From the Principal’s Desk

This is our final full newsletter for 2015 as the last day for students is Thursday 17th December. Once again, it has been a busy and successful school year for the Burrendah School community. We have now completed our first three year term as an Independent Public School and I am encouraged by the findings from our Independent School Review. If you haven’t read these findings, I encourage you to read this report available on our school website or on Department of Education ‘Schools Online’.


The findings from this review reflect the excellent teachers we have in our school and their professional commitment to our school community. I wish to express my gratitude to all teaching and support staff for their ongoing commitment to our vision of providing a safe and supportive learning environment that allows students to achieve their potential. Unfortunately, we will be saying farewell to a number of valued staff and these staff are acknowledged in this newsletter. I am sure the parent community involved with these staff will take the time to thank them personally.

I would also like to publically acknowledge the support I have received from Mrs Pamela Chatfield and Mr William Heron in the absence of our Associate Principal Phil Bradshaw. Both Mr Heron and Mrs Chatfield have capably filled the role of Deputy Principal and I am most appreciative of their work. Mr Bradshaw will return for the beginning of the 2016 school year.

End of semester reports will be sent home next Friday 11th December. They will be sent home with your child addressed to parents and I do encourage you to open your child’s report at home. Parents are asked to reflect carefully on the grades and comments allocated by your child’s teachers. A great deal of effort has gone into these reports to ensure they accurately reflect your child’s achievement. Please look closely at the grading system and remember a C grade indicates your child is achieving at the expected level and should be celebrated.

I look forward to seeing the community at our Awards Assembly next Friday the 11th December and meeting with our much valued volunteers at our morning tea following the assembly.

Finally I would like to wish all our families who are leaving our school for the final time this year all the very best for the future. I am aware that some of our families leaving our school this year have been in our school community for many years and have worked tirelessly for the benefit of our students. Thank you for your contribution to our school community and I trust your children’s primary school experience has been a positive and rewarding one.

Enjoy a happy Christmas shared with your family and friends and I will see you back at school after we have all had a restful holiday on Monday February 1st.

Jayne Ebsworthy Principal 3rd December 2015
Burrendah Goodbye’s for 2015

Mrs Jenny Coleman has capably filled the role of Music Specialist this year and she has done an amazing job. This has recently been acknowledged at our school music concert and music assembly. Mrs Coleman is a talented musician and an excellent teacher who has worked tirelessly to ensure our music students continued to have a quality music experience in the absence of Mrs Graham. We wish her well in her recent appointment to Mt Pleasant Primary School. We hope she can come back to us in second semester.

Mrs Margot Evans who works tirelessly to support our EAL students and their families has decided to retire at the end of the year. Mrs Evans is an excellent teacher with a great passion for her work. Margot has invested much time and energy into her role at Burrendah with many positive outcomes. We wish her well in her retirement.

Mrs Laura Vogels is a much loved Pre Primary and Year 1 teacher and her first child is due early next year. She is leaving us for a while to focus on being a mum, however, she will return to us at some stage in the future. We wish her well at this very exciting time of her life. She will be greatly missed by our students, staff and parents.

Mr Brad Giles has won a teaching position at Greenmount Primary School which is closer to his home. Mr Giles worked in a Year 5 class this year has been greatly valued and we wish him well in his future teaching career.

Mrs Pamela Chatfield has been a classroom teacher, specialist support teacher and curriculum leader in our school. Recently she has capably filled the role of Acting Deputy Principal and Acting Principal. Mrs Chatfield has been offered a Deputy Principal position at Mosman Park Primary School for Semester One. We congratulate her on this well earned opportunity to gain further administration experience and thank her sincerely for her teaching and leadership roles at Burrendah Primary School. We hope she can come back to us in second semester.

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This year we are asking for your support to contribute towards Christmas hampers that will be collected by the St Vincent de Paul Society and distributed to families around Perth.

As part of our Active Citizenship studies, children in previous years have donated food products to fill hampers to brighten the Christmas period for those families less fortunate than ourselves.

A box is available in your child’s classroom for all donations. It would be appreciated if all donations can be made by Friday 11th December.

Below is a list of suggested NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS. Special Christmas foods like fruit mince pies, cakes and biscuits would also be appreciated.

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Thank you to our retiring School Board members

The final Board meeting for 2016 will be held next Tuesday evening. I am so very appreciative of the work of our School Board during our first three year term as an Independent Public School. As Principal, my role has been made so much easier by having a functional, informed and collaborative School Board. Under the leadership of Dr Barb Frey our Board, made up of parents, staff and community members, has provided invaluable support to me. They have overseen successful implementation of our Business Plan resulting in a very successful School Review.

Some of our members are retiring at the end of this year and I would like to publically acknowledge their contribution to our school. Each of these members have greatly enriched our Board and brought a great depth of knowledge and experience. They are all busy people and they have given generously of their time and energy to support the governance of our school.

My sincere thanks goes to the following retiring Board members.

- Amanda Jackson - Foundation Parent Representative
- Samantha Newman - Foundation Parent Representative
- Brian Crouch - Foundation Staff Representative
- Pamela Chatfield - Foundation Staff Representative
- Kerry McCubbin - Foundation Staff Representative

I would like to also acknowledge the Board members continuing in their role:

- Grant Gernhoeffer - Parent Representative
- Serena Whisson - Parent Representative
- Jane Barker - Community Representative
- Kuljit Jassel - Community Representative

The following members join us for the first time in 2016 and I look forward to working with them.

- Kate Floyd - Parent Representative
- Sean Swarbrick - Parent Representative
- Kate French - Staff Representative
- Gail Mc Lay - Staff Representative
- Will Heron - Staff Representative

Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal
News from the Science Lab

Over the last few weeks we have been carrying out investigations in science. Each investigation requires planning to ensure that fair testing is used. Students have ensured that only one variable is changed and that all other variables are kept the same.

Year 2s discovered that using rollers help move heavy objects.

Year 3s were investigating how heat affects temperature absorption.

Year 6s have been having fun with electrical circuits to build pressure switches and models of windmills.

Year 4s have been investigating force.

Many thanks to Dr Barb Frey for presenting information about climate change to our Year 6 students this week. We greatly appreciate her volunteering her time to share her knowledge with our students. Hopefully parents of year 6 students have noticed a greater awareness of their child with regards to not wasting electricity.

Our garden club this week was able to enjoy the benefits of their hard work this term. They harvested carrots and made carrot cake. They really enjoyed the celebration of growing their own vegetables. All scraps went to our worm farm and compost bin.

Sherryl Crouch
Science Specialist
It is with very sad hearts that we say goodbye to Margot Evans! She has been a wonderful contributor and support in the EAL/D Program and will be greatly missed. Margot has touched the hearts of many students and parents too. She set up and successfully ran the Culture Club every fortnight. This Club has given many students opportunities, which they would otherwise not have had, to learn about different cultures. It has also provided wonderful opportunities for parents to contribute and share their different cultures with our students.

We all wish Margot the very best for a long and happy retirement. Hopefully, she will remember us and come back and check up on us!

EAL/D Team

CULTURE CLUB

This term students have been learning about South Africa. Last week, Mrs Rangan and Mrs Naidu introduced students to South African dance and music. Dance culture permeates South Africa, be it in the streets of its shanty towns or on the stages of its magnificent art houses, South African dancers have always displayed the kind of skill that leaves audiences awestruck. A naturally rhythmic country that, to a certain extent, jived to its freedom. Students played drums and shakers and danced around in a circle to the beat of African music – great fun! We finished Culture Club with delicious “Melkert”, "milk tart" in Afrikaans, a South African dessert consisting of a sweet pastry crust containing a creamy filling made from milk, flour, sugar and eggs. Many thanks to Mrs Rangan and Mrs Naidu for their assistance this term.

Culture Club has finished for 2015. I would like to say a huge “Thank You” to all the parents who have helped at Culture Club this year, your support has been greatly appreciated. It has been a great success because of your continued efforts. Culture Club will continue next year, giving students an insight into other countries in our diverse world.

Mrs Evans & Mrs Tweddle
EAL/D Teachers
Music News

It’s been an extremely busy final term with many wonderful performances.

All ensembles and choirs will continue rehearsing through to the end of week nine. There will be no rehearsals in week 10.

Congratulations to all the members of the senior choir – you performed the “Green Hills of Albany” and “In Flanders Fields” beautifully at the ‘Armistice Day’ Ceremony at the City of Canning on the 11th November, and your behaviour at this event should be commended.

A special thank you to Mrs Sue Windham and Mrs Kate Strle for helping to sort out all the forms and permission slips for all our excursions and workshops. I couldn’t have managed the amount of paperwork on my own. And thanks again to Kate Strle for sorting out the choir uniforms for everyone to wear at the Armistice day event – it’s such an enormous amount of work and without her commitment, the choir would not look as smart, neat and professional.

Congratulations to all the groups who performed at the ‘Herald Avenue Concert’ on the 26th November. The Chamber Strings, Recorder Ensemble, Senior Choir and Junior Choir brought so much joy to all the people who attended this concert and again I have received many comments about how beautifully the students performed and behaved. People are very impressed with the amazing talent here at Burrendah Primary School.

I would like to acknowledge Mr Brennan Clifton for his sensational guitar playing in “Geronimo” and a huge thank you from the Senior Choir. We could not have performed this song without him and really appreciate all the effort he went to in learning the guitar part and rehearsing with us on many Tuesday mornings.

Thank you to the Music Captains: Ben Cromie, Chenuli Ekanayake and Paige Harries for their help and commitment to their positions. They also announced the various ensembles with clarity and professionalism.

Thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers who helped to transport music stands, equipment and helped direct children, audience members and traffic at the Music Concert. Thank you to all the teachers who gave up their evening after working all day to help out at the concert too - your help and support is very much appreciated.

It has been a wonderful year of music making here at Burrendah and a privilege to work with such talented children. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful festive season and a restful break.

Jenny Coleman
Music Specialist
Afterschool Sport

This term for Burrendah’s Afterschool Sport program, Perth Glory’s junior development team, headed by Steve Purton ran a successful four-week program. This provided the students of Burrendah with a variety of skill development activities and fun-filled soccer games. George the mascot came along to the last session to encourage all players.

Congratulations to the Bibaeff family who put their personal items lists into the office by Friday 20th November. Their booklists were drawn out to receive their next year personal items list free of charge. We would like to thank Andrew at Ziggies Educational Supplies for his kind donation.

Please join us for our
End of Year Awards Ceremony
Friday 11th December
at 8:45 am

Followed by our ‘Thank You’ Morning Tea
All parent helpers and community volunteers are welcome to attend

Burrendah Primary School
2016

Could you please notify the school office if you know that your family will be leaving Burrendah Primary in 2016.

Please notify the school office if you know your child will be returning after the 1st February 2016 otherwise they may be taken off our data base and you will need to re-enrol.

burrendah.ps@education.wa.edu.au
DRAGON BOATS AT THE ART SPACE
WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Dragon Boats outside the Art Space desperately need sanding back so that students can begin repainting them ready for the School Fair. Once repainted, the boats will make fantastic play equipment for our kids. If any parents with an electric sander and a few hours to spare are interested in helping out, please contact the P&C. A time and date will be set that is convenient to volunteers.

Email: president@burrendahpandc.org.au

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen volunteers would like to inform the school community that Monday 7th December will be the last opening day of the canteen. This will enable us to clean and prepare the canteen for next year.

Thank you again to all parents, students and teachers for their support. We hope you have enjoyed the food and service we have provided.

If you would like to have a clean out over the Christmas break we will happily take any kitchen goods and appliances next year. Anything we cannot use we will happily re – gift for you to charity.

Next year we will continue to open the canteen on Mondays, beginning February 15th 2016.
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