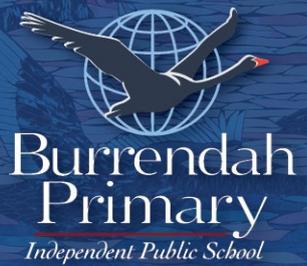


Burrendah *Bulletin*



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From the Principal's Desk

The School Board met last Tuesday evening. The Board would like to congratulate the efforts of our families to ensure regular attendance of their child to Burrendah Primary School. Our school has a very high attendance rate and with such high attendance of our students, the Board has looked at the school's attendance strategy. The Board feels that awarding attendance certificates is now less relevant to our school and that attendance certificates will not need to continue as part of the reporting cycle. However, it is still very important that individual families, where attendance is not regular, continue to be supported. Attendance strategies will now focus more on an individual family basis. This refreshed attendance strategy will start in Term 2. An overview of the School Board Minutes will be put on the school website. Please see the link <http://www.burrendahps.wa.edu.au/school-board>.

Over the last fortnight our Year 3 & 5 students completed their first formal Online NAPLAN testing. It was Mr Bradshaw's, Mrs Horoch's and my pleasure to be additional technical support to a number of classes each day. During this time we observed the commitment of our students to do their very best. The dedication of teachers in 2017 and in 2018 ensured our students had the technical knowhow to comfortably navigate the online platform. Mr Bradshaw and his trained staff spent countless hours over the last year ensuring the school platform worked effectively. Due to our sharing a computer server, teachers from Burrendah PS and Castlereagh School modified lessons as technology in classrooms was limited during our testing cycle. Students not involved in testing were very respectful as they worked quietly on their lessons as classes close by completed testing. I was particularly impressed with how students used the library while the computer lab in the library was used for testing at the same time. It is expected that we will receive student NAPLAN reports early August.

Teachers are finalising Semester One reports in the coming weeks. Please be mindful that a number of teachers are working on these reports in classrooms after the conclusion of the school day. Children on site after school should be in the care of a responsible adult. Please ensure noise is kept to a minimum particularly near the playgrounds that are close to classrooms such as Magpie and Cygnet block.



I was fortunate to visit the Kindergarten classes following their animal farm excursion this week. The children were very keen to tell me all about their favourite animal. This ranged from the goat that stood on the table outside Room 13 to a piglet, rabbit, horse and lamb to name a few. I am sure Friday's Kindergarten students are going to be just as thrilled when it is their turn to see the animals.

Our 2019 enrolments are now open. Please see inside the newsletter for more information.

Thanks to Mr Egan, our Year 5 teacher, our Reception has 50 updated photos now on electronic display. I am sure you will enjoy this display as much as the children are when visiting the front office.

Janine Kinninment
24th May 2018

Room 2's - Design and Technology



You may have noticed some new sculptures around the school in the vegetable gardens and frog pond area in the last few weeks. The Year 6's in Room 2 have been working very hard to identify a problem and create a sustainable solution. In groups they have made a superhero scarecrow, a frog pond cover and filter, multiple self watering systems for plants and herbs and they have improved the fish pond.



Room 2 encourages you all to look at their masterpieces during recess and lunchtime. Miss Turvey wants to thank them all for their efforts.



Burrendah Bulletin Student Committee

Hello, this is Lara, Bella, Claire, Jenna, Rutendo and Matthew. we are the members of the Burrendah Bulletin Student Committee for 2018.

Thank you to the P&C for organising the Mothers Day stall. We're sure that all the Burrendah mums had an awesome day.

The lap-a-thon will be on the 30th May 2018. Please make sure your child brings their water bottle and hat to school as well as their great running spirit. The lap-a-thon is a great way to raise money to buy more sporting equipment for our school. In addition, the lap-a-thon is another great way to practice for our upcoming cross country, which is on the 21st June.

Yo ho me hardies are you ready for an awesome pirate day? To make it even better, bring in a gold coin donation and dress up as a fearsome pirate. All donations go towards research for a cure for children's brain cancer. This fun event is on the 1st June, so make sure you come dressed in your best pirate costume. Climb aboard and get ready to have some fun.

Just for some early notice, the Winter Interschool Carnival for Years 5 and 6 is coming on the 15th June. More information will be in the next Burrendah Bulletin.

Lara, Bella, Claire, Jenna, Rutendo and Matthew

Science News

The Term 2 focus is Physical Sciences.



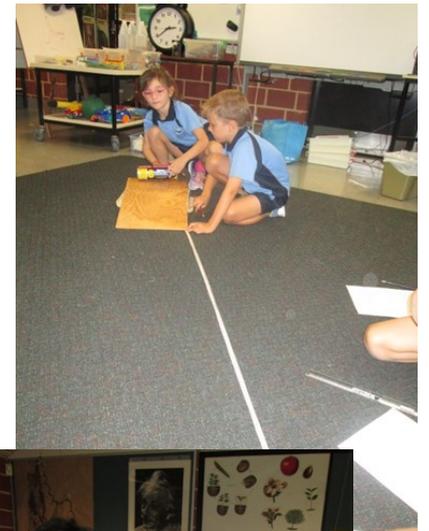
Year 4 students are having fun learning about magnets and how magnetic forces attract different materials.

Year 2 students have been investigating how far objects roll down a ramp. They are remembering to keep their testing fair by only changing one variable.

Year 5 students have begun their topic of light by studying how the eye works and collaboratively sorting through current understanding of their class and trying to identify misconceptions that we need to correct this term.

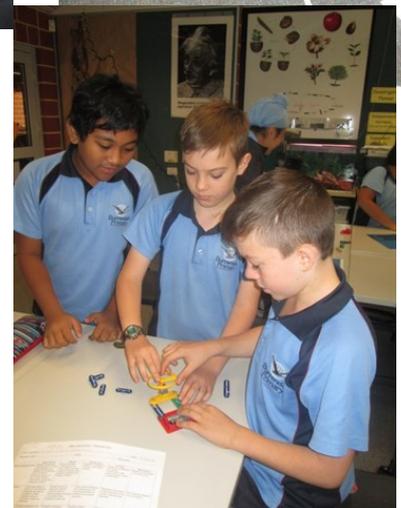


Year 6 students will be focusing this term on electrical energy.



The Year 5/6 class will also be conducting a campaign to reduce power wastage in the school.

Year 3 students have begun their topic of heat by examining different sources of heat while the Year 1 students are starting the term by investigating sound.



Sherryl Crouch - Science Specialist

Music News

Over the past few weeks the students from Years 3 to 6 have been working on various composition assignments. I have been amazed at some of the incredible creativity that I have been hearing in the Music classroom.

A very famous composer – Gustav Mahler once quoted: *“If a composer could say what he had to say in words, he would not bother trying to say it in music.”* Music is a beautiful phenomenon which exists only in our minds. We cannot see it, it has no fragrance and it has no taste. We can only hear it and perhaps feel its vibration. Words cannot describe it and it’s only through singing or playing that we are able to communicate our ideas evoking very powerful emotional responses. So very special!

Sing Fest! The Junior Choir have been working on the repertoire for Sing Fest which was scheduled to go ahead in Week 5. However, for 2018 our collective school numbers for the South Metro schools involved in this event will exceed 280 people in the Main Hall, including students. Therefore, Melville Civic Centre cannot accept the booking as under their regulations this will exceed the capacity of the venue.

At our Music Teachers meeting there was the alternative suggestion that some schools host a mini Sing Fest and the local schools participate in that Sing Fest cluster. This means there would be several mini Sing Fests held around the South Metro area at different times. I am pleased to announce that we will be joining a number of schools at **Bannister Creek Primary School on Monday 25th June** (Week 9) for the morning “Sing Fest” session starting at **10:00am**. Parents are most welcome to attend. A detailed note will be going home to parents of the Junior Choir students within the next few weeks.

The **Junior Choir** will perform some of the Sing Fest repertoire for the **Faction Assembly on Friday 15th June** (Week 7.) Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Music Assembly: On **Friday 22nd June 8:45am** (Week 8) there will be a Music Assembly showcasing some of different Burrendah PS ensembles including the Wind Band, the Chamber Strings and the Recorder Ensemble. I am also very excited to announce that the Willetton Senior High School Orchestra will be joining us and performing. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Jenny Coleman - Music Specialist

Skip-a-thon

The students in PP, Year 1 and 2 have been working very hard each day at their fitness and have again been learning a range of jump rope skips. The students will continue to practise these skips for daily fitness. This program will again culminate with our annual Skip-a-thon in Week 9 Tuesday 26 June, where the students will demonstrate their awesome skipping skills.



Janine Bain - Junior P.E Specialist

Lap-a-thon

On Wednesday 30th May all students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in a fund raising lap-a-thon on the school oval. They will have 50 minutes to run/walk the most number of laps (250 metre lap) they can achieve in the time provided. The aim is to raise money to support programs promoting fitness, health and well-being.

The time are:

8:45 – 9:45am Year 4 Rooms 10, 12, 27

9:45 – 10:45am Year 3 Rooms 24, 25, 26

11:05 -12:05pm Year 6 Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5

12:05 -1:05pm Year 5 Rooms 6, 7, 11

Students are asked to return the money to school by the 20th of June.

Brian Crouch - Senior P.E Specialist

Chaplain News

As children grow older, friends become a priority, and being with them is preferred to family activities. Friendships begun in primary school can last into adulthood, especially if the relationships are strengthened because of shared experiences and common interests. Making and keeping friends is not always easy. Here are some thoughts on helping your child work through issues they may have with friends.

1. **Encourage healthy friendships** - Take the time to talk about what makes a good friend, and how to be a good friend. Give your child strategies to avoid gossip. Remind them that keeping friends takes work (and share your own experiences). Provide your child with opportunities to spend time with their friends (not texting or emailing) as this is the best way to stay in touch.
2. **Help them make friends** - Make your child aware that their own behaviour can send the wrong message to their peers. Think about body language and being respectful of others (opinions, belongings, differences, abilities).
3. **Keep them active** - Encourage involvement in a variety of activities. This maximises the opportunity to make friends with similar interests.
4. **Encourage diversity** - Talk about the idea that we don't have to belong to a certain group to be happy. Blending in socially, while maintaining our individuality is something we all have to work out.
5. **With girls, anticipate some drama** - Girls can be moody, angry and difficult at times. These emotions can interfere with friendships. Encourage your child to manage their emotions before approaching others to work out problems. It can also be beneficial to role-play the conversations with her, and to encourage her to consider the other person's point of view. Work through the scenario together and identify anything your child could have done differently. This minimises the development of a perpetrator/victim scenario. If your child is upset about a friend's behaviour, sometimes it is best to 'shrug it off' rather than make a big deal over the incident. Together, you can work out which incidents require follow-up and those that should just be forgotten or ignored.
6. **Be a good listener** - Be an active listener yourself and avoid using technology as your child talks about their day. Respond to complaints with communication, rather than reinforcing the drama. Provide an opportunity for your child to share and process feelings, and then move on, rather than wallow in self-pity.
7. **Help them develop an understanding of confidentiality** - If you don't want everyone to know something, it's best to not tell anyone, or only tell a reliable close friend who has proven they can keep secrets. The exception is when a friend might be in a troubling situation, when it is wise to tell a trusted adult.
8. **Be honest and avoid little white lies** - These may seem a good idea at the time, but can be the start of trouble.

Feel free to check out these websites for more ideas:

<https://www.verywellfamily.com>

<https://www.quickanddirtytips.com/parenting/behavior/>

<https://www.babble.com/parenting/>

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au>

Louise Lathbury - School Chaplain



Culture Club - Bangladesh



Culture Club Bangladesh started with a beautiful presentation by Mrs Suad Abdullah followed by dress ups. These are photos of just some of the students who enjoyed trying on traditional Bangladeshi clothing. We were all amazed by the 50 characters in the Bengali alphabet. All of the participants were fortunate to see how their name would look in Bengali as four of our parents were kept busy writing Bengali name tags for each of them. The students also got to learn some Bengali greetings. Culture Club will run its second session this Friday May 25. Thank you to Mrs Mehboob, Mrs Roy, Mrs Hasan and Mrs Rahman
Future Culture Club dates- June 8 and June 22.



Culture Club UK- Looking for parent volunteers from the UK to help plan and run these sessions in Term 3. So far we have had only one parent volunteer. I do need at least 4 parents to get involved in order to feature the UK. Please give me a call or send me an email to get involved. I am at school from Wednesday – Friday. Beatriz.Clark@education.wa.edu.au

ENROLMENTS 2019

Application for new enrolments in 2019 school year are now open and should be made by **Friday 20th July 2018**

You will need to apply to enrol for 2019 if :

- Your child is starting Kindergarten in 2019 (Born 1st July 2014 - 30th June 2015)
- If your child is in Burrendah Primary School Kindergarten in 2018 and you live outside the school intake boundary

All other children do not need to enrol. We will assume they are coming back to Burrendah in 2019 unless you tell us otherwise. Please inform the office if for any reason your children will not be attending Burrendah next year.

Parents of Year 6 students must enrol their students in a secondary school. Please make sure you have enrolled your child at their local secondary school by the end of this term.

Please ensure you bring the appropriate documentation with you, when enrolling students for 2019

- Childs Birth Certificate
- Passport of child and parents (if not born in Australia)
- Visa Documentation
- Immunisation Details
- Proof of Residence - an utilities bill, rental agreement or rates notice.



Do you have a child aged between 3 and 18?

We are reviewing the community health services we provide to school-aged children and young people across Western Australia.

As a parent or caregiver, have your say by completing a short survey.

Your input will help us understand what is important to you, what is working well and what could be made better.

For more information or to have your say, visit:

<http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/School-health-services>

Your answers are anonymous and it will not be possible to identify you or your child.

The survey closes on Friday 8 June 2018.



Scan QR code to complete the survey



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 Money Due Year 5 Excursion Kindy In School Activity
4 NAPLAN Week	21st May	22nd May School Board Meeting	23rd May M/W Kindy - Farm Yard on Wheels	24th May	25th May Assembly Rooms 2 and 3 T/Th Kindy - Farm Yard on Wheels
5	28th May	29th May Staff Meeting	30th May Fundraising Lapathon Years 3, 4, 5, 6	31st May Year 5 Excursion to Fremantle	1st June Pirate Day
6	4th June Western Australia Day	5th June	6th June	7th June	8th June Assembly Rooms 23 and 16a Money Due Year 4 Excursion
7	11th June Year 3 Fire & Rescue In School Activity P&C Meeting	12th June Staff Meeting	13th June	14th June	15th June Interschool Winter Carnival
8	18th June Year 4 Excursion to Fremantle	19th June School Board Meeting	20th June	21st June Faction Cross Country	22nd June Assembly - Music 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



P&C Ladies' Night



Movie: Ocean's 8

When: Friday 15 June 2018 at 7:00pm

Where: Cygnet Theatre, 16 Preston St, Como

Tickets available **online only** (No cash sales)

<https://www.trybooking.com/VXCR>

Proceeds to the Burrendah P & C Association

Note: This is NOT a private event. The cinema will be open to other patrons.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

EAL Parent Network Group

Our Parent Network groups will meet three times this term. Please come along and meet other parents. We join together in friendship to support each other and learn from one another. We meet in the EAL/D Room (Room 20) Cygnet Block, near the Library

Friday, June 1 – 9:15 -9:50 am

Topic- Brief history of Western Australia

Friday, June 15 – 8:50 – 9:50 am

Topic- Indoor games to play during the wet winter months

Quilting Workshop - Wonderful World of Applique

All welcome to join us and learn something new and wonderful. This workshop will be by our resident quilting expert Mrs. Sue Horoch

Date; Thursday – June 14

Time: 1:50 pm – 3:00 pm

Place : School Hall

Please bring sharp scissors and a gold coin donation for the materials.

If your family have students attending the Willetton Dental Clinic

As our dental clinic does not receive contact information through Burrendah Primary School please update any contact information that may have changed (phone number or postal address)

Clinic phone number: 9457 4624

Opening Hours: 8am-4pm

The Willetton Dental Therapy Team

Congratulations to the staff of Burrendah Primary School



Today our staff participated in fundraising for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, to support cancer research.

During a morning tea of scones, jam and cream they raised a total of \$440.75.



Diary Dates

25th May	T/Th Kindy - Farm Yard on Wheels
25th May	Community Assembly Rm 2 and 3
30th May	Yrs 4-6 Lapathon
31st May	Yr 5 Excursion to Fremantle
1st June	Pirate Day
4th June	Western Australia Day - Public Holiday
8th June	Community Assembly Rm 23 and 16a
8th June	Year 4 Excursion to Fremantle Money Due
11th June	Year 3 Fire & Rescue
11th June	P&C Meeting
15th June	Interschool Winter Carnival

