From the Principal’s Desk

What a wonderful community event we enjoyed last Saturday. The success of our 40th Anniversary Fair was due to the whole school community working together to achieve a common goal. Our P & C members under the leadership of their president David Cherry worked tirelessly to organise and present a school fair that brought our local community together for a day of fun activities and delicious food, and also raised an extraordinary amount of money for our school. Jodie Beal the Fair Coordinator brought a diverse group of parents, staff and community members together to achieve a very positive outcome. Thank you Jodie for the hours of work you put into this event.

The opportunity for past staff and students to return to Burrendah Primary School, engage with the memorabilia in the hall and reconnect with past friends and colleagues was greatly appreciated by all involved. Thanks must go to Carmel Given and Teo Stuart-Smith for the hours of work that went into preparing our school hall for this day. I received several letters and emails from past staff and principals which can be summed up in the words of the Foundation Principal Mr Wally Meacock and his wife Beth.

‘To be part of and to witness so many joyful reunions and to see so many happy recollections of Burrendah school days by such a vibrant and admirable group of ex pupils and their families is an experience we will always remember with pride and joy. Pride in that so many of our early staff members and students were able to, and cared about, returning to meet their friends and share their memories, and gladness that you and your school community have developed and enriched the values that we endeavoured to establish at Burrendah in those foundation years.’

Please enjoy a happy and safe Easter shared with your children. I will look forward to hearing about the children’s Easter experiences next Wednesday when they return to school.

Jayne Ebsworthy
24th March 2016

• The Easter holiday break includes Tuesday 29th March and students and staff return to school on Wednesday 30th March

• Swimming lessons commence Wednesday 30th March for Years 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

• The last day of term is Friday 8th April and second term commences Wednesday 27th April. This is due to ANZAC day holiday on the Monday 25th April and a staff professional development day on Tuesday 26th April.
MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to the Junior Choir on their outstanding performance at the school fair last Saturday. Thank you to parents and family for getting students to school on Saturday. Thank you also to Ian Sloan and Phil Bradshaw for help with setting the stage and the sound system.

**Auditions for piano and drum kit:** We need someone to play drum kit and a student to play piano in our ensembles. Auditions will be held in the Music Room during lunchtime on Wednesday 6th of April (Week 10). Students will be asked to prepare audition music. The sheet music is available now and can be collected from the ensemble trays in the Music room.

**Music Uniforms:** The Senior Choir students will be fitted for music uniforms next week during choir rehearsal or during Wednesday lunchtime (Wed 30th March). These uniforms are kept at school and are given out the day of performances.

**FOR SALE**

Stentor Student II Violin ½ size with case and music stand, Excellent condition

$100

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KINDY ROCKS

The kindy students are delighted with the new addition of some rocks to climb on in the playground. Relocating rocks is no easy feat! The staff and students would like to send an enormous thanks to David Blyth for donating and delivering the rocks to the school. Thank you to Kim Smith, Nicole Mac Donald and our wonderful gardener Anthony Warby for transporting them to, and arranging them in the playground to create a new nature play space that allows for lots of fun and risk taking.
Harmony Day Assembly and Picnic

The whole school celebrated Harmony Day last Friday with a wonderful assembly performed by the Year 3 students from Rooms 23 & 25. Our school theme this year was STANDING TOGETHER IN PEACE. The students put a lot of thought and effort into this theme and were able to provide some great ideas for making the world a more peaceful place to live in. Many students, parents and teachers wore their cultural costumes, orange or their cultural colours. All together, the undercover area looked like a sea of colour.

At lunch time, we enjoyed our annual Family Picnic where parents and students happily shared their yummy picnic food from many different cultures.

Mrs Tweddel’s Farewell Lunch

Any parents wishing to farewell Chris Tweddel are welcome to join us in the hall on

Friday April 1st 2016.

Time: 11:30 pm -1:00 pm

Please bring a plate of food to share.

Chris Tweddel is retiring after more than 14 years at Burrendah Primary School

EAL/D Parent Network Group

Do you speak another language? Do you come from a different cultural background?

Then the EAL/D Parent Network Group would love you to join us!

Next Session - 8th April, 9:00 am – Holiday activities and venues for the family which are free

The EAL/D Parent Network Group meets in the EAL/D room. It is a social group and a good place to meet other parents.

Beatriz Clark & Gail Lawson
40TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL FAIR

As the Fair Co-ordinator, I would just like to say a MASSIVE Thank You, to all of the people who helped in some way with the school Fair. Special mention to Nicole and Shirley in the canteen; Mr Warby our wonderful school gardener; Mr Holyoake and Ms Fairclough who had both had turns on the dunk tank; Mr Doherty who went on the dunk tank and also helped in various other places on the day; Ms Marlow for the awesome haunted mansion; Patricia for the photo competition in its entirety; Mr Crouch for his last minute organisation of the basketball game and prize; Mat Rakitick, our human skeleton who sat in the haunted mansion for the full length of the Fair; Nat for setting up the junior games on the day; Kiara and Hayley for running the junior games with Ms Bain for the first 2 hours; Mrs Graham, Miss Smith, Mrs Nicholas, Mrs Paxton, and Miss Sutherland; Mrs Summers, Mrs Leece and Mrs Scaramella from the school office; all the many Team Leaders and P&C members; and so many other people who I hope will not be offended that their names are not individually mentioned. You ALL helped to make a lot of children, their parents, past teachers and students VERY HAPPY!

Jodie Beal
40th ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL FAIR

What a fantastic success our 40th Anniversary School Fair was last Saturday. I felt immense pride in our Burrendah community with the way we joined together for this celebration. Wasn’t it great to see our kids with colourful, crazy hair, painted faces, enjoying climbing through Cardboard Land, or visiting the Haunted Class. The kids also took a lot of pleasure seeing teachers dunked in a tank of cold water too. I’ve heard a lot of positivity about the Fair from everyone I’ve spoken to which is a testament to all our hard work. On top of the fun had by all I’m pleased to advise that we’ve raised in excess of $13,000 profit. This would not have been possible without the leadership and coordination of Jodie Beal. Thank you Jodie for a job well done.

Thanks everyone!

David Cherry
P&C President

I would like to first like to thank the school, P&C, parents and families who helped out for this amazing fair. The raffle was a massive success. I would also like to thank Southlands Boulevard management, shops and businesses for their donations towards the raffle.

We would like to congratulate the following for winning the Grand Raffle Prize:
1st Prize - Yong
2nd Prize - Julie
3rd Prize - Armanda

Ray White Mcginty & Associates would like to congratulate Tamsin from room 12 for winning the Easter Colouring in Competition!!

I look forward to the many more events to come for this wonderful school!!

Nicole Phan - P&C Fundraising and Event Coordinator
The P&C Committee has been appointed for 2016 with members shown below. As always, anyone from the Burrendah Primary School community is welcome to participate in any events, or attend meetings. Keep an eye out for activities posted on the P&C Notice Board, Webpage and Facebook.

**President:** David Cherry
**Vice President:** Ian Sloan
**Secretary:** Luana Gilman
**Treasurer:** Tory Young
**Executive Members:** Bek Hogan, Tegan Randell, Nicole Phan
**Canteen Treasurer:** Jenny Lin
**Canteen Liaison:** Sam Hunt
**2nd Hand Uniforms:** Clare Wood
**Fair Coordinator:** Jodie Beal
**Book Club Coordinator:** Teo Stuart-Smith
**Fundraising/Event Coordinator:** Nicole Phan
**Editors:** Sam Hunt, Amanda Viljoen

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**Canteen News**

The Canteen will not be open on Monday 28th March due to Easter Monday public holiday. The following Monday (5th April) the Canteen will be open for orders from the standard menu. The Triple M (Mystery Monday Meal) will return in Term 2.

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**Diary Dates**

- **25th - 29th March**  
  Easter Break
- **30th March - 8th April**  
  Swimming Lessons Yrs 1,2,4,5,6
- **8th April**  
  Last Day Term One
- **27th April**  
  First day Term Two for students