



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.

FRIDAY	31 ST JANUARY	LEADERSHIP FORUM
MONDAY	3 RD FEBRUARY	PREP BARBEQUE ELECTION OF CLASS SRC MEMBERS
TUESDAY	4 TH FEBRUARY	JUNIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY	5 TH FEBRUARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT
THURSDAY	6 TH FEBRUARY	SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT
MONDAY	10 TH FEBRUARY	JUNIOR SCHOOL BARBEQUE
MONDAY	17 TH FEBRUARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL BARBEQUE
MONDAY	24 TH FEBRUARY	SENIOR SCHOOL BARBEQUE
WEDNESDAY	26 TH FEBRUARY	HOUSE ATHLETICS
MONDAY	2 ND MARCH	KINDERGARTEN BARBEQUE
MON- FRIDAY	3 RD - 6 TH MARCH	SENIOR SCHOOL CAMP - BEECHWORTH

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

AUSTRALIA'S BUSH FIRES



Our thoughts are with the thousands of people who have been affected, directly and indirectly, by the bush fires this summer. Their plight is indescribable, with loss of family home and loss of livelihood; however, what has shown through is the extraordinary spirit of "volunteerism" – from firefighters, to charitable groups, to professionals who offer their services in the spirit of giving and to the hundreds of ordinary men and women who do whatever needs to be done, regardless of when and where. The stories we are hearing makes us proud to be Australians.

The stories of the fire-fighting volunteers, their bloodcurdling escapes, the balming bond of comradeship, their fears, regrets, the laughter they share with one another and the ever-present danger they confront, are as rich and diverse as the one hundred and fifty thousand plus men and women who belong to the nation's rural and bush fire brigades. One cannot help but be moved by their stories and sense of community. Their courage is undeniable.



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The multiple direct impacts on life and property, the survival of fauna populations, on water resources, and indirectly on government budgets and insurance costs is astronomical. State and Federal authorities are struggling to contain the massive blazes, even with the firefighting assistance from other countries, including the United States., New Zealand and Canada. The three men from the United States of America who gave their lives in the battle to fight the bush fires that are charring our country, are an example of the willingness of everyone, here and abroad, to do whatever it takes in such a crisis to assist.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

WELCOME BACK TO OUR RETURNING FAMILIES AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES.



What a wonderful start we have had to our school year! I congratulate staff, students and parents on the extremely successful commencement to 2020.

I welcome all new families to our school community.

The Prep students have settled in “like ducks to water” and their parents have coped very well also. I know Ms Whitelaw, Ms Morgan, Mrs Skatharoudis and Ms Mitchell are very enthusiastic and excited at the prospect of teaching this new group of vibrant and keen students.

Our youngest school community members (three- and four-year old kindergarten children) have had interview sessions this week before they commence their designated times.

Ms Nicole Blanchard, Mrs Rebecca Storan, Ms Gita Thalakada, Mrs Anna Sofo-Currenti, Mrs Samantha McKnight and Mrs Laura Verde have the responsibility for the care and guidance of our youngest community members.

STAFFING FOR 2020

I welcome **Ms Peters, Ms Mitchell and Ms Cowan** to Burwood Heights Primary School staff. I believe we will all have a very exciting and extremely successful 2020 school year.

Classes for 2020:-

Preps	-	Three
Junior School	-	Five
Middle School	-	Five
Senior School	-	Four

I believe, with the staff we have this year, we should all have a very exciting and extremely successful school year.

WHAT'S ON

WELCOME BARBEQUES

These are such a wonderful way to meet new families and catch up with those you know so please put these dates in your diary.

On Monday 3rd February, from 5.30 to 6.30pm the first community gathering will occur in our wonderful Garden Annex. Our **Prep** students and their families and friends will enjoy one of many memorable times as they get- to-know other parents and their children in such an inviting venue.

Other barbeques will be held on:

- Junior School-** Monday 10th February
- Middle School -** Monday 17th February
- Senior School -** Monday 24th February
- Kindergarten -** Monday 2nd March

INFORMATIONS NIGHTS

Parents/guardians are invited to information sessions, where staff will explain the 2020 curriculum that will be covered for your child; what is expected from your child and parents and other relevant information.

JUNIOR SCHOOL - Tuesday 4th February

MIDDLE SCHOOL - Wednesday 5th February

SENIOR SCHOOL - Thursday 6th February



HOUSE ATHLETICS

The House Athletics (Field and track events) will be held on Wednesday 26th February, at the Bill Sewart Athletics Track, Burwood. Middle and Senior School students will represent their particular House in the athletics competition.

Parents are most welcome to attend and join in the fun. The parent/teacher/student relay is a highlight!

More information to follow.

2020 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the Burwood Heights Primary School Council for 2020.

There are six vacancies on School Council for five (5) parent members; one (1) Community Member and two (2) Department of Education and Training (DET) members.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be signed by 4.00pm, 7th February 2020. If a ballot is required this will close on Friday 21st February 2020.

There are three possible categories of membership.

A mandated elected parent category. More than one third of the elected members must be from this category. DET employees can be parent members of their school.

A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal is automatically one of these members.

An optional community category. Its members are co-opted by decision of the council for their special skills, interests and experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be community members.

Where the number of nominations equals the number of vacancies in any one membership category, there will be no need to go to ballot. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies, a ballot is required.

<i>Membership Category</i>	<i>Term of Office</i>	<i>Number of Positions</i>
Parent Member	From the after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022.	Four
Community Member	From the after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022.	One
DET Member	From the after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022.	Two

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
Notice of election and call for nominations	Thursday, 30 th January 2020
Closing date for nominations	Friday, 7 th February 2020, at 4.00pm
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators	Tuesday, 11 th February 2020
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday 10 th February 2020
Close of ballot	Friday 21 st February 2020
Vote count	24 th February 2020
Declaration of poll	Wednesday 26 th February 2020
Announced in newsletter	Thursday 27 th February 2020
Council Meeting	Monday 23 rd March 2020

Council members who have completed two years on Council may stand for re-election for the next two years.



PRESENTATION OF BADGES TO SCHOOL LEADERS

On Friday 7th February the school leaders for 2020 will be presented with their school badges at assembly. Parents, relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Assembly will commence at 2.30pm.

CHILD SAFE POLICY

The Victorian Parliamentary inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government organisations found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse.

In response to this finding, the Victorian Government made a number of important changes to ensure children's safety. These changes included the introduction of child safe standards for all organisations that work with children, including schools and a policy reflecting this. Please find attached our school's policy.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAMME 2020



The visiting primary school nurses from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school during the week of 24th February to conduct the Prep Health Assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents' consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and well-being.

Parents are invited to visit or telephone the visiting primary school nurse if there are any general child health issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the Primary School Nursing Programme is 8392 9300.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office.

PERSONAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is NOT insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, calculators, sporting equipment and applies to cars parked on school property. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity for any loss or damage to such property, students, staff and visitors are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.



PARKING RESTRICTIONS

FOR NEW PARENTS IN PARTICULAR

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 officers will be patrolling schools crossings throughout the year.

BYHAND.MELBOURNE

Engaging hands, mind and heart

CREATIVE, PERSONAL and BESPOKE ART PROGRAMS for EMERGING ARTISTS

ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 1 2020 – final date for enrolments is Friday 31 January 2020

Who: Jacqui Carslake - Founder and Art Teacher
Where: The Art Room, Burwood Heights Primary School

ART FOUNDATIONS: 5-8 year olds
Drawing and mixed media: "We're going on a bear hunt"
WHEN: Monday 3.45pm – 4.45pm

ART CREATIONS: 9-13 year olds
Drawing and mixed media: Fashion Illustration
WHEN: Monday 5.00pm – 6.15pm

ENROLEMENT PROCESS

Please email byhand.melb@optusnet.com.au to enrol your child for Term 1 2020 with the following information:

- Your child's full name
- Age as of Jan 01, 2020,
- Contact phone number
- Email address.

Upon receiving your email, class placement will be confirmed for the appropriate class, and a course outline will be provided.

Mobile: 0402 282 005 or email: byhand.melb@optusnet.com.au

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