From the Principal’s Desk

Teachers are currently very busy with beginning preparations for writing end of year reports. Students are being assessed in all their academic and non-academic areas. It is important that students are given every opportunity to do their best. This means that they need to ensure they are eating healthily and getting plenty of rest. We also know that students do well academically when they are not stressed and when they have a chance to get exercise and play outdoors.

The Nature Play website http://www.natureplaywa.org.au/ is a great place to get ideas about how to get children outdoors and active. There is now plenty of research pointing to the need for students to get away from screens, get out into the fresh air and get creative. The website has 51 things children should do before they reach the age of 12. These include: climb a tree; build a tree house or cubby; play chasey in the rain; slide down a sand hill on cardboard; build a sandcastle city; skim a stone; play under a sprinkler; climb a big rock; meet kids in a park and invent a game; dig for worms in your backyard; make a kite and fly it; jump off a jetty (check the water is deep enough first); and make a mud pie. These creative, healthy and fun activities will go a long way to making our students ‘future ready,’ as the world is looking for creative minds to drive future developments, solve problems and think outside the square.

However, whilst we encourage opportunities for students to play together outside, we do remind parents that the end of the school day is the time to take children home to play under their supervision. Some students have been staying back at the school until well after the bell, playing on the equipment. The difficulty with doing this is that whilst they are on the school premises, we have duty of care. Since we cannot provide after-hours supervision as teachers are in their classrooms at the end of the day, preparing for the next day’s lessons, we ask that parents please supervise their children closely whilst on the property, and then leave the school for a park or home where they can make the most of their outdoors experiences without interrupting staff as they go about their responsibilities.

Room 11 and 12 will be our hosts for the assembly tomorrow and they have been working together all term on their presentation. I’m sure their hard work will pay off and we will all enjoy what they are going to teach us about Light. Working collaboratively is another future ready skill our children at Burrendah are being encouraged to develop. When we work as a team, as many companies and organisations do these days, we can achieve so much. Getting along with others is a key skill we must all master if we want to be successful in the world. In fact, research shows that emotional/social intelligence is even more important to achieving in the workforce than our academic skills. All the staff at Burrendah are committed to developing the whole child and we will be making every effort to ensure every child gets the best of broad educations at Burrendah.

Finally, the school board was recently asked about the difference between an Independent Public School, like Burrendah, and other state schools. As an Independent Public School, Burrendah has increased autonomy and flexibility to make decisions about important matters (e.g. staffing). IPSs are governed by a school board, rather than a school council. The school board comprises parents and teachers, as well as community members who have been asked to join to give the school extra expertise and advice in various areas that may be useful to support the school. The school, therefore, has greater capacity to shape their ethos, priorities and directions and assume greater responsibility for their own affairs.

Pamela Chatfield - Deputy Principal
5th November 2015
Italian Art Event 2015

On Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} October our school community celebrated everything Italian. Our undercover area was transformed into an Italian Arts market place complete with finely crafted artworks, cappuccino, gelato, busking and chalk pavement artworks. It was a feast for the senses and the atmosphere was amazing. Thank you to our supportive school community in raising over $400 towards our Arts program.

Again, in the evening; parents and community gathered to appreciate the creativity of our talented students. They listened to respected guest Artist ‘Suba’ who delivered a poignant account of how art has touched her life and her emotional connection to our Burrendah School Community. Representatives of Willetton Senior High School Arts programs spoke about the amazing opportunities awaiting our students as they make the transition to Senior School.

We were enthralled at the speech delivered by former Burrendah and upcoming theatre arts student Nathan Whitebrook. The underlying consistent message was that The Arts has the power to bring communities together and foster resilience, enhancing mental health and well-being.

An amazing evening with a magical sense of community coming together appreciating art, with over $1,000 raised in the Silent Auction of collaborative canvas artworks.

Many thanks must go to fabulous art teachers Danielle Eitzen and Val Patton, our school community, supportive staff, inspiring leadership and most of all the talented students who motivate us each day to try our very best. ENCOURAGE - ENDEAVOUR - EXCEL
Our Year 6 Junior Master Biology course has culminated a visit with Dr Julian Heng at the Harry Perkins Institute. They were treated with a tour of the facility and saw where some of the world’s leading medical research is being conducted. The highlight for our students was to be given the opportunity to use lab equipment while observing laboratory safety wearing lab coats, safety glasses and gloves. Our medical researchers of the future.

The Year 5 students have been continuing their study of light and this week made their own kaleidoscopes.

This week Mr Majed Al Nasir has generously given his time to talk to the Year 6 students about his job as a Sr. Reservoir Engineer. He also prompted interesting discussion about environmental and geological effects on the earth over time and theories about dinosaurs and their extinction. We thank him for sharing his wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm for his job with our students.

Year 1 students have been studying sound and have been making sound makers to observe how sound is created. I’m sure parents have enjoyed the sound makers coming home so science knowledge and understandings can be shared.

Year 2s have been investigating the power of gravity with ramp investigations.

Our garden club has been working hard to keep the garden growing but there are rewards along the way. There’s nothing better to eat than vegetables fresh from the garden.

News from the Science Lab

Commedia Drama Workshop

Last week Italian students took part in a drama workshop by the Into the Mask Theatre. Students were introduced to the history of Commedia dell’Arte, a form of theatre which originated in Italy five hundred years ago, and the various characters that feature in these performances. Commedia characters often wear masks and display specific movements and gestures unique to their character and the category in which they belong; Zanni - the Servants, Vecchi – the Masters and Innamorati- the Lovers. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed pretending to be each of these characters and interacting with one another.

Sherryl Crouch
Science Specialist

Penelope O’Brien
Language Specialist- Italian
CULTURE CLUB

This term we are learning about South African culture. We had around 50 very excited and enthusiastic students meet in the hall last Friday to hear our parent helpers, Roshnee and Danashni, tell us all about the interesting history of South Africa and talk about why the “rainbow country” has different bright colours on its flag. We also learnt about the indigenous people of South Africa and how they use face painting. Students then had great fun designing and colouring their own mask to take home.

EAL/D Parent Group

The EALD parent group got off to a lively and creative start this term with one of our parents, Jen Tan, running a craft workshop. Jen taught us how to make roses using egg cartons. Everyone was delighted to have a go at making these egg carton roses whilst chatting and finding out more about each other. New parents were welcomed by existing parents and grandparents while engaging in this very clever activity. Everyone felt it was such a fun and clever idea to get involved in. We really appreciate Jen sharing her creative talent using recycled materials to make something beautiful.

The next EAL/D Parent group will be on November 6. Another talented parent Subha will be doing a cooking demonstration of a traditional Indian dessert. Come along, learn, taste and enjoy being involved in our vibrant multicultural community.

OUT OF SCHOOL STARS

Congratulations to Thomas Musumeci and Joanne Fuh for being selected to represent WA in Basketball. They will both travel to Adelaide to compete in November. This is quite an achievement and an honour; students from all over the state have competed for a position on the team. It shows great commitment and perseverance on Thomas and Joanne’s part to get to this level of play, and it can be a significant stepping stone in the ultimate achievement of senior and national selection.

The Burrendah Primary community wishes you both all the best for this exciting opportunity!
MUSIC NEWS

SIM Expression of Interest Letters: A second round of ‘Expression of Interest’ letters will be sent out to those students who have scored highly in the SIM Musical Aptitude Test and have met other criteria through consultation with their class teachers. THIS IS NOT A FORMAL OFFER but an expression of interest form which explains the program to you in more detail and your commitment to the program should your child accept this extracurricular commitment. Your response to this letter is due back on the 11th November and late responses will not be accepted.

Weekend Workshop: The weekend workshop is scheduled for this Saturday afternoon, the 7th November, 1pm – 5:15pm. This will involve the String Orchestra and Senior and Junior Choirs and will be in preparation for our Music Concert on the 18th November. Please hand in your permission slips and medical forms as soon as possible.

Armistice Day 11th November: Members of the Senior Choir will be singing at a special performance for the opening of the new War Memorial and Amphitheatre Stage at the City of Canning offices on Armistice Day, Wednesday 11th November. This is a free community outdoor concert event involving a number of schools in a combined massed choir, accompanied by the Canning City Brass Band. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Students are now required to be there by 5:30 pm and will need to make their own way to and from the venue as buses will not be provided. The ceremony begins at 6pm and is expected to be finished by 7pm. There will be food available to purchase on the night. Please bring your own chair or picnic blanket. Please hand in your permission slips as soon as possible.

Music Concert: The annual Music Concert for 2015 will be held on the evening of Wednesday 18th November at the Christian Life Centre in Canning Vale. The Wind Band, String Orchestra, Chamber Strings, Recorder Ensemble, Year 5 & 6 A Capella Vocal Ensembles and Senior and Junior Choirs will be performing at this concert along with all of the SIM groups. All students will need to be at the venue by 5:30pm for a sound check. The concert begins at 7pm (doors open at 6:45pm). We have all been working very hard all year preparing repertoire for this event. Please bring all your family and friends along to this concert. The P&C will be offering refreshments and food from 5:30pm.

Music Assembly: Friday 20th November 8:45am. This is a community assembly highlighting some of the performance items from the larger ensembles and choirs. Everybody is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Herald Avenue Senior Citizen Concert: We have been invited to perform at the Herald Avenue Senior Citizens on the morning of Thursday the 26th November. Some of the ensembles and choirs will be performing at this concert and details of which groups involved in this performance will be released soon.

Jenny Coleman  Music Specialist

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This month, Board members worked through a number of routine matters that are part of the School Board’s responsibilities. We reviewed and endorsed the 2016 Budget which has already been provisionally approved by the Education Department. We also reviewed and endorsed the 2016 School Voluntary Contributions and Charges, and were pleased to see this remains very similar to previous years. Likewise, we reviewed the recommended list of ‘Personal items for student use’ for each student year group, along with a very competitive price list for parents provided by Ziggies Educational Supplies in Bannister Road. Finally, we looked at current student numbers and class sizes as well as the forecast for these in 2016. In this regard, the school is in a good position to be able to manage its unique policy of aiming to start the school year with below average class sizes to accommodate students who join the school during the course of the year. The opportunity to manage class size in a way that best suits our school is one of the benefits of being an Independent Public School.

The Board is continuing to partner staff in drafting the new school Business Plan. This process is well underway but will not be complete until well into the first term of next year. Some of the familiar cornerstones of the first Business Plan will be retained, for example, our School Vision, Purpose and Motto. The Board is very inspired by the new structure and the core elements that staff have developed and proposed for the Business Plan. We look forward to sharing this with the school community when it is complete.

The Board has been pleased to receive a number of communications from parents regarding programs and policies for consideration in relation to the new Business Plan. All of these communications relate in some way to the School’s emphasis on students’ social, emotional and physical wellbeing. The primary purpose of the Board is to enable parents and members of the community to engage in activities that are in the best interests of students and will enhance the education provided by the School. One of the key functions of the Board is to take part in establishing and reviewing the School’s objectives, priorities and general policy directions. The Board therefore greatly appreciates input and feedback from parents in these matters.

This is one of the reasons that you recently received an email from our parent representatives on the Board, Grant Gernhoefer, Amanda Jackson, Sam Newman and Serena Whisson. This email invites you to email our parent representatives with your suggestions, feedback and comments. If you prefer, you are also welcome to meet with one of our parent members. Your feedback is highly valued at Burrendah Primary School, and we thank you for taking the time share your views.

Later this month, our newly elected parent and teacher Board members will be attending Board training together, provided by the Department of Education. This training is very valuable in ensuring new Board members understand the role and responsibilities of an Independent Public School Board, and how to contribute effectively to the education provided by the school. I will be including aspects of this in these Board notes in future newsletters.

Barb Frey
Board Chair
Speech Therapy Workshop for Parents

Are you interested in knowing more about how to support your children with their speaking and language? Burrendah is very fortunate in having the ongoing expertise of speech therapists and speech therapy students working with our junior primary students. We have arranged for these professionals to present a workshop for parents of kindy and pre-primary students on 18th November from 1.50-3pm. So if you would like to attend this very informative session, please contact the front office to register your attendance.

Parent Feedback

Thank you to those parents who responded to our call for feedback about Burrendah Primary School.

We intend to pass your comments on to the school and provide responses to each of your queries.

Please keep those emails coming in marked ‘Attention Parent Board Members’ to burrendah.ps@education.wa.edu.au

We’d appreciate it if you get them in to us before the end of next week, Friday 13 November.

Warm regards

Grant Gernhoefer, Amanda Jackson, Sam Newman and Serena Whisson
Parent School Board Members

Supporting your Child’s Speech & Language Development (3-5 years) Parent Workshop

Wednesday 18th November 2015

Time: 1.50pm – 3.00pm

Place: Burrendah Primary School, School Hall

Presented by: Speech Pathologist Amanda Taylor & Final Year Speech Pathology students Kav Rajendran & Tayla Noble

RSVP 9332 3700
Email: amanda.taylor@curtin.edu.au

Thank you, Mr Chen

Raymond Chen of Top Realty in Willetton has kindly donated $1000 to the school. This money has been given to support families experiencing financial hardship with paying for student education costs. This money will be very helpful in ensuring all Burrendah students get as many educational opportunities as possible to enhance their learning. We thank Mr Chen for this very kind donation to support our community.
BURRENBITE NEWS

The volunteers from the Canteen would like to give a big ‘Thank You’ to the Burrendah Community for your overwhelming support. We would also like to praise the students for their patience and thank the teachers for their help and understanding.

We have also been inundated with offers of help and are looking forward to having new faces with us. We will organise a sign up roster as soon as we get settled in.

Because we aim to provide fresh, homemade items in a timely manner, we are introducing a pre order system for the MMM (Monday Mystery Meals). Because they need a little more preparation and ordering of items, we are requesting that you order these by the Friday before. We will endeavour to give you all the next Monday’s meal by the Wednesday each week. We ask that you place your order with us on a Friday morning when we open the Canteen. Alternatively, place the money in an envelope with the order, child’s name and room number in the box outside the Canteen.

WINE AND CHEESE
At the last P&C meeting for 2015

Please come along to our last P&C meeting for the year. We’ll be reflecting on another great year for the Burrendah school community and thinking about the exciting 40th Anniversary celebrations next year.

Monday 16th November at 7pm in the school hall.

MYSTERY MONDAY MEAL
9TH NOVEMBER 2015

HONEY SOY CHICKEN WITH RICE AND VEGETABLES

Po
$ 4.00
Honey Soy Chicken with Rice and Vegetables
Chicken, Cabbage, Capsicum, Carrots, Rice, Honey Soy Marinade

Tigress
$ 4.00
Honey Soy Tofu with Rice and Vegetables
Tofu, Cabbage, Capsicum, Carrots, Rice, Honey Soy Marinade

All Meals are made fresh in the Canteen on the day.
Sauce ingredients Honey, Soy Sauce, Ginger and Carrot made fresh.
Ingredients are served separately.
Karaté Chop up over to the Canteen to check out Portion size.
Please note. For Catering purposes we ask if you could please place your order on Friday 6th November.

Silent Auction Hampers for the Fair

The P&C are asking for specific donations of items for our silent auction hampers for the Burrendah Primary School P&C Fair in 2016. Each classroom has been allocated one particular themed hamper. We are asking students from that class to bring in donations of new items only that would be suitable for that hamper. (For example, the hamper may be a “Baby Hamper”, so we would be asking for things like dummies, baby clothes, baby toys, blankets, bottles, bibs etc). A list of suggestions for the themed baskets will be sent home and baskets will be placed in each classroom for items during Term 4 for 4 weeks only. It would be great if you could get together with other parents from the same class to make sure we don’t get too many of the same things. Please be imaginative and creative and most of all generous! We would love to make these hampers really amazing and hope to raise a great deal of money from them.
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