From the Principal’s Desk

Well Pirate Day was a wet one however it didn’t dampen the spirits of our pirates who came dressed in a range of pirate gear. Thank you to the parent community for actively supporting this initiative to raise awareness and funds for research into the prevention and cure of Childhood Brain Cancer. When we support these worthy causes we are giving our children the opportunity to put into practice the values we promote on a daily basis. We raised $861 and a lot of fun was had by all.

Our Year 3 and Pre Primary students having been getting wet over the last two weeks as they have participated in swimming lessons at Riverton Leisureplex. It was great to see so many parents giving their children the opportunity to participate in our government funded swimming program this year. All children living in Australia need to learn to swim as we have such easy access to oceans and rivers, and of course swimming pools are in many backyards. The earlier your child learns to swim the better. Children become quite self conscious as they get older if their swimming skills are weak. We look forward to continued support of these swimming lessons and encourage you to consider vacation swimming lessons over the summer holidays.

It is report time and once again we offer every parent the opportunity for a short teacher parent meeting. I do encourage you to make a time to speak with your class teacher particularly if you have had limited contact with them this semester. Please refer to the information in this newsletter about online booking arrangements. As previously notified our school will be closed on Wednesday 29th June from 12 pm to provide additional time for parent teacher interviews. I have attached to this newsletter email a form that must be returned to your class teacher prior to next Wednesday. No child will be dismissed at 12pm unless they have returned the form. Please note we can provide supervision for the afternoon if you cannot make alternative arrangements for your child.

Jayne Ebsworthy
16th June 2016
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

I would like to sincerely thank the parent community for their willingness to support our school financially. You are making a significant difference to how we can resource our school.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

80% of our parents have already paid their voluntary contributions. As a school we should be very proud of this collection rate. The funds we receive through the voluntary contributions provide us with additional funds to the funds provided through the Student Centred Funding Model. If you have not already paid your contributions we would appreciate if you could pay these by the end of semester. Every contribution makes a difference to our school’s capacity to resource our school!

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the families who have chosen to donate to our School Building Fund and help us complete stage one of enclosing our undercover area. We have two weeks before the end of the financial year, so if you are in a financial situation where you can make a tax deductible donation we would encourage you to do so. The undercover area can be very cold through winter and we are keen to complete the first stage of enclosing the undercover area this year.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS (P&C) DONATION TO THE SCHOOL

Recently the P&C gave the school $25,000 for the purpose of upgrading our school hall. Over the July holidays our school hall will be freshly painted and carpeted. Cupboards will be installed for the storage of equipment used for assemblies and the room will be divided by attractive room dividers to allow the storage of chairs and other items. This will leave the hall neat and tidy to be used as a meeting or activity area for students, staff, parents or the wider community. We will also be buying storage cabinets and displays for our school library so sporting trophies and shields currently stored in the hall can be moved to the library. I would like to thank the families who have supported our P&C fundraising events, and in particular for your support of the recent 40th Anniversary Fair. I value highly the work of our P&C and encourage you to get involved in their work. Their next meeting will be Monday 1st August at 7 pm in our newly furbished school hall.

Come along and check it out!

MARVELLEOUS MOSAICS

Sculptural message sticks are now installed around various locations around our school grounds.

During our recent Artist-in Residence program students from Pre-Primary through to Year 6 enjoyed working with our Visual Arts Specialist Teacher and the Workshed Mosaic Team creating individual artworks.

Each class worked within the theme of the Noongar Six Seasons; selecting shapes and colours appropriate to the climate, plants and animals. Handmade clay tiles name each season -

Makuru - June & July
Djilba - August & September
Kambarang - October & November
Birak - December & January
Bunnuru - February & March
Djeran - April & May

In addition, the sculptural message sticks also form navigational markers indicating North, South, East and West.

With many thanks to our amazing gardener Anthony Warby and the team from Workshed Mosaics for all the extra effort installing our student artworks and to the parents and wider community for supporting our students in their creative endeavour.
ENROLMENTS 2017

Application for new enrolments in 2017 school year are now open and should be made by Friday 27th July 2016

You will need to apply to enrol if:

- Your child is starting kindergarten in 2017 (Born 1st July 2012-30th June 2013)
- If your child is in Burrendah Primary School kindergarten and you live outside the school intake boundary

All other children do not need to enrol. We will assume they are coming back to Burrendah in 2017 unless you tell us otherwise. Please inform the office if for any reason your children will not be attending Burrendah next year.

Parents of Year 6 students must enrol their students in a secondary school. Please make sure you have enrolled your child at their local secondary school by the end of this term.

Please ensure you bring the appropriate documentation with you, when enrolling for 2017

- Childs Birth Certificate
- Passport of child and parents (if not born in Australia)
- Visa Documentation
- Immunisation Details
- Proof of Residence — utilities bill or rental agreement

Zoo Visit

On Tuesday 14th June 2016, the Year 2 students visited the zoo. Although we were looking specifically at endangered Australian animals, we got to see almost all of the animals (even some extinct dinosaurs!). We enjoyed an educational experience called ‘Save a Tree for Me’, where we learnt about the threats to the habitats of some of Australia’s most precious creatures. We learned about what we can do to help reduce some of those threats.

The students of Burrendah PS behaved in an exemplary manner, we had beautiful winter sunshine and had a whole day of exercise whilst doing valuable learning. This made the day thoroughly enjoyable for the parent helpers, teachers and all students. As Ethan from Room 21 said “I’ve had the best day ever!” We agree with Ethan!

Year 2 teachers
PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS 2016

In Week 10, parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child’s Semester 1 Report, which will go home on Friday 24 June. To accommodate parent-teacher interviews there will be a half day closure on Wednesday 29 June. In addition to this half day closure there will be a variety of time slots offered by teacher from Monday 27 – Thursday 30 June.

On Monday 20 June a letter to parent will go home with instructions on how to access the online booking process. Bookings will need to be finalized by Sunday 26 June at 9:00 pm so that teachers are prepared for these interviews in Week 10.

For parents that do not have internet access, you may ask our School Officers at the front office or ring them on 9332 3700 to make bookings on your behalf from Monday 20 June – Friday 24 June. Interviews are limited and strictly 15 minutes. They should only include the main classroom teacher and specialists. If you require more time or cannot attend during the scheduled times, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

OUT OF SCHOOL STAR

Connor played on Monday 13th June in the Primary School Golf Competition at Cottesloe Golf Club. He finished in 3rd place out of 43 players.

Connor played at Hillview Golf Club on Sunday and finished in 1st place out of 20 players. He has won 6 out of 6 competitions at different golf clubs around Perth so far this year in the My Golf Tour and now 3rd in the Primary School Competition. Well done Connor. Watch out Tiger Woods!

EALD PARENT NETWORK GROUP

Meets tomorrow morning at 9am in the EALD room

June 17 2016

This week we will be talking about reporting. Please join us.
OUR BRAIDY DOLLS NEED SOME TLC!

Can you help us?

Part of our connected practice across our school includes the use of ‘Braidy Dolls’ as an instructional tool to support the teaching of the narrative genre.

The dolls create an explicit awareness of the parts of a narrative story. They support students in the oral retell of a story and also the writing of a narrative story.

Your children have been using these dolls and some of them are a little worn. If you are good with a needle and thread and you have the time Mrs Whitwell in our library would love to hear from you.

Otherwise, you can leave a message at the office and Mrs Whitwell will be in touch with you.

P-2 SKIP-A-THON

The students in Pre-Primary, Years 1 and 2 have been putting their hearts into action for the last 7 weeks to prepare them for the Skip-a-thon next Wednesday 22nd June 2016. This event will not only give the students an opportunity to demonstrate the skills that they have learnt in the daily fitness program, but also raise money for classroom and playground sport equipment. All parents are invited to attend and participate in the activities with the children. We particularly need helpers to hold and turn ropes.

We hope that you can support your child and Burrendah Primary School and return completed sponsorship forms and money by Wednesday 20 July 2016.

Each child that raises $40+ will go in the draw to win a fantastic Bullet scooter.
VALUES
Burrendah’s values for the next fortnight are Understanding & Tolerance and Respect.

UNDERSTANDING
Understanding is using our mind to think clearly, paying careful attention to the things around us. Understanding is the power to think and learn and also to care.

TOLERANCE
Being tolerant is accepting differences and not expecting others to think, act, look or speak the same.

RESPECT
We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. We treat others kindly and we follow the rules in our family and school.

CULTURE CLUB
SOUTH KOREA
The last two sessions of Culture Club were very engaging for all involved. In Session 2 we learned about some unique indoor games that Korean children play. One involved making our own equipment with cardboard. Easy to make the equipment but it was a hard game to master. The other game was very similar to “knuckle bones” or “Jack stones”.

Session 3 was all about special Korean celebrations and food. Many of our students were surprised to learn that Koreans also celebrate the Lunar New Year with a holiday, special food and even receive red envelopes with money just like our Chinese families do.

We all had chopstick lessons and tried some special chicken soup with rice cakes and seaweed. It was so delicious! The parents had also prepared a variety of sweet treats for us to try. These were a big hit!! We must commend the students for keeping an open mind and being so willing to try different food using chopsticks. Well done!!

A big thank you to all our mums once again. A special thank you to Park; Daniel, Elijah and Yae Na Kim’s mum for doing all the cooking for the day. We were so lucky to be able to try such a wide variety of food last Friday. Last Korean Club session will be next Friday, June 23. Next Term - Brazil!!

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Diary Dates
22nd June Faction Cross Country Yrs 3 - 6
22nd June Skip - a - thon Yrs PP - 2
24th June Yr 5/6 Winter Interschool Carnival
29th June 1/2 Day School Closure
1st July Community Assembly Rms 22, 24
1st July End of Term 2