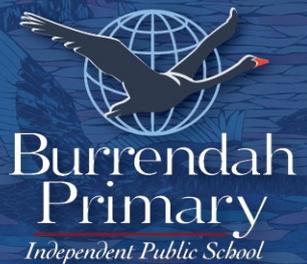


# Burrendah *Bulletin*



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## From the Principal's Desk

It has been a very busy last few weeks of term as you will see by the large number of events in this edition of our newsletter. Students have settled in well to their school routine over the term particularly those new to school, our Kindergarten students. Year 3 and 5 students and teachers together with the administration team have been busy learning all about the NAPLAN Online platform. I was very pleased with how confident students are in using their ICT skills.

We have a number of staff who will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mr Anthony Warby, our school gardener, will be retiring tomorrow. Nothing is ever too much for Anthony to do to make our gardens, particularly the roses, a show piece. Handyman projects around the school are completed efficiently together with a smile. Anthony and his 'green fingers' will be sorely missed. Mrs Cappellucci joined our EALD team this term while Mrs Bell was on long service leave. Burrendah was indeed fortunate to have such an experienced EALD teacher work with our students over Term 1. Mrs Dolzadelli capably filled in our Languages (Italian) position teaching Year 3's for Term 1. We wish all of our leaving staff every success in their future endeavours.

I would like to thank the large number of parents who have attended so many events at Burrendah PS over the last few weeks. Some of these include the P&C after school workshops on Friendship through the URSTRONG program, Early Childhood parents of students in Year 1 and Pre-primary for the On Entry Testing information session, Screen of Communication Skills (SOCS) Kindergarten information session and of course our annual Harmony Day Family Picnic. Our final event of the term is our ANZAC Service. This service will commence at 9am in the Undercover Area. We look forward to families joining us for this important service.

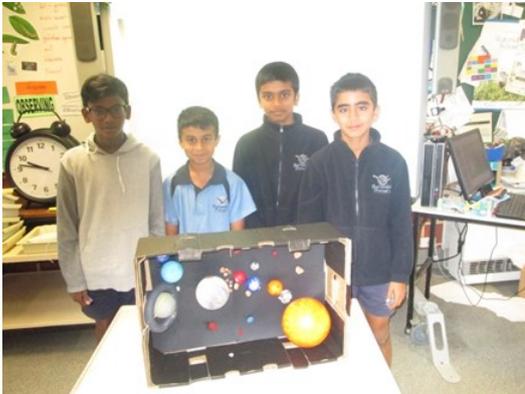


Mr Dean O'Brien a children's author and entertainer known as Mr Yippadee entertained a number of junior classes recently on his latest book, Stink-O-Saurus. Dean has topped the UK Children's Best Sellers Charts on numerous occasions and worked with writers from Bob the Builder and Thomas the Tank Engine. He has spent the last few years touring with the presenters from the BBC's CBeebies children's TV channel. His message on the importance of writing was well received by our students.

Term 2 starts on Monday 30th April for **both students and staff of Burrendah PS**. Our School Development Day is at the end of the nine week term. (Please note Castlereagh School and Willetton Senior High School students commence on Tuesday 1st May.) Burrendah staff wish everyone a safe and relaxing break for those on holiday and look forward to seeing every one back safe and well ready for another busy term.

Janine Kinninment  
12th April 2018

## News from the Science Lab



Term 1 has finished with lots of action and activity. We have begun solar system and volcano presentations. The culmination of this term's work has demonstrated great initiative, knowledge and team work



The Year 4 students have enjoyed trying to reduce water erosion but have discovered that some of their methods would be a "farmer's nightmare".



Year 2 students have had fun setting up their own water cycle while the Year 3s have enjoyed looking at light. We have had great engineering talent shown to design earthquake proof structures.



Our junior students have enjoyed windy days that gave them opportunity to test their wind vanes and wind socks.



Sherryl Crouch  
Science Specialist

## Music News

All IMSS Music lessons will begin in Week 1, Term 2 – normal lesson times:  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass;  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Percussion;  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Guitar;  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Trumpet and Trombone;  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Flute and Clarinet



All Ensembles and Choirs will be rehearsing first week back Term 2:  
String Orchestra (with Mr Lobbia) – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30am in the School Hall.  
Wind Band – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 3:15pm – 4:15pm in the Music room  
Junior Choir - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7:45am in the Music room.  
Chamber Strings - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7:45am in the Music room.  
Senior Choir - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7:45am in the Music room.  
Recorder Ensemble - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Lunchtime in the Music Room.

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.

Best wishes for a wonderful break and remember to keep practising whenever possible during your holidays.

Jenny Coleman  
Music Specialist



## Reading is a fundamental skill your child will use for the rest of their life – so why stop when they're just getting started?

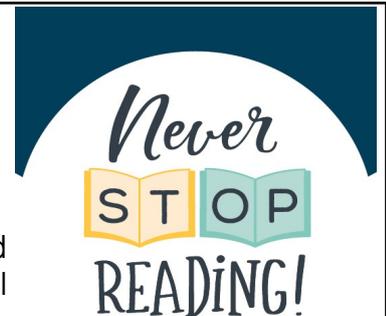
Sharing stories and reading aloud with your child strengthens their skills in reading, writing and comprehension. It builds their confidence and sense of security. It creates those special moments with your child that you cherish. That's why you should **Never Stop Reading!**

[Recent research by literacy expert Dr Margaret Merga](#) found that over half of parents stop reading aloud with their children once they begin to start reading for themselves. This happens even though children enjoy it well beyond their early years of schooling.

Reading aloud with your child throughout their primary school years has significant, positive effects on their learning and reading skills. Listening to your child as you read together also builds their social skills and confidence as they engage with you, and the quality time that you spend with them raises their mood and sense of wellbeing.

Not only that, your child will simply enjoy reading to you, and having you read to them. They won't ever forget the special moments they had reading and sharing stories with you – and you won't either.

Give your child the best start for a life of learning and discovery. **Never Stop Reading!**



## Year 5 / 6 Interschool Sport

All students in Years 5 and 6 have participated in a sport skills program during Term 1 in cricket, volleyball, basketball and Tee-ball. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April, eight teams were selected to represent Burrendah Primary School in four interschool carnivals. This was a valuable experience for our students where they were given the opportunity to develop their game strategies, apply their skills at a higher level and develop leadership. All of our teams received praise for their effort and positive attitude. Thank you to Mrs Morgan for her assistance with the basketball teams.

**Brian Crouch**  
Senior Physical Education Specialist



## Summer Carnival

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April many of the Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Summer Carnival, playing against teams from Rostrata, Willetton and West Leeming Primary Schools. The sports played were Tee-ball, cricket, volleyball and basketball.

Although none of the teams won the shield, the students of Burrendah shone with their exemplary sportsmanship and endeavour throughout the day. At the T-Ball competition, parents and coaches from other schools commended our students for their positive attitude and encouragement of all participants. The school values of "Fair Go", "Doing Your Best" and "Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion" were evident throughout the day. Special thanks go to the wonderful parents and grandparents who attended the carnival to support their children as well as assist with scoring, team management and coaching.

**Deb Taylor**  
Year 6 Teacher



## Running Clinic School Holiday Program

Let our coaches – winners from HBF Run & City to Surf teach your children correct running technique and posture.  
Suitable for Year 1-7.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April  
9am - 10am  
Fee: \$25/child for 2 sessions.  
Venue: Trevor Gribble Reserve  
Carpark opposite 152 Parry Ave,  
Bull Creek

Register: <https://goo.gl/forms/Xh4UJQitXAvDFxLX2>

E: [info@letsrunperth.com](mailto:info@letsrunperth.com) or call: 0402784225

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/letsrunperth/>



## URSTRONG

URSTRONG – not a statement that I tell myself or children often, but after attending their recent workshop at Burrendah it is something that is now regularly up for discussion.

Not having heard about the *URSTRONG Language of Friendship* program before I was unsure, sceptical even, that they would have anything to say that would help/guide me through the minefield of parenting school-aged children.

URSTRONG describes the playground interaction with friends perfectly, so that your child understands the situation and the responses required to diffuse it.

'Quick comebacks' - what a brilliant idea, and so easy to teach and to understand. If you are in a difficult/hurtful situation the child has the perfect resource to respond or to walk away. The pamphlets received on the night hang on our fridge and I am encouraging the kids to talk about how they can deal differently with issues that arise on a regular basis.

I wish I had had the resources to have this discussion with my 11-year-old sooner and that I had found the time to attend the earlier session with my 7-year-old son. I feel that I can now also communicate better and am better informed with the words that I use. It has taught me some very valuable skills and I hope that it makes me a little wiser in my parenting.

Thank you to the P&C for subsidising such a wonderful community event. - Louise Ramage - Parent Representative



I loved taking part in the URSTRONG seminar. I learnt a lot about different types of friends and how to deal with friendship fires. My favourite part was when you talked and acted out a skit with your parent to practise quick comebacks for mean on purpose behaviour. I loved listening and talking about how to be a good friend. - Mai O'Briain - Year 5

At the URSTRONG workshop the most important things I learnt was that if your friend does something mean to you, don't just not be their friend, try and sort it out with each other. You talk first and tell them how you feel and how it made you sad, then you let your friend talk and they apologise and say sorry and then you can be friends again. -Mithran Sivacolondhu - Year 2

## ASEAN Bridge Program.

Burrendah Primary School and Sekolah Rendah Panchor Murai (Brunei School) were paired up to participate in the ASEAN Bridge Program. This is an educational program designed for teachers in Australia and South East Asian Nations. The Bridge Program is the flagship professional development program for Australian teachers run by the Asia Education Foundation.

Through the use of a blended model of teacher professional learning, face-to-face, online learning and an international homestay program with partner schools, BRIDGE supports teachers to use technologies to open their classrooms to the world.

Burrendah's partner teacher is Miss Ramona. She was specially selected by the Brunei Ministry of Education because of her skills as a leading teacher in the field of English teaching in Brunei schools. While Miss Ramona was at Burrendah she visited a number of classrooms and learned how we approach teaching of writing tasks and support reading through guided reading and individual reading programs. She was delighted by what she witnessed and learned from the classroom teachers as well as our SAER teacher Mrs Nichols.

I want to thank all the teachers that welcomed Miss Ramona into their classrooms. She took many photos of our classroom displays, student work as well as our many playgrounds. Miss Ramona was impressed by the resources in our Science room. She was delighted to see the students cooking pikelets on the solar powered stove. Lots of photos again.

Mrs Taylor ran a coding lesson in her Year 6 class using spheros. This was a first look at spheros for Miss Ramona. She not only learned about coding but commented on Mrs Taylor's excellent classroom management skills.

Students in Years 4 and 5 listened to a presentation by Miss Ramona about Brunei. The students showed an interest to learn as much as they could about Brunei and our partner school. This is all just the beginning of our schools' collaboration. We have a number of activities planned over the next three terms as we continue to build on this relationship involving our students as much as possible using the technology available to us.

It has been a wonderful learning experience for me and I look forward to involving as many staff and students in this partnership in the coming months and well into next year.

Beatriz Clark  
EAL Specialist



## Harmony Day Assembly and Picnic 2018



## Art Blast



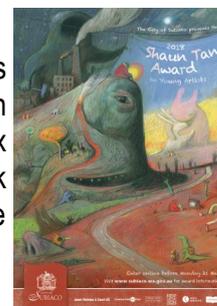
What a productive term it has been in the art room! As we celebrated "Chinese New Year, Year of the dog" earlier on in the term, students have been creating artworks inspired by "man's best friend", the Dog! PP-2 have been creating block prints using cardboard and card, Year 4's have been creating foam prints, Year 5's have been creating paper collages inspired by contemporary artist Laura Yager, and Year 6's have been creating Lino prints. All projects are looking fabulous and are starting to be displayed around the school!



A big congratulations to Rm 2, Rm 5, Rm 19 and Rm 27 - their Self Portrait artworks were selected to be a part of the *Global Artist Trading Card Project*. Their artworks will be exhibited in Perth during Term 2, before being sent to a buddy class overseas. If your child *does not* wish for their artwork to be entered, please advise your child's teacher in writing by tomorrow. Congratulations to every class involved, you all produced wonderful self portraits and it was a very hard final decision! Further details will be made available early in Term 2.

### Holiday Art Project.

Calling all young artists: *The 2018 Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists* is open to Western Australian school students in Years 1 - 12. Submit an original drawing, painting or other **two-dimensional** creation up to 1m x 1.5m in size. Enter online at [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au) submit your artwork to Subiaco Library before 4pm on Monday 21 May. See Miss M for more details!



Have a happy and safe holiday artists and families. I look forward to seeing any art you create during the break!

Miss M.  
Art Specialist



Ride to School Day  
Friday 4th May 2018.

This day is an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to try riding, walking, or scooting to school as well as celebrating the regular walkers and riders.

On this day, riding and walking to school is made normal and the entire school community can support it. It is a chance to celebrate on a large scale and to prove it can be done. More information and a range of resources are available at [Bicycle Network website](http://Bicycle Network website).

Extra bike parking will be available on the grassed area in between Swan Block and the Senior Basketball Court.



## Chaplain News

In the last newsletter I shared some ideas about meeting the needs of the boys in our lives. Parents face a different set of challenges as they raise their daughters, especially in a world with social media. However, my sister, with her 2-year old daughter, will still follow many of the same fundamental principles that I applied with her 16- and 18- year old cousins.

Michael Grose (<https://www.parentingideas.com.au>) also has some strategies for helping our daughters navigate life.

### **Boosting self-esteem & better communication.**

- Teach your girls positive self-talk.
- Encourage them to invest time in others (so that they develop compassion, patience and tolerance).
- Provide a private journal for them to safely express their thoughts and feelings- either in pictures or words.
- Help them express their feelings using I-statements.
- Encourage girls to speak about their thoughts and needs (in a respectful way) at home.

### **Making and keeping friends.**

- Give girls the social scripts that they will need in life (from Kindergarten to parties).
- Help them to consider and accept different viewpoints.
- Ensure girls are involved in at least one group activity or sport.
- Initiate discussions with girls about the qualities and actions of good friends.
- Help them to manage their failures and successes.

### **Girls and technology.**

- Develop a digital safety plan that covers social media, entertainment and learning.
- Insist on time-out from online activities.

### **Promoting healthy body image.**

- Encourage involvement in activities that don't involve body-image.
- Discuss with your daughters how the media tends to portray the 'perfect' body, and help them understand the notion of digital alteration.
- Model healthy eating and self-care.



If you would like more information on this topic, then feel free to contact me or check out these authors/websites:

<https://www.facebook.com/stevebidulphraisinggirls>

<https://www.maggiedent.com/common-concerns/raising-girls/>

<https://relationshipsqa.org.au/en/courses-and-seminars/for-men/Dads-Raising-Girls>

<http://michaelcarrgregg.com/resources-2/>

<http://thefatheringproject.org/support-us/buy-resources/>

Louise Lathbury  
School Chaplain

## Term Two Planner 2018

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	30th April First Day Term 2 for Staff and Students	1st May	2nd May	3rd May	4th May Ride to School Day
2	7th May	8th May	9th May	10th May	11th May Assembly Rooms 4 and 5
3 NAPLAN Week	14th May P&C Meeting	15th May Staff Meeting	16th May	17th May	18th May
4 NAPLAN Week	21st May	22nd May School Board Meeting	23rd May	24th May	25th May Assembly Rooms 2 and 3
5	28th May	29th May Staff Meeting	30th May Fundraising Lapathon Years 3, 4, 5, 6	31st May	1st June
6	4th June Western Australia Day	5th June	6th June	7th June	8th June Assembly Rooms 23 and 16a
7	11th June P&C Meeting	12th June Staff Meeting	13th June	14th June	15th June Interschool Winter Carnival
8	18th June	19th June School Board Meeting	20th June	21st June Faction Cross Country	22nd June Semester 1 Report go home
9	25th June	26th June Fundraising Skipathon Years PP- 2	27th June 1/2 day closure Parent - Teacher Interviews	28th June Last Day Term 2 for Students	29th June School Development Day



## Willetton Senior High School Specialised Basketball Program

Western Australia's highest ranked basketball school is currently accepting applications for their 2019 student intake.

The Specialist Basketball Program inspires talented young West Australians to develop their skills, leadership, character and passion for excellence, both on and off the court. Our students learn the fundamentals of basketball in a high performance environment, as well as life-skills and values such as respect, leadership, time management, teamwork, discipline, mental toughness and sportsmanship.



The Willetton Senior High School Specialist Basketball Studies Program has been instrumental in developing many talented young athletes who have gone on to elite careers.

For further information please visit the website:  
<https://www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au/our-curriculum/specialist-programs/specialist-basketball/>

**Application for Year 7, 2019 close Friday May 11**

**Application for Years 8 - 11, 2019 close Friday June 8**



Please be advised that the Burrenbite will not be open on the first day of Term 2  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Sam Hunt  
P&C Canteen Conveyor

## WSHS Japanese Academic Extension Program

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who have been accepted into the Japanese Academic Extension Program at Willetton SHS for 2018

Agneta Sabu  
Bella Hogan  
Brandon Ho  
Ella Huynh  
Kenneth Hendarman  
Mia Francis-Roberts  
Nila Mansouri  
Qien Huang  
Ruixue Wu  
Serene Lim  
Tania Vasudevan



## Diary Dates

13th April	ANZAC Service
13th April	Last Day Term 1 for Students and Staff
30th April	First Day Term 2 for Students and Staff
4th May	Ride to School Day
11th May	Community Assembly Rm 4 and 5
14th - 25th May	NAPLAN 2018
14th May	P&C Meeting
22nd May	School Board Meeting

