufa School has now transitioned to sit within the national education system of Nepal, where it will continue to offer an inclusive education for future generations of students to come. Gufa will now join the United World Schools Legacy School Community.

Here at Burwood Heights Primary School, we are extremely proud to have partnered with the local community in Gufa for several years now and it has been an incredible journey for us. "Market Day" is our major fund-raising day, where the students have been inspired to raise funds, knowing that they really are making a difference to other students' lives in poorer parts of the world.

The United World Schools charity organization aims to improve, through education, life opportunities for some of the world's poorest children living in remote and marginalised communities. The charity's aim is for a world in which every child can have an inclusive, accessible, and high-quality education, regardless of race, gender, disability, or the location where they happen to be born.

United World Schools has opened a total of two hundred and fifty new schools, and trained over one thousand, two hundred teachers and given educational opportunities to more than forty- three thousand children across Cambodia, Myanmar, and Nepal.

We wish all the students and staff of Gufa the very best for the future. We will continue to be a part of the United World Schools' programme to support marginalised remote communities in the future.



*Class time at UWS Gufa, Nepal*



*Sports and games at UWS Gufa, Nepal*



### ***PARENT/CARER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY***

Each year a random sample of parents is requested to complete a Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. The data from this survey is collated and compiled as part of the School Annual Report and forms a part of the Department's School Accountability process and informs future planning.

Parents, Carers/Guardians are randomly selected to complete the 2022 Parent/Caregiver/ Guardian Opinion Survey. If you have been selected you will receive an envelope with the instructions on how to proceed.

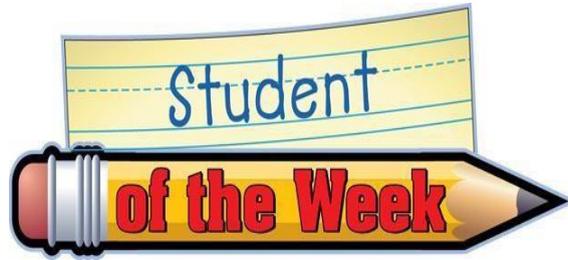
The survey is open from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. It is available in English and ten other languages including Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Somali and Punjab.

### ***REMINDER***



For those students who have lost their school hat or for those students new to the school, now is the time to prepare for wearing a school hat to school every day.

**From Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September the school hat should be worn at all times when the student is outside.**



Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at assembly on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August:

Prep M	Ayansh Sachdev and Elle Yeung
Prep S	Mudi Huang and Ethan Yuen
Prep T	Lior Hill and Braxton Daish
1/2D	Estni Fernan and Claire Qi
1/2F	Hannah Henderson and Xavier Yau
1/2M	Jaden Chen and Scarlett Bingham
1/2S	Lilly Kirk and Mela Jang
1/2W	Bentley Miet and Mason Bullock
3/4A	Robbie Forrester and Lily G
3/4P	Daniel van Tonder and Hannah Ball
3/4S	Lucas Smith and Mia Lin
3/4W	Sanjana Vasudevan and Phillip Piadang
5/6C	Olivia Dahdouh and Aadi Singh
5/6L	Yasmin Izadi and Nithya Nayak
5/6M	Caitlyn Sison and Min Nguyen
5/6P	Shakeena Bittner and Ren Gee