From the Principal's Desk

Cyber Bullying and Staying Safe Online

This week we invited Legal Aid WA representatives to come and speak to our Year 5 and 6 students about cyber bullying. Topics covered included - forms of cyber bullying, laws, penalties and strategies to deal with cyber bullying. Students were also introduced to a series of interactive online modules (www.legalaid.wa.gov.au/RULegal) which focus on sexting, cyber bullying, consent and identity theft. These online modules are intended to provide practical and useful information for young people. All students and teachers found the session very informative and interactive in nature.

Given this recent session at school I think it’s relevant to once again touch on the topic of cyber bullying and staying safe online. As a school we would like this issue to be perceived as a partnership between the school and home. From a school perspective, cyber bullying and staying safe online is addressed through the Western Australian Curriculum - ICT Capabilities and in particular, teaching students social, ethical and safe practices when using digital media.

As a starting point, please see below for a summary of some pro-active strategies you can use as a parent to reduce the risk of cyber bullying:

- Explore the internet with your son/daughter, their favourite sites, why they like them and the security features available.
- Monitor computer activity in a visible space, e.g. the kitchen.
- Be aware of the strengths and limitations of filter software.
- Check files on computer with your child. For example, ‘Google’ your son/daughter’s name/images, keep an eye on on-line activity (browser history and check what history your ISP provides) and review your son/daughter’s public postings, such as ‘MySpace’ page.
- Establish a Family Online Agreement, where and what sites they can they can access, how much time online, what to do if they feel uncomfortable online and protecting personal information.
- Discuss the consequences of poor online behaviour.
- Monitor secretive behavior e.g. rapidly switching screen as you approach.
- Ensure they know everyone on their friends’ list and can tell you their real names and how they know them.
- Discuss rules about meeting people online, e.g. speaking or giving personal information to strangers.

In terms of staying safe online, I would like to refer parents to the comprehensive information pamphlet available through our web page under the tab – Community – Parent Ideas – Staying Safe Online. In this document you will find useful tips on the following topics:

- Staying Safe on Social Networking Sites
- Avoiding Social Engineering and Phishing Attacks
- Guidelines for Publishing Information Online
- Choosing and Protecting Passwords
- Reducing Spam
- Understanding Anti-Virus Software
- Web sites that can assist in keeping your children safe online

At the very least I would recommend that you save this document so you are aware of the range of online threats and explore some relevant protective strategies. From a personal perspective, as my son has grown older, I have realized that I need to be far more vigilant in setting up parental controls on various devices, maintaining custody of passwords and most importantly spending time with my son so I have a greater understanding of his digital world.

I would also recommend that you consider looking at the quality of your proxy filter to ensure inappropriate sites are not accessed by accident. There are quite a few filters available online and you do not necessarily have to pay any money. The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) web site: http://www.acma.gov.au/ has a wealth of information on this topic and other issues. In addition to this, there are a number of search engines which are designed specifically for children.

Philip Bradshaw

11th August 2016
Representatives from each class, from Year 1 to 6, participated in Planet Ark’s National Tree Day celebrated at Burrendah on Friday 29 July. We planted 6 of a total of 20 trees kindly donated by Bunnings for the event along the oval. Massive thanks to Mrs Crouch for coordinating the event, Anthony, our gardener, for digging the holes and Mrs Moane and Miss Liron from Bunnings for ensuring we gave the trees the best start by helping us prepare the ground, plant and stake the trees. We think they look fantastic already and as they grow they will provide a beautiful shady surround to our oval which has recently had some valuable shade trees removed. We look forward to planting the remaining trees as soon as there is room.
**Numeracy Week**  
29th August – 2nd September  
Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 are inviting parents to attend a numeracy session with their child during Numeracy Week. This is a great opportunity to experience some ‘hands-on’ maths activities with your child. During these sessions parents will be able to support their child and learn together whilst participating in a variety of numeracy activities. Dates and times to be confirmed in the next newsletter in Week 6.

**Interested in finding out new ways to support your child in Maths?**  
Come along to a practical workshop in the school hall and learn some simple effective ways to increase your child’s fluency in Maths.

**Monday 29th August 2016**  
2pm-3pm  
*In the school hall*  
Please R.S.V.P. your attendance to the school office 9332 3700 by Friday 26th August.

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**Visiting Children’s Book Author**  
To celebrate this year’s Book Week 22nd August – 26th August, we will have a couple of local children’s book authors visit our school.

**Pre Primary – Year Three**  
**Chris Owen - Author of Pandamonia**  
Chris Owen is the author who will be speaking to our Pre Primary to Year Three students on 24th August 2016.

Chris is a former radio journalist and newsreader from Sussex, England. After his arrival into Western Australia, Chris trained to become a primary school teacher which in turn led him to be a children’s book author. His books include *MY SUPER HERO* and the recently released *PANDAMONIA*. Both books are full of rhyme and humour, sure to appeal to our students.

We hope that meeting and reading with Chris will delight and inspire our students to continue to write great stories and poetry.

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**Year Four – Year Six**  
**Paula Hayes - Author of Lily in the Mirror**  
Paula Hayes is the author who will be speaking to our Year Four to Year Six students on 22nd August 2016.

Paula is a writer, a book reviewer and a self-confessed general word nerd. She loves all kinds of books and loves writing of all types. *Lily in the Mirror* is her new book which Paula will share with the students. The book covers themes of family, history, self-image, magic and mystery. This in-school visit is a great opportunity for our students to learn from a published author and share in Paula’s love of words and local history.

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**World Vision 2016**  
19-21 August  
Give something up and help fight global hunger.

If you would like to make a small donation to help World Vision in its work to fight global hunger, then follow the link below to sign up or donate. Every little bit helps.

**Join Team Burrendah today!**  
Go to https: [https://40hf2016.everydayhero.com/au/team-burrendah](https://40hf2016.everydayhero.com/au/team-burrendah) or you can click on DONATE, Support A Team, search Burrendah Primary School, then donate through any of the team registered or through Mrs French (HF).
Music News

ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL
Congratulations to the Burrendah String Orchestra for their wonderful performance on Saturday 6th August. The Orchestra performed at the Churchlands SHS Hall as part of the WA Schools Orchestra Festival. After being awarded an Outstanding in C division in 2014 (the last time we participated), we chose to challenge ourselves in B division and we were awarded a Merit for our efforts. This is an excellent outcome for our school as we were the only Public Primary School in this division. Well done to our students and Miss Cheng for all their hard work.

CLUSTER REHEARSAL
Our Senior Choir took part in a cluster rehearsal at Churchlands SHS on Tuesday 9th August in preparation for the Massed Choir Concert taking place at UWA at the end of the month. Our Students sang beautifully. Keep up the good work! Thank you to Mrs French, Mrs Strle and Mrs Windham for their help with this excursion.

Just a reminder that tickets are now on sale online for the Massed Choir Concert. Our next excursion is to UWA on the 30th of August.

BEGINNER STRING WORKSHOP
There will be a beginner string workshop for students who are in their first year of learning violin (Yr3) and cello (Yr4). It will be held at the School of Instrumental Music on the 12th of September. Notes will go home shortly.

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS’ CHOIR AUDITIONS.
The AGC will be coming to Burrendah on the 25th of August to audition any girls who would like to be a part of the Australian Girls’ Choir. Auditions will take place at lunchtime in the music room. Notes will go home as soon as we receive them from AGC.

Kate Graham
Music Specialist

Kindy Olympics

Room 23 and Miss Steiner’s Kindergarten class participated in the Kindy Olympics on 11th August 2016. Miss Fairclough’s Year 3 class set up mini Olympic sports for all of the Kindy children to try. Sports like hurdles, long jump, track running, balance beam and throws. There were high fives, loud cheering, fun music and even GOLD medals!

This was so much fun for all involved!

100 Days

On Wednesday the 27th of July, the Pre Primary students from rooms 13, 15 and 16B celebrated 100 days of school. The children engaged in a range of counting and maths activities throughout the day and had a party lunch.
EAL/D Parent Network Meeting

All parents are welcome to our network meeting of the semester.

Date: Friday 12th August
Time: 9:00 am -10:00 am
Place: EAL/D room

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 office. Parents will need to sign the student out and they 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 to sign in and sign out their child each day.

Classroom Access

Throughout the school day parents must come through the office 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.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

Our school photo day is coming! The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture’s website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. If you place your order online please DO NOT return your envelope to school.

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) days to complete an order online. Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

Dogs At School

Specific permission from the Principal is needed before dogs can be permitted on the school ground. This includes dogs on leash or even hand carried.

Parents are requested to ensure that dogs do not follow their children to school. Dogs create a considerable nuisance and dangerous situations may arise. It is most unpleasant to have to request the rangers to call at the school to impound pets.

Willetton Baseball Club is a local club with members from 4 years of age.

To register or find out more information, go online at www.wbc.wildcats.com.au or come along to our Registration Day: Saturday 13th August from 8.30am to 12.00pm at Willetton Scout Hall, Apsley Road, Willetton.
Is this you?

Most of the time parenting is great fun. You know you are doing a good job, but there are times when things get a little tricky.

Like when your toddler won’t eat her dinner. Or your six year old won’t pick up his toys. Maybe your child never seems to listen. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier!

If this sounds like you, then Triple P Seminars may suit!

What are Triple P Seminars?

Triple P Seminars are for groups of parents – group size usually ranges from just a few parents to 20 or more. They are informal presentations, and you will have opportunities to ask questions.

There are three Seminars in the Triple P Seminar Series; The Power of Positive Parenting, Raising Confident, Competent Children and Raising Resilient Children. You can choose to attend just one or two, or all of them. They deal with the most common parenting issues we all face.

Following the success of Seminars 1 and 2 in Terms 1 and 2, Willetton Primary School will be running Triple P Seminar 3 during Term 3, 2016. Please register your interest now for:

Seminar Three: Raising Resilient Children

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The Seminars are FREE and all attendees will be offered a FREE ‘cuppa’ and FREE Triple P tip sheet

Parents of children aged between three and ten years are welcome to attend. Limited Places – Register Now

Please register at the front office or phone 9354 2088.
Our School Values

Responsibility
A responsible person is one who can be trusted to act without needing to be supervised by another, because they are accountable for their own behaviour. They carry out tasks which they have volunteered or agreed to do and they undertake them with care and distinction.

Fair Go
Fair Go means that every person has the right to equal opportunities and to be a part of a group or community regardless of who they are. Treating people fairly means to speak, act and treat others is a respectful and equal manner so that everyone has a turn and feels included.

Share the Dignity Donations
‘Helping women in need’
As you may know we recently celebrated Mothers’ Day and invited Kathy from Share the Dignity to talk with us about the important work that their organisation undertakes. Share the Dignity is a not for profit organisation helping women in need across Australia to access sanitary essentials.

Share the Dignity are collecting sanitary items during August and we are calling on the school community to assist in providing donations.

Please leave your greatly appreciated donations at the office before 31st August 2016.

Nicole Phan
P&C Fundraiser Coordinator

Art Fundraiser
The Kids’ Art Fundraiser is back for 2016! This is a healthy fundraiser where the children get to be involved and use their creativity to raise funds for our school. You have the opportunity to purchase a quality product featuring a unique piece of art created by your child (or a photo of your child if you prefer) that will be a lasting memento to give as a gift or keep for yourself.

The children are currently designing and creating their artworks either in class or in specialist art classes with Mrs Eitzen. Once completed, you will be able to view your child’s artwork online and order the products you desire.

The same popular products will be available: phone and tablet covers, greeting cards, calendars, posters and much more.

Information and instructions on how to login and order will be sent out in week 7.

We encourage everyone to get on board and support the Burrendah P&C with this fundraising venture.

Diary Dates

15th and 16th August School Photo’s
15th August Scitech In School Activity
17th August Interschool Cross Country
26th August Community Assembly Rms 6 &12
31st August Massed Choir Concert
1st September P&C Meeting 2pm School Hall