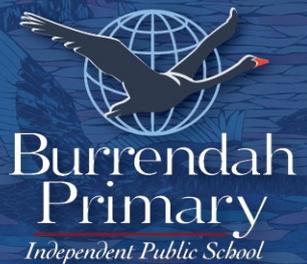


# Burrendah *Bulletin*



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## From the Principal's Desk



The Student Leadership group attended a leadership day last Friday with hundreds of other student leaders from schools around Perth. Students were inspired by guest speakers such as Dr Fiona Wood, Andrew Embley (ex West Coast Eagles player), Rick Ardon (Channel 7 news presenter) and John Coutis (a motivational speaker who does not have the lower part of his body).

Our students were a credit to Burrendah Primary School and were selected from the audience to ask questions of the guest speakers throughout the day on a number of occasions.



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Burrendah Primary School is one of four schools in Western Australia to be selected for the Australia-ASEAN BRIDGE School Partnerships. We will be partnering with Brunei. In 2017 Burrendah senior students selected Brunei as one of a choice of countries to partner with. Miss Ramona a teacher from Brunei at Sekolah Rendah Panchor Murai is spending this week at Burrendah Primary School to not only learn about education in Western Australia but to share her culture and educational experience with staff, students and parents at Burrendah. Miss Ramona has taught for 17 years and is a senior administrator and local coach for Literacy.

We are celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow Friday 23rd March. We look forward to as many families as possible joining their children for our Harmony Day Assembly (presented by Room 6 & 7 from 8:45am) and our community picnic lunch (between 1:05-1:50pm). On the day students can wear:

- Their traditional attire
- Orange – Harmony day colour
- Green and gold – Australian colours
- Australian attire including footy jumpers or Australian flag t-shirts

As part of our Evacuation procedures review we are required to practise a variety of evacuations over time. This term we are planning to practise a lock down procedure some time after Easter in the last few weeks of Term 1. The day and time of this practise will be decided upon on the day. Students and staff will pretend they need to remain in the classroom or move inside a building for a short period of time as part of this lock down practice. A lock down can occur in situations such as an emergency out in the community where the police contact the school and request for everyone to remain indoors until a threat has passed.

The P & C event **URStrong The Language of Friendship** is filling up fast with a total so far of nearly 100 people responding to the invitation to attend this friendship based program. The P&C have subsidised the cost of this event to make it affordable to families. Parents must register to be able to attend the workshops that will be held at Burrendah Primary School Hall after school Tuesday 27th March, 2018. For more information on cost, time of event, audience and the registration process go to <https://www.urstrong.com/Events/>

Janine Kinninment  
22nd March 2018

## News from the Science Lab

The last two weeks have been exciting and hectic especially for classes constructing solar systems and volcanoes in the Science Lab. Many students have even spent lunch times completing the finishing touches to their models.



The sun has been shining on and off so the Year 3 students have had the opportunity to use heat from the sun to cook pancakes on a solar cooker.



Other students have constructed models of inner earth and completed water investigations by making their own clouds to demonstrate precipitation and investigating how rain changes different surfaces. They have also demonstrated capillary action using food colouring. Year 4 students have been investigating the effects of water erosion.

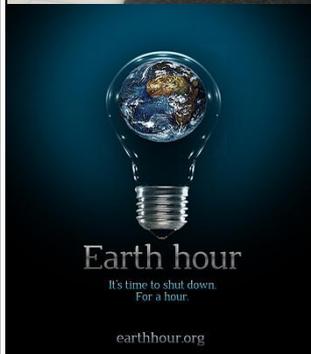


We are excited that one of our fruit trees is bearing fruit. We have one little apple growing.



Students are also using coding with Bee Bots to find nocturnal and diurnal animals.

On Friday classes throughout the school will be turning off the power for one hour "Earth Hour" to focus on the importance of not wasting power. Families can take part in the world wide "Earth Hour" on Saturday night. Details can be seen at <https://www.earthhour.org.au/>



Sherryl Crouch  
Science Specialist

## School Board Overview 2017

The Burrendah Primary School Board is a vital decision making body of the school. On behalf of Burrendah Primary School I thank all members of the Board for their commitment. Below is an overview of the Board for 2017.

Community member Jane Barker and parent representative Grant Gernhoefer were renominated onto the board. The Board farewelled parent representative, Serena Whisson. Harjit Singh joined the board as a community representative and Tim Stanton-Cook as a parent representative. Jane Barker continued in the role of Board chair.

The Burrendah Primary School Board completed a number of governance requirements such as ratifying the Funding Agreement for Schools 2017 and the 2016 Annual Report; approving the 2018 School Development Days, 2018 early close for reporting to parents interviews, and the 2018 Voluntary Contributions and Charges. The business plan targets were monitored with a number of presentations by various staff on school results such as Attendance, On Entry, NAPLAN, ACER Social and Emotional Survey, PATS Reading, Mathematics and Science testing. The board closed the Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) fund following a financial review on the Funds viability.

- \* A Burrendah Primary School Board Connect Community was established.
- \* The board provided feedback on the Willetton Precinct Master Plan.
- \* The school board participated in the Department of Education training to deepen their knowledge of board requirements. The five modules covered topics such as Roles and Responsibilities, Foundations of an Effective Board, Business Planning, Managing Risk, Monitoring and Reporting School Performance.
- \* Each member of the school board has completed a screening check.
- \* The school uniform was modified with a change to the collar.
- \* The board nominated two staff, a teacher (Miss Coleman) and an Education Assistant Special Needs (Mr Davies) for the 2017 WA Education Awards.
- \* Members of the school board attended a number of special school events such as the EDU Dance concert, End of Year Music Concert, Graduation and our Presentation Assembly.
- \* A major focus for 2018 will be Board input into the development of the 2019-2021 Business plan.

## Life Skills taught in Room 27

Mr Holyoake took an opportunity to teach the students in Room 27 a valuable lesson in changing a car tyre when one of our school fathers noticed a car in our staff carpark had a flat tyre. The car belonged to one of our school volunteers and Mr Holyoake involved the whole class in this wonderful community service.



## WSHS Japanese Academic Extension Program

From term 2 this year, Willetton SHS is again offering the opportunity for Year 6 students to join the Japanese Academic Extension Program. The program will take place on campus at Willetton SHS where student can access specialist facilities and the expertise of the Japanese language teacher. This opportunity is only available to students from our partner primary schools and only one of its kind in WA. Students who have shown interest have been given application forms.

## Harmony Day Assembly and Burrendah PS Picnic Friday March 23

### Assembly

All parents are invited to join us at the Harmony Day Assembly tomorrow, Friday March 23 at 8:45am. The Assembly will be hosted by Rooms 6 & 7

All Burrendah students are asked to come dressed in **one** of the following attires:

- \* Their cultural dress, Kindy –Year 6
- \* In orange (representing harmony)
- \* Green and gold or something uniquely Australian, (No Board shorts and thongs)
- \* School uniform if all attempts to wear one of the above have failed.

**Please remember that it is Harmony Day, not free dress day.**

**Let us all work together to make it a really meaningful day.**

We encourage all parents to wear their traditional clothes or orange as well.

### Community Picnic

Parents and grandparents are all invited to come into the school grounds for lunch. The picnic area will be on the lawn near the basketball court on the Castlereagh side of the school. Bring your own picnic lunch and drinks to share with your children. The students will meet you there at 1:05 pm. Please do not go to their classrooms to collect them.

### ★ Out of School Star ★

Leon Cooper who is in Year One Room 19. Had this article in the West Australian about his ongoing involvement with the Sculptures by the Sea Exhibition.

Last year he went to view the exhibition and liked a piece by the Japanese artist Masayuki Sugiyama because of the shadow it cast on the sand. Leon then did a drawing of it and sent the drawing plus the reason he liked it off to Japan to the artist. Leon said, "I love it because of the pattern of the shadow on the sand and it's blue".

The artist was taken by the fact that a child took the effort to tell him why he was interested, so he created this year's sculpture with the shadow effect in mind.

Masayuki Sugiyama's sculpture for this year "We Are Between The Sun And The Earth", forms two circular shadows only when the sun is at a certain angle.



Masayuki Sugiyama and Leon.

### KID INSPIRATION

Sculpture by the Sea is giving thousands of WA children their first art experience, and for one kid in particular, it was a big experience indeed.

*Inside Cover* has been following the tale of five-year-old Perth boy Leon Cooper, who wrote a letter to Japanese artist Masayuki Sugiyama, after falling in love with Sugiyama's piece from last year's Sculpture by the Sea — Blue Cylinder Revolution.

Sugiyama was so taken by the letter that he used it as inspiration for his sculpture for this year's exhibition, titled 'We are between the Sun and the Earth'.

In a fitting end note to the story, Leon and Sugiyama finally met in person at the opening weekend of Sculpture by the Sea.

The exhibition runs at Cottesloe beach until March 19.

### Can You Help

We have worked out that we need approximately 260 more 1.25 litre round plastic bottles to finish the greenhouse.

**POP YOUR PLASTIC  
BOTTLES IN THE  
COLOURFUL BIN**



## Music Update

### Massed Choir

I am very excited to announce that the Senior Choir has been accepted into the Massed Choir Festival for 2018. We have been placed in Concert number 6 on Tuesday evening the 18th September. We will have 10 new songs to memorise for this event and it is now imperative that students consistently attend choir rehearsals each week and arrive on time for a 7:45am start. Thank you to the majority of students who are always prepared and on time each week.

### South Metropolitan Sing Festival

The South Metropolitan Sing Festival is scheduled for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May through to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June (Term 2 – Week 5.) The Junior Choir will be performing at this event; however, our performance day has not yet been confirmed. Junior choirs are timetabled for morning sessions (10am – 11:30am).

### Choir News

The Senior Choir and Junior Choir have now reached their full capacity. Students wanting to join these choirs will be placed on a waiting list. I have had to submit my final numbers to the organisers of the Massed Choir Festival and to the Sing Festival. Those students who do not maintain a good attendance record will be removed from the choir list. If a child has three unexplained absences from choir then they will lose their position in the choir and a child on the waiting list will be invited to join in their place. This system has worked very effectively in past years.

### Music Rehearsal Times

**Junior Choir (Years 1 – 3)** - Tuesday mornings at 7:45am in the Music room.

**Senior Choir (Years 4 – 6)** - Thursday mornings at 7:45am in the Music room.

**String Orchestra** with Mr Lobbia - Monday mornings at 7:30am in the School Hall.

**Wind Band** - Monday afternoons from 3:15pm – 4:15pm in the Music room

**Chamber Strings for Year 6 String players** - Wednesday mornings at 7:45am in the Music room.

**Recorder Ensemble** - Thursday lunchtime in the Music Room. Please bring your lunch!

### Auditions

Auditions for the Piano and Drum positions have been scheduled for

- \* Week 8 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Drums
- \* Week 9 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Piano.

If your child has not written their name on the Audition schedule in the Music room and would like to audition for one of these positions, please see me as soon as possible so that I can schedule a time in for them. The music for the audition is on the Music room door. Students must be having regular private lessons on the piano and drum kit in order to be considered for these positions as they are very important roles.

Jenny Coleman  
Music Specialist



## Chaplain News

We all know that boys and girls are different. Michael Grose, via the Parenting Ideas website (<https://www.parentingideas.com.au>), provides a number of strategies for parents to effectively parent both boys and girls. Here are some of the 21 parenting strategies that he suggests will guarantee that we, as parents, meet the needs of the boys in our life:

### When communicating:

- A. Choose the best time.
- B. Do an activity with boys while talking about life.
- C. Ask 'what was going on?' not 'why did you?'.

### Managing behaviour:

- A. Help boys make the connection between their behaviour and the outcomes.
- B. Ensure there is time and space to allow them to process the day's events.
- C. Teach them how to regulate their emotions.
- D. Help them to develop empathy and encourage them to repair and restore relationship breakdowns (not just move on).

### Building boys' confidence:

- A. Encourage collecting.
- B. Praise them in private by saying what you see and how you feel.
- C. Ensure they spend time in environments where they can succeed.

### Helping boys succeed:

- A. Link learning to their lives and interests.
- B. Let your son see you read every day.
- C. Use lists and diagrams, and show rather than tell them.
- D. Teach them how to link a new behaviour or activity that they need to remember with something they already do (anchoring).

### Boys and technology:

- A. Teach the appropriate use of technology by establishing technology-free times and places.
- B. Understand that digital technology has 3 purposes-communication, education and entertainment.
- C. Make sure your boy spends time playing in the real world (even if you have to do it with them).
- D. Ensure boys know about values and relationships.



Maggie Dent (mother of four sons, former teacher and counsellor) also has a range of resources to support parents in raising boys. <https://www.maggiedent.com/common-concerns/raising-boys/>

Please feel free to contact me for any further information when I am at school on Wednesdays.

Louise Lathbury

## Welcome to Burrendah Miss Ramona

We would like to welcome Miss Ramona who is a teacher from Brunei at Sekolah Rendah Panchor Murai who is joining us this week at Burrendah Primary School to learn about education in Western Australia and to share her culture and educational experience with staff, students and parents at Burrendah Primary School.



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29th January School Development Day	30th January School Development Day	31st January First Day of term for students	1st February	2nd February
2 Swimming Lesson Yrs 1-6	5th February	6th February Yr 2 Parent Meeting 4pm	7th February Yr 4 Parent Meeting 4pm	8th February Yr 1 Parent Meeting 4pm Yr 5&6 Parent Meeting 5pm	9th February
3 Swimming Lesson Yrs 1-6	12th February Staff Meeting P&C AGM	13th February Yr 3 Parent Meeting 4:30pm	14th February Rm 14 M/W Parent Meeting 3:15pm Rm 16a Parent Meeting 3:15pm	15th February Rm 13 Parent Meeting 9:10am Rm 14 T/Th Parent Meeting 3:15pm Rm 15 Parent Meeting 8:45am Rm 16b Parent Meeting 9am	16th February
4	19th February Year 6 Camp	20th February Year 6 Camp	21st February Year 6 Camp	22nd February	23rd February Rm 21 & Rm 22 Community Assembly
5	26th February Staff Meeting	27th February School Board Meeting	28th February Values Meeting	1st March Swimming Carnival Year 4-6	2nd March
6	5th March Labour Day Public Holiday	6th March	7th March	8th March	9th March National Young Leader Day
7	12th March P&C Meeting	13th March	14th March Staff Meeting	15th March	16th March
8	19th March	20th March School Board Meeting	21st March	22nd March	23rd March HARMONY DAY Rm 6 & Rm 7 Community Assembly
9	26th March	27th March P&C URStrong Workshops	28th March	29th March	30th March Good Friday
10	2nd April Easter Monday	3rd April Easter Tuesday	4th April	5th April	6th April Interschool Carnival Yr's 5 & 6
11	9th April	10th April	11th April	12th April	13th April ANZAC Service

## Classroom Access

Throughout the school day parents **must** come through the school reception and 'sign in' before going to classrooms. Parents are asked not to go directly to the classrooms for any reason to avoid disrupting the learning program and to ensure the security of classrooms.

## Leaving the School During the School Day

If a student is to be absent from school for part of the day, a 'Student Leave Pass' must be issued from the school reception. Parents will need to sign the student out and the student will be called from their classroom by office staff. Kindergarten and Pre-primary students still need to be signed out, but parents are to collect their children after this has been done. The leave pass must be carried by the parent/guardian whilst they are away from the school site.

Students leaving on a weekly basis for educational reasons such as PEAC can be covered by one written explanation and leave pass *per term*; however it is still a requirement for parents or designated adult to sign in and sign out the student each day.

## School Premises

For safety and security:

- During school hours all visitors inclusive of parents/guardians are required to report to the school reception and sign the 'Visitor's Book'.
- Out of school hours entry onto school premises is prohibited unless approval of the Principal is obtained previously.
- Use of school premises after hours by groups and individuals is encouraged and is approved and arranged under the Department's policy on such matters. Please ask at Reception.

School security alarm systems are installed in all buildings and regular patrols are conducted by security guards. If you notice unwelcome visitors on the school grounds after hours, please contact School Watch on 9264 4771 or the police on 131 444.

## Pre-primary and Year One Parents On-Entry Testing Explained

The On-Entry Test results will be sent home in the second week of April.

If you would like to find out more about the content of the test and how you can continue to support your child's learning, we would like to invite you to an information session about On-Entry testing.

Date: Friday, 6th April 2018

Time: 9:00am - 10:00am

Venue: School Hall

Presenter: Miss Chelsea Sutherland

We will have some support for Mandarin speakers with the help of Mrs Tan



## Quilting Workshop

6th April 2018

1:50pm - 3:00pm

in the School Hall

You are invited to learn about the wonderful world of applique from our resident expert Mrs Sue Horoch. Bring your material scraps, scissors and a gold coin donation



## Diary Dates

23rd March	Harmony Day
23rd March	Rm 6 and Rm 7 Community Assembly
23rd March	Harmony Day Community Picnic
27th March	P&C URStrong Workshops
30th March -3rd April	Easter Break
4th April	Students Return
6th April	Years 5 & 6 Interschool Carnival
13th April	ANZAC Service
13th April	Last Day Term 1
30th April	First Day Term 2

