From the Principal’s Desk

School Survey 2016
As mentioned in a previous newsletter, The Western Australian Department of Education requires that Independent Public schools survey parents, teachers and students every two years. The last survey was administered in 2014 so it’s time for the school to seek your input once again. This survey enables the school to gather information about how Burrendah Primary School is functioning and provides feedback for future planning.

An email was sent earlier this week, on behalf of the School Board, to ask for your participation in the National Opinion School Survey 2016. This is now available through the following link: [https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/BurrendahParentSurvey2016](https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/BurrendahParentSurvey2016).

Parent feedback is highly valued by Burrendah Primary School as we strive to improve in all areas outlined in our school Business Plan. It is also important that everyone has their say so we have feedback that reflects the whole school community. I understand that we all feel a bit ‘time poor’ in this day and age but it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete this survey by Friday 23rd September.

School Canteen – Art Project
The P&C have kindly approved funding for a make-over of the school canteen exterior. Danielle Eitzen has secured Darren Hutchens, a highly sought after Urban Artist, who has experience working on community art projects. These include working with Melville City Council and recent work at Murdoch Train Station. Work on this project will be completed over the school holidays prior to the 40th Anniversary Assembly on the 28th October.

School Car Park Upgrade
As previously mentioned Burrendah PS will be receiving an additional 25 parking bays within the school boundaries. To ensure the least disruption we have managed to organize this to take place in the school holidays. Some work will need to be finished off in Term 4, Week 1 but they will make sure some parking is available in this period. This project has been in the pipeline for some time and it is wonderful to see it become a reality.

School Works Project – Lend Lease (Southland Shopping Centre)
Lend Lease has kindly offered to do some volunteer work around our school next Thursday. This includes painting three wet areas, replacing table tops, fixing the Chinese Garden, installing a new blackboard in the Pre Primary playground as well as a general cleanup of grounds and mulching gardens. We are very thankful for their support and giving back to the local community.

Principal’s Position
South Metro Education Regional Office has informed the school and board chair, Jane Baker, that a selection process for a new principal will take place early in Term 4. To maintain continuity, I will remain in the acting role until the end of Term 4, 2016, with the new principal starting in 2017.

Philip Bradshaw
8th September 2016
Book Week Authors

All students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 got to meet and listen to local published authors. Lily in the Mirror author Paula Hayes brought in lots of vintage items from the 1940s which is where her story is set. She shared enough about her characters and story leaving us wanting to read the book.

Chris Owen spoke to the Pre-Primary to Year 3 students about his two books My Super Hero and Pandamonia. The children came in wearing their own animal masks hoping to create a bit of Pandamonia themselves. Our school library now has numerous copies of both books for the students to borrow. Parents, you will be interested to learn that the illustrator of Pandamonia was a student from Willetton High school. He may come and visit us again soon.

Year 4 and 5 students walked to Willetton Library this week for more Book Week experiences.

Year 4 and 5 students from rooms 5, 10, 11 and 12 were lucky enough to visit our local library and listen to the dynamic and energetic James Foley who is a writer and Illustrator. James’s latest book is My Dead Bunny. This is a very funny book which is also now available in our school library.

‘Rooms 5, 10, 11 and 12 went to Willetton Library to listen to James Foley who is an author and illustrator. He showed us how to draw his wonderful pictures and gave us a sneak peak of his newest book! All the students had a great time and really enjoyed the excursion.’

By Bailey Morgan and William Xu
Numeracy Week 2016

Students in Years 1-6 have enjoyed the Start Smart money in school activity, an educational initiative organised through the Commonwealth Bank. Melissa, the presenter, entertained our younger students with characters such as Captain SuperCents and Coach Cash making them aware of needs and wants. Years 3 and 4 were encouraged to become ‘cashletes’, making smart money decisions. Older students were encouraged to save smartly, ‘See it, Earn it, Save it’.

It was great to see so many parents (over 150+) joining in our Numeracy Week celebrations in Years 1-4. Classrooms were very busy places as children enjoyed playing games with parents as well as working through challenges and puzzles. Thank you for your involvement and support with this event.

Culture Club Brazil

Having just seen the Olympics in Rio the students were all keen to learn more about Brazil. We had fun making an indigenous hand ball game equipment called peteca with a small sandbag, material and feathers. EAL teacher Gail Lawson and Brazilian parent Cristina, wore authentic “Rio Carnaval” costumes while leading the students in a mini samba parade around the undercover area and the hall. Students shook maracas, blew whistles and danced their way through finishing off with confetti poppers and lots of excitement. Many thanks to our Brazilian parents Milena Meira and Cristina Iizuka for their help and enthusiasm.
Music News

Massed Choir 2016
Last week, our Senior Choir performed as part of a choir of 450 voices in the WA Public Schools Massed Choir Festival. It was a very enjoyable concert and was a true representation of our students hard work. Well done to our choir and Sienna Strle Yr 6 for her beautiful solo. Thank you to Mrs Strle once again for organising our choir uniforms.

Australian Girls’ Choir
A member of the AGC was supposed to come at 1pm to our school on Monday (5th Sept) however, they phoned in the morning and cancelled. There is a lot going on at our school at the moment but I am in the process of arranging another date for someone to come and run another audition workshop with our girls. If you didn’t get your audition form into the office by last Monday then you still have time to do this.

SIM MEETING TONIGHT 6PM
Just a reminder that there is a meeting for parents of students from years 2, 3 and 4 who are interested in their children learning an instrument in 2017. The meeting is in the school hall and it is an opportunity for me to give parents a little insight as to what is involved when learning an instrument at school as well as to inform you of the selection process and answer any questions you may have.

Instrument demonstrations:
I would like to thank our Year 6 instrumental students who came to talk to our Year 4’s and gave a demonstration on their instruments. It was lovely to hear you play and hopefully it helped some of our potential new instrumental students make some decisions. Thank you so much for your effort and for your willingness to engage with our Year 4 students.

Kate Graham
Music Specialist

For Sale
Violin 1/4 size for sale. Excellent condition with all strings intact. Comes with soft carry case, shoulder support and bow. Bow also in excellent condition. All in for $100. If you are interested please contact Cindy 0412 136 558 or Danny 0432 204 551.

Burrendah Primary
Acceptable Student Uniform
We are currently reminding all students and staff about acceptable student uniform. We do not permit hoodies and non-school jumpers, or beanies to be worn to school.

We look forward to your continued support in our endeavour to maintain the high standards we have established at Burrendah Primary School

Bird Warning
Reminding the school community that swooping season is upon us again as Australian Magpies and other birds start breeding, and may swoop to defend their eggs and young.

Please speak with your children about how they can protect themselves from the swooping birds.
Junior Athletics Carnival
PP -2
Thursday 15th September
Burrendah Primary School Oval
8:45 am - 12:15 pm

Senior Athletics Carnival
3-6
Friday 16th September
Willetton Senior High School Oval
9:10am - 3 pm

Mrs Ebsworthy
Mrs Ebsworthy was presented with the gift from the school community last Thursday by the P&C Secretary Luana Gilman.

Year 6 Free Dress Fundraiser
Friday 23rd September 2016
The graduating Year 6 students are holding a free dress day to help raise money to buy their “Leavers Gift” to the school. All students who wear free dress are asked to donate a gold coin for this privilege.

At recess there will be:
- Cake Stalls
- Second Hand Book Stall
- Second hand Toy Stall
- Face Painting Stall
- Competitions
- Novelty stalls

Students are asked to bring some money to purchase something to eat at recess time and to participate in novelty events. We have asked that all items provided by the Year 6 for the cake stall are not to contain nuts but if your child has food allergies you may need to provide specific instructions to them regarding items they can purchase. Items will be priced between 20c - $2.50 each.
Willetton Senior High School
together with
Willo Parent Group
present

Think U Know
A cyber safety education program

Wednesday September 14, 2016
6.00pm to 7.30pm
Willetton Senior High School PAC Theatre
120 Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton

This presentation raises awareness about how young people are using technology, the challenges they may face online and how you can help them to overcome these challenges.

The following topics and issues will be discussed:

- Popular websites, social media sites and apps
- Privacy policies and settings
- Geotagging
- Scams, fraud and identity theft
- Online grooming
- Sexting
- Cyber bullying
- Reputation management
- Reporting

These presentations are designed for parents, carers and teachers and we ask that young people do not attend.

The sessions include short videos and real life case studies.

Bookings essential. Please RSVP to
willoparent@gmail.com by September 9, 2016

Thank you to Quentin Dennis, Manager of Southlands Shopping Centre (Lendlease) who has organised the following projects to be done in our school at no cost to us. On September 15th, these projects will be undertaken by a team of tradespeople and workers from Lendlease.

Painting of the wet areas
Painting and re hanging cupboard doors
Fixing up of Chinese Garden
Blackboard to go in play area
Replacing bench tops
Redo some paved areas
Some nice new benches
Cleaning up in behind Room 14

The Burrendah Primary School is appreciative of the community spirit of Southlands Shopping Centre.
**E’Co**

Your unwanted clothing will raise $$$’s for the school

Please place any unwanted clothing or Manchester in our E’Co clothing collection bin which is now located in the staff car park on Pine Tree Gully Road. It has been placed in the car park so if you are cleaning out your cupboards on the weekend or on holiday’s you can drop it in the bin or if you bags are just too heavy you can just drive into car park and drop them straight into the bin.

For every kilo of clothing that is donated, the school benefits. Please support the school with this fundraiser if you can.

**Our School Values**

Burrendah’s values for the next fortnight are

- Care and Compassion
- Respect

**Care and Compassion**

The week 9 value is Care and Compassion. Care means to genuinely care for others in a kind, compassionate and empathetic way. Compassion means you’re putting yourself in someone else’s shoes and really feeling for them. For example, when a natural disaster happens like a hurricane or earthquake, others will feel compassion for the victims. When you feel compassion for someone, you really want to help them out.

**Respect**

The week 10 value is Respect. Respect means to show regard and a genuine interest in other people’s lives, feelings and opinions. Having Respect for someone means you think good things about who a person is or how he/she acts. You can have respect for others, and you can have respect for yourself. Showing Respect to someone means you act in a way that shows you care about their feelings and well-being.

**Father’s Day Breakfast**

We had a great turn out for Father’s Day Breakfast! Thank you to the canteen volunteers for their excellent catering and to Mr. Holyoake for playing games with the kids during the presentation. ‘The Fathering Project’ speakers gave us some really interesting things to think about. Thanks also to Mrs. Graham and the Junior Choir for a fantastic, high energy jazz performance. Special thanks to Nicole Phan for arranging the event and Father’s Day stall, and to all P&C and staff members who helped out. We hope all the Dads had a wonderful Father’s Day.

If you are interested in signing up for more information on The Fathering Project and/or joining a Burrendah Dads’ Group, sign-up sheets are at the school reception, or contact Grant Gernhoefer on gwgernhoefer@gmail.com or 0417 941 754.

David Cherry

P&C President

**Diary Dates**

- 15th September: Junior Faction Carnival
- 16th September: Senior Faction Carnival
- 23rd September: Community Assembly Rm 7 and 13
- 23rd September: Year 6 “Leavers Gift” Fundraising Day
- 23rd September: Last day Term 3
- 12th October: First Day Term 4