From the Principal’s Desk

I would like to extend a sincere welcome to the families joining us for the first time this term. I trust their experience has been a positive one and the existing community goes out of their way to embrace these new families and support them as they make their transition to Burrendah Primary School. Our school enrolment continues to grow and we have once again taken enrolments after the census date in February. We currently have 595 students enrolled at Burrendah Primary School.

This term we welcome a new staff member Mrs Gail Lawson who joins the EAL/D team to provide support for our students learning English as an additional language. We welcome Gail following the retirement of Mrs Chris Tweddle.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Vanessa Summers who worked as a School Officer in our front office for 5 years. Late last term Vanessa was fortunate enough to win a fulltime School Officer position at Leeming Primary School and we congratulate her on her appointment. Vanessa will be sadly missed as she filled her role at Burrendah with great professionalism and a friendly smile. Sylwia Beard is currently filling this role in our front office. Welcome Sylwia!

Next week the national testing for Years 3 and 5 students will take place. The tests provide a snapshot of student literacy and numeracy achievement on one day. The results are reported to parents on an individual student level through a student achievement report. A very comprehensive range of NAPLAN data is provided to schools which is analysed by staff in order to inform their teaching. The Department of Education and the government also look closely at the data at a system level to monitor performance of schools and relative performance of the states.

Our students perform very well in NAPLAN tests compared with other schools across Australia due to our students coming from homes that value education and have the capacity to meet the developmental needs of their children. We have a capable and very professional staff committed to student improvement, and a clear vision of what we want to achieve. These factors together with a clearly articulated whole school strategic plan contribute to our school’s success. You can view Burrendah Primary School’s 2015 NAPLAN results, released late last term, on the My School website. [http://www.myschool.edu.au/SchoolProfile/Index/100858/BurrendahPrimarySchool/48618/2015](http://www.myschool.edu.au/SchoolProfile/Index/100858/BurrendahPrimarySchool/48618/2015)

I have every confidence our students will continue to perform well in this year’s NAPLAN tests and assure the community the students have been well prepared for the tests as a result of the excellent teaching of the curriculum by my staff from Kindergarten to Year 6.

I look forward to joining with other mothers at the annual P&C Mothers Day Morning Tea this Friday in the school hall. I would also like to encourage parents to attend the Parents and Citizens meeting at 7 pm in the school hall this Monday evening 9th May. It is a great way to meet people in our community and contribute to our school.

Jayne Ebsworthy
5th May 2016
As introduced in last term's newsletter this term we will be introducing **No Waste Wednesday**

**What is No Waste Wednesday?** It is the day of the week we all try to bring our food to school in minimal disposable packaging. It is a student leader driven initiative to reduce school waste and encourage the eating of less processed healthier foods. The initiative addresses two strategies in our new Business Plan (2016 – 2018).

The Sustainability footprint you see below is a strategy to educate our students about how they can leave a 'sustainable footprint' and make a difference to our world for generations to come. The new Business Plan also has a focus on health and wellbeing and this initiative will encourage the eating of healthier food options with minimal packaging.

Classroom teachers and our Science specialist teacher Mrs Crouch are keen to encourage students to reduce waste and will make every effort to integrate learning about the sustainability footprint into the curriculum. The student leaders have organised to measure lunch box waste two times a term and award Golden Footprints Awards to the classes with the least waste.

We hope the school parent community will embrace this initiative and support our students who are very keen to make a difference.

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**We Need Your Help**

We are fast approaching Winter and as you may have experienced the undercover area can be a cold and windy place for our community assemblies, physical education lessons and other special events. We would like to eventually enclose the entire undercover area however we don’t have sufficient funds to achieve this goal. As the school is fortunate to have a School Building Fund which allows parents to make tax deductible donations we would like to invite parents to consider their financial position and if possible make a donation before the end of the tax year. We would love to complete stage one of this project this year.

If you wish to donate through our School Building Fund and receive this tax deduction in time for this year’s tax return please make payment in the front office. Payment can be made via cash, cheque (made out to Burrendah Primary School Building Fund) or EFTPOS.

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**Lost Property**

If your child’s name is not on lost items of uniform clothing left in the lost property box in the school hall for more than one week they will be given to the P&C second hand uniform shop. A committee of student leaders are trying to reduce the huge amount of unnamed lost property in our school. We will also recycle lost lunchbox containers and drink bottles that do not have names. There is also large numbers of these in the lost property box. Everything that comes to school needs a name. Please help reduce lost property this term.

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**Burrendah Lapathon**

This term students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be seeking sponsors as they aim to raise money to buy sport equipment for their classrooms. They will run laps around the school oval each week during their class fitness time. Each lap is 300m. The students will record the number of laps they run each day until Wednesday 22nd June (week 9), the day of the school cross country carnival.

The classroom teacher will check the total number of laps run over the term, sign the sponsors’ page and send it home for the collection of money to be returned to the school. Sponsors may pledge an amount per lap or a set amount. Extra sponsor sheets are available on our school website. [http://www.burrendahps.wa.edu.au/sites/default/files/Lapathon%20Sponsor%20Sheet%20040516.pdf](http://www.burrendahps.wa.edu.au/sites/default/files/Lapathon%20Sponsor%20Sheet%20040516.pdf)

Thank you for supporting your children in their endeavours to raise money and improve their fitness.

Pre Primars to year 2 will also be holding a Skipathon on the 22nd June 2016.
Out of School Star

Daniel went surfing! He was amazing. He loved getting a medal most of all! Well done Daniel. #OnePerfectDay  After a day of surfing, what better than a flight around Perth? Daniel LOVED this experience. So proud of him, to conquer two fears in one day. #UpAndAwayDay Thanks to some awesome companies, Daniel and other WA special kids got to enjoy a trip around Perth on a Qantas flight. It was amazing! They were treated like rock stars.

A date for your diary!

A reminder that we have a half day closure in the last week of term on Wednesday June 29th to allow additional time for parent teacher interviews following the release of the end of semester student reports. Please note this date in your diary and endeavour to make child care arrangements from 12 pm on this day. We will provide supervision for children whose parents cannot organise child care. We have been granted permission for this closure by Department of Education. You will be asked to return a note later this term acknowledging this closure and informing us if your child will need to remain at school on this day.

EAL/D Parent Network Group

This is a social parent group that will meet 3 times this term in the EALD room. It is open to all parents from different cultures. We gather together to learn from each other and become friends. Please put the following dates in your diary.

- May 20
- June 17
- July 1

9am till 10 am

Gail Lawson, Beatriz Clark, Su Lin Tan and Lee Tee Lim

- MUMS RAISING BOYS up to 12 years – FREMANTLE
  Wednesday, 4 May 10am – 12.30pm $25

- VIRTUES PARENTING PROGRAM – KWINANA
  The Family Virtues Guide covered in this 6 week course contains fifty-two of the universal virtues which help parents bring out the best in their children and in themselves.
  Wednesday 4 11 18 25 May 1 8 June
  10am – 12.30pm $110 (concessions available)

- FATHERING AFTER SEPARATION - GOSNELLS
  Tuesday, 17 May 6.30 – 9pm $25

Go to www.relationshipswa.org.au for more information
Music Captains Report

Last Friday at the ANZAC assembly we performed in the Senior Choir and Chamber String Ensemble. The Senior Choir performed a song called ‘Can you Hear the Children Marching,’ by Australian composer Nathan Cahill. The Chamber String Ensemble played a piece called ‘Danny Boy’, while the flower bearers laid flowers by the flag pole. Mrs Coleman kindly came in to play the last post for us. Bianca and Emily Yr 6

Congratulations and thank you to all our musicians and choir members who performed at the ANZAC assembly. You should be proud of the magnificent sound you made.

Mrs G

Music Excursions Term 2

- SING FEST Friday 27th May (Wk5): The Junior Choir will be performing with other primary schools in the South Metro area at the Melville Civic Centre. A note will go out in the coming weeks.
- WAPPA Conference Friday 17th June (Wk8): We have been selected to perform at the WA Principal’s Conference 2016 at the Crown’s Grand Ballroom. This is a huge honor for our school. We will be taking both our Senior and Junior Choir to perform on this special occasion. This is why it is so important for every choir member to attend every rehearsal.
- Massed Choir Auditions: For the Senior Choir, Massed choir auditions will be held in week 4. Vocal soloists: Monday Lunchtime in the Music Room Week 4 (16th May). You will need to sing your solos by memory. Compere: Wednesday Lunchtime in the Music Room Week 4 (18th May).

Junior Choir Music Uniform Fittings: During our regular Thursday morning rehearsal Week 3 (12th May), Mrs Strle will be coming to fit students with a music uniform. Please make sure you are at this rehearsal.

Finally, our Chamber String Ensemble and pianists will be providing the light background music for this week’s Mother’s Day Morning Tea. We would love you to come along and listen to us whilst enjoying a cup of tea.

Kate Graham
Music Specialist

Financial difficulties? Can we help you?

I am very conscious that some families may be experiencing some financial difficulty at this time. If you are finding it difficult to pay for excursions and special school events please make a time to meet with me.

I am more than happy to put in place a repayment plan and negotiate your payment . I have access to some additional funding generously provided by Raymond Cheng from Top Realty. This funding was given to us to provide financial support for families in time of need. We thank Mr Cheng and encourage parents to seek support with payments if this is required.

I would also like to draw parents attention to the fact all parents have been given an ‘Expected Costs and Charges’ sheet outlining possible costs and charges related to your child’s education in the 2016 school year. This can be found on the website in the parent information booklet and may help you prepare for upcoming costs.

http://www.burrendahps.wa.edu.au/parent-booklet

Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal
School Values

Our school Values ensure that each child feels safe and happy when coming to school every day.

Each fortnight, two Values will be explored closely in the newsletter. These chosen Values will correlate with the those announced before recess time each day. It would be appreciated if you could discuss these with your child.

Week 3 - Respect

Respect can be broken down into two parts:

Respect is how you feel about someone
Having respect for someone means that you think good things about them. You respect them as a person and you respect how they act. You can have respect for others, and you can also have respect for yourself.

Respect is how you treat someone
Showing respect to someone means that you act in a way that shows you care about their feelings and well-being. Showing respect for others includes things like not calling people mean names and treating people kindly, like using your manners and saying positive things to them.

Week 4 - Honesty and Trustworthiness

What is Honesty and Trustworthiness?
Honesty is speaking the truth. Lying is not honest (also called dishonest) because you are saying something that isn't true. Honesty means you don't say things about people that aren't true and it means you admit to your actions, even if you'll get into trouble.

Trustworthiness means thinking before you promise something so that you can be sure you can do it. It means to follow the rules when nobody is watching, and making sure that nothing stops you from keeping your word on something that you said you would do.

Head Lice

Your timely response to the treatment of lice is appreciated by school administration and the parents of other students.

The Department of Health’s preferred treatment is the 10 Day Hair Conditioner Treatment. However, advice on insecticide treatment is also provided in the Department’s Head Lice Fact Sheet, available free from the school office or at [www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/261/2/head_lice_fact_sheet.pm](http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/261/2/head_lice_fact_sheet.pm)

Students who have been identified with live head lice will be sent home from class and excluded until treatment has commenced. Parents are asked to notify their class teacher immediately should they notice their child’s hair has been infected. The school endeavours to send out a note to all class members if a child in that class is identified as having lice.

A “nit” is the actual “egg” maturing on the hair shaft. “Lice” (Louse) refers to the “live” creature.
**Mothers Day Stall**
**Friday 6th May**
**At 10:45am**
Nothing says ‘I Love you Mum’ like a handmade gift from the heart.

Mother’s Day is coming and the P&C would like to invite all the students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 to bring along some small change to buy a small gift for their Mother, Grand-Mother, Great Grand Mother to tell them ‘I Love You for everything!!’

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**Join us for our P&C Pink Mother’s Day High Tea.**

**When:** Friday 6th May from 9:00am

**Where:** School Hall

**Featuring:** Mini Cakes, Cupcake, Tea & Coffee

**Presentation:** ‘Share the Dignity’ will be joining us to present their fundraiser and the importance of supporting every woman. If you are able to bring a donation of women sanitary products, ‘Share the Dignity’ will distribute these to women in need in WA.

*If any parents would like to make a plate of cupcakes or goodies to please contact Nicole Phan on 0403 545 714*

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