From the Principal’s Desk

Yes it has been a hot start but the year as started smoothly with 586 students currently enrolled at Burrendah Primary School. We welcome many new families and trust they have enjoyed their first couple of weeks in our school. I do hope you will go out of your way to make our new families welcome, possibly inviting children home to play and assisting them in making new friendships.

Together with some of our existing parents I met with parents new to our school this morning to share information about our school and to get to know these new families. Tomorrow night we all have the opportunity to come together for some fun and laughter at the P&C Jazz night. Please make the effort to come along and demonstrate to our children the value of belonging to our community.

This year I welcome a few new staff to our school and of course we welcome back our much loved Music teacher Mrs Graham. Lloyd Doherty is one of our new staff members and he is teaching Year Three. Mrs Jenny Lourens will be teaching Music and Science to some of our Pre Primary classes, Miss Hannah Steiner is teaching kindergarten, Mrs Natalie Watters is teaching with Mrs Mc Cubbin in Year One and Mrs Carol Wilby is now a member of our EAL team. I know these staff members will compliment my existing experienced and very professional staff.

I do hope you found the parent meetings held this week informative and a useful opportunity for you to meet your classroom teachers and other parents in your child’s classroom. My staff and I look forward to a close collaborative relationship with all parents in 2016 and ask that you help us by staying informed of all school matters by reading school communications made through newsletters, emails, SMS and of course our website. A planner is attached to this newsletter, however there is also an up to date planner on the school’s website.

This is a very special year as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary. It is also a very special term as we join with the wider community, and come together with past and present staff and students for our 40th Anniversary School Fair on Saturday 19th March. Please get behind our P&C and support this special event by helping out in any way you can. This event will raise funds to be directed back to the school to improve your child’s learning opportunities and it will also build our sense of community and belonging to this wonderful school.

Look out for further announcements about the opportunities that will be made available for you to purchase ‘limited edition’ items commemorating our 40th year, including our first ever written history of our school. I am confident your family will not want to miss out on these items.

I may not be able to join you on the dance floor tomorrow night at the Jazz Night but I certainly will be there to share with you this night of fun, food and entertainment. See you there!

Jayne Ebsworthy
11th February 2016
MUSIC UPDATE

**Instrumental Lessons**: Most lessons have started this week (wk2) and timetables are still being finalised. The first lesson will probably be just to meet and touch base with the teacher. Students will need to know if they are hiring or buying instruments. A reminder that Violin, viola and guitar students need to have their own instrument.

**Choirs and Ensembles**: All music groups will start rehearsals next week. (Week 3, starting 15/2).

**Chamber Strings**: Monday 7:45am in the Music Room. Any students from year 6 who learn violin, viola, cello or double bass either at school or privately are invited to join this group.

**String Orchestra**: Tuesday 7:15am for a 7:30am start in the HALL. If you are a Year 5 or 6 student learning Violin, viola, cello or double bass at school, you are required to attend and participate in String Orchestra concerts and rehearsals. Any students who are receiving private instrumental lessons and have been learning for at least a year are very welcome to attend.

**Senior Choir**: Wednesday 7:45am in the Music Room. Any students from years 4, 5 and 6 are very welcome to join. After the first 3 weeks of rehearsals, it will be expected that you attend for the rest of the year.

**Junior Choir**: Thursday 7:45am in the Music Room. Any student from years 1-3 are invited to join. After the first 3 weeks of rehearsals, it will be expected that you attend for the rest of the year.

**Wind Band**: Thursday 3:15pm – 4:15pm after School in the HALL. All Year 6 students learning a wind instrument at school are expected to attend. Year 5 students will be invited to attend later on in the year. Any students who learn a wind instrument privately and who have been learning for at least a year are invited to join.

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**EAL Parent Morning Tea**

ALL EAL **(English as an Additional Language)**

PARENTS

You are invited to an EAL Parent Morning Tea. This is a great opportunity for both existing and new parents to meet up and share experiences. The EAL Team will talk about our unique EAL Program, benefits of bilingualism, how we support your child learning English and how we can support you as parents in the school community.

If you are able, please bring a plate of your favourite cultural food to share.

**On**: Wednesday, 17th February 2016

**At**: 9.00 am

**Where**: School Hall (opposite Office)

Interpreters will be available if required

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**Community Health Nurse**

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Fiona Ewing and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact me on 9258 8053.
Mobile Phones

If mobile phones are sent to school it should be understood the school takes NO RESPONSIBILITY for lost, stolen or damaged phones. All mobile phones are to be handed in to the office for the duration of the school day. Mobile phones must NOT be left in school bags. It is the responsibility of the child to pick up the phone from the office at the end of the day. Children have access to the school phone should they need to contact parents.

Lost property is kept in the school hall. Lost jewellery and glasses are kept in school office. Your help is needed to encourage your children to be accountable for their property. Please name EVERYTHING that is sent to school i.e..

- Hats
- Jackets
- Water bottles
- Lunch Boxes

Unnamed lost property still in the boxes at the end of the term will be donated to the second hand uniform shop or a charity.

Drop off and Pick Up

Parents please note that we request that all parents and students who arrive at school before 8.30 am wait in the undercover area rather than outside classrooms until a hand bell rings. This is to ensure students are safe and staff are free to prepare for the day.

At the end of the day students are asked to leave the site promptly if walking or riding their bike. Please note there is no supervision of students after school. To ensure your child’s safety please pick your children up in a timely manner, notifying the school if you are unexpectedly detained. Please note all Kindergarten and Pre Primary students must be picked up from the classroom by a parent or another designated adult. Parents must inform class teachers if they are requesting someone else to pick up their child from Kindergarten and Pre Primary.

Please note Willetton Senior High School (WSHS) students are asked to wait on the grassed area on Pinetree Gully Road or around our school library until the siren rings at 3:00pm. Parents of WSHS students please remind your children of this.

School Parking

In an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone, Officers from the City of Canning patrol school parking in the mornings and afternoons throughout the school term.

It is imperative that drivers are aware of the road rules and understand signage around schools to ensure the safety of children, road users and pedestrians in general. Unlawful parking in school areas is a major safety hazard and parking infringement notices may be issued for incorrect, unlawful or dangerous parking.

Pick Up and Set Down Areas are designed to allow large numbers of vehicles/parents to pick up or set down their children in a short length of time. Typically they are located adjacent to the main school entrance.

When using these areas, kiss your child, say goodbye, allow them out and drive away as soon as possible. When using the designated Pick Up and Set Down Areas around schools never leave your car unattended.

40km/hr school zones are in place around every school in the City of Canning. School zones operate from 7.30am to 9am in the morning and 2.30pm to 4pm in the afternoon.

Children warning signs and 40km hour school speed zone signs are the responsibility of Main Roads WA and requests for additional signs or sign damage reports should be directed to them on 138 138
Burrendah Primary P&C Association

1950’s JAZZ NIGHT

With all the excitement in the air we would like to invite all new and existing families to our 1950’s Jazz Night on

Friday 12th of February
6:00pm to 8:45pm in the Assembly Area

Parents, Grand-parents, Aunts and Uncles are all welcome to our yearly family event.

Dress up in your favourite 1950’s style swing dance dress and bow tie, join us on the dance floor with your groovy moves or enjoy a lovely night listening to the unforgettable sounds of a live jazz band.

Bring your blanket and picnic basket or enjoy food and drinks available. Including: Mini Burgers, Mocktails, Choco-top Ice Cream, and more!!

Featuring: Rob Anderson’s Retro Jazz Band
Swing Dance Academy Dance Demonstration

Competition: Belle and Beau of the Ball…
Dress your best and be in the chance to win a 4 Week Beginners course with Swing Dance Academy and more!!

Tickets are $10 per family. Limited tickets sold at the door.
Welcome to the start of a very busy, exciting term 1! We have only 6 weeks to prepare for the 40th Anniversary Fair. In the first week of term 1 there will be requests going out to each classroom for items required for the Fair. We really need the support of the school parent community (that’s YOU!) to help provide requested items so that the volunteers running stalls on the day can run successful stalls and raise funds for the school to provide things such as shelter on sports days, smart boards, canteen equipment etc.

We encourage all students to enter the photo competition to be in the chance to win a mini iPad! Entry forms have been given to students with these notes and can be printed off the P&C website. Entries can be submitted in the box underneath the P&C box in the school office.

Ms Marlow will be creating a Haunted Classroom and requires Halloween effects for this (such as plastic pumpkins, cardboard tombstones, etc). These can be donated to Ms Marlow in the box located outside her classroom 15.

There are also car bays available to hire for $30 to sell second hand goods. You may be able to combine items with another family to run a car bay stall. Any profits you make on the day are yours. If you would like to hire your prepaid bay please contact Jodie Beal on 0419 199 189.

We urgently require a Plant Stall Volunteer. We have a Team Leader who has prepared and collected plants for the Stall on the day but is unable to attend the day of the Fair. We require someone who will be able to liaise with the current Team Leader, set up and pack up on the day and be responsible for the general running of the stall. Please contact Jodie Beal or Kylie Anderton 0439 926 619.

We need Face Painting Volunteers! You don’t need to be good at this already, we have a team leader – Kerryn Edmonds who will be running a training demo for volunteers in the weeks leading up to the Fair. To sign up for the demo please text Kerryn on 0400 011 348.

Posted to the P&C noticeboard in the undercover assembly area, two weeks prior to the Fair, there will be sign-up sheets to volunteer to help in stalls on the day. Please bear in mind that the Fair runs for only 4 hours, even half an hour of your valuable time is much appreciated by the Team Leaders that have worked hard to organise the Fair for up to two terms now.

Below is a list of Team Leaders that I would like to thank for all their efforts so far and especially for the coming 6 weeks of preparation. As well as all the teachers and school staff involved in the 40th Anniversary Board:

- Raffle – Nicole Phan
- Interactive Art – Bek Hogan
- 2nd Hand Book Stall – Louise Evans
- Temporary Tattoos – Kate Floyd
- Face Painting – Kerryn Edmonds
- Crazy Hairspray – Luana Gilman
- Haunted Classroom – Ms Marlow
- Basketball Hoops – Mr Holyoake
- Chocolate Game – Robyn Eade
- Cardboard Land – Grant Gernhoefer
- Photo Competition – Patricia Benson
- Cakes & Preservatives – Jenny Coleman & Sue Windham

- Silent Auction – Sandy Cherry
- Plant Sale – Kylie Anderton
- Book Club – Teo Stuart-Smith
- Nail Painting – Jenny Lin
- Henna Design – Suba
- Lucky Dip Cups – Joe Vicario
- Guess the No. – Jenny Stein
- Canteen – Shirley Hudson
- Chill Out Zone – Mrs Eitzen
- International Food Hall – Nicole McDonald
- Entertainment and Technical Preparation – Ian Sloan
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Canteen News

The canteens first lunch will be on the 15th February and we’ll be making the popular Harry Potter Burgers! Flyers have been distributed this week. We have introduced a vegetarian option in the form of a Hermione Egg Burger.

We will again ask that you order by Friday to allow us time to order the ingredients. We will open the canteen Friday morning 12th February and there is also the box outside the canteen to place orders in.

There are some changes to the main menu and we are introducing a crunch ‘n’ sip bag so please see the canteen for detail.

As before, we are happy to take any unwanted kitchen items and if we are unable to use them we will re gift them to charity.

There will be a roster at the canteen so please come along and sign up if you are interested in helping. We would love to see you there.

As always there are a lot of people who make this happen but we have had some very kind donations from the following businesses and the families at the school that were instrumental in getting these items.

So thank you to

- Good Guys O’Connor
- Willetton Butcher
- Willetton Junior Football Club
- Scott
- The Warner family
- The White family

Term dates for 2016

**Term 1**
- School resumes: **Monday** 1st February 2016
- Labour Day Holiday: Monday 7th March 2016
- Easter Break: Friday 25th March 2016 - Tuesday 29th March 2016
- Last day of term: Friday 8th April 2016

**Term 2**
- School resumes: **Wednesday** 27th April 2016
- Western Australia Day Holiday: Monday 6th June 2016
- School Closure: Wednesday 29th June (PM) (Parent/Teacher Meetings)
- Last day of term: Friday 1st July 2016

**Term 3**
- School resumes: **Tuesday** 19th July 2016
- Last day of term: Friday 23rd September 2016

**Term 4**
- School resumes: **Wednesday** 12th October 2016
- Last day of term: Thursday 15th December 2016

PSC Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open Friday Morning 8.15am - 9.00am starting from 19th February

Contact Clare Wood 0400 724 535

Diary Dates

- **17th February**: EAL Morning Tea
- **17-19th February**: Year 6 Point Walter Camp
- **24th February**: Swimming Carnival Trials
- **26th February**: EAL/D Parent Network Group
- **4th March**: Community Assembly Rms 3 and 4
- **7th March**: Western Australia Day Public Holiday
- **8th March**: Swimming Carnival