THE PHILIPPINES DISASTER

Without seeing the graphic pictures in the media, the destruction caused by Typhoon Haiyan to the Philippines is unimaginable. At least six of the archipelago’s seven thousand islands were seriously damaged, with Leyte, Samar and the northern part of Cenu bearing brunt of the typhoon’s rampage.

It is believed ten thousand people are dead and it is feared that up to nine million people, of which there are four million children, have been affected. This is a disaster on a massive scale. International aid is being convoyed to the Philippines to assist with immediate needs of medical assistance, water, food, clothing and shelter.

We all feel so helpless and all want to help. On behalf of the Burwood Heights Primary School community, School Council has allocated $5,000 to cover the cost of a container which is filled with educational needs and temporary shelter to help in re-establishing schools and a routine for the children.
Prep M – Krisoula M for being a kind and caring friend to all in Prep M in particular our new students. You are wonderful!
Prep W – Ida R for putting in 110% in all her work and completing her first writing recount. You rock!
Grade 1/2A – Henry S–P for independently sounding out his words when writing his story about going on a bear hunt. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2E – Kaelyn S for always persisting with her work and never giving up. You’re a star!
Grade 1/2T - Vritika S for a great job editing a first draft and turning it into an interesting piece of writing that included lots of detail and information. Well done!
Grade 1/2WM – Sylvain P-L for a fantastic writing effort to include quotation marks in his recount of going Bear Hunt.
Grade 3/4A – Aidan D for producing an amazing tessellating design in Mathematics! Fantastic Work!
Grade 3/4G – Byron B for doing his best reading, even when he wasn’t feeling well! Great work.
Grade 3/4J – Maeve C, Dana B and Joyce S for showing a very responsible attitude to their learning by using part of their lunchbreak for extra study.
Grade 3/4P – Whole Class for setting a new record and finishing in lightning speed for our Homecrafts class. Keep up the awesome work 3/4P!
Grade 5/6A – Enola Z for applying herself in her number group and achieving great success. You should be so proud! You Rock!
Grade 5/6H – Ella B for being a successful and supportive participant in group work, as well as an effective independent worker. Well done.
Grade 5/6L – Susanna T for creating a very detailed procedural writing piece about making a pizza.
Grade 5/6M – Heath D for the excellent detail and presentation in his procedural task on ‘How to make a Pizza’. Keep it up champ!

BICYCLE HELMET TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS.
Research shows that by wearing a bicycle helmet reduces the risk of head injury by up to seventy-four per cent. Children should always wear a helmet when using wheeled items such as tricycles, bicycles, scooters, when travelling on the back of an adult’s bicycle or in a bicycle trailer.
If you start with the habit early it means it is more likely to continue as your child grows.
It is important to teach your child to take his/her helmet off when moving to another activity as the straps can get caught on play equipment.

HOMECRAFTS - Tamay F for consistently being a friendly and hard-working student in Homecrafts.
VISUAL ARTS AWARD - Kaelyn S for her excellent focus during art class and her exciting use of line in her art work. Well done!!!

PREP 2014 INFORMATION NIGHT
A Prep Information Night was conducted last Tuesday night. It was a great to see so many new and current families there. I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Fahey, Miss Morgan and Miss Politino.

PREP 2014 TRANSITION
The final session of the PREP TRANSITION PROGRAMMES will be from 9.15am to 10.45am TOMORROW.

Prep W – Ida R for putting in 110% in all her work and completing her first writing recount. You rock!

LEST WE FORGET
On Monday 11th November, students and staff observed a minute silence at 10.45am to remember the sacrifice made by many in Australia’s cause in wars and war-like conflict. Level Four students led the service.
ELECTION OF 2014 SCHOOL LEADERS

On December 2nd we will be holding elections for School Captains, School Sports Captains, President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Student Representative Council, School Arts Captains and School House Captains. The class representatives for the Student Representative Council will be elected in early February 2014.

Students should prepare a short speech on why they wish to be a school leader in 2014 outlining their skills, abilities and personal qualities, which would make them suitable for the position. The speech should be no longer than two minutes.

I encourage all students to put themselves forward if they wish to be a leader next year.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

It is that time of year that along with different illnesses there is a lot of hayfever. If you child requires any sort of medication to be taken at school you must fill out a permission to administer medication form and medications should be in the original packaging (if possible). Medication should never be kept in a students bag, always be given to the teacher or office. This form is available from the school office.

CURRICULUM DAY

Last curriculum day for the year is on Friday 6th December, please make alternative care arrangements for you child on this day. OSCH Club will not be running on this day.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

For 2014, the EMA application process and EMA payment rates will remain unchanged. The EMA programme will cease from 1st January 2015.

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term One (28th January 2014 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term Three (14th July 2014)

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28th February 2014.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $200.00 Prep students for Year One to Six students $150.00.

The first instalment will be $140.00 for Prep and $105.00 for students in Years One to Six. The second instalment will have a payment amount of $60.00 for Prep and for Years One to Six it will be $45.00.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who have paid the first instalment of 2014 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 28th February and prior to 14th July must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

EMA application forms are available from the school office.
**LOST PROPERTY**

It is really incredible to see so many unnamed items of school uniform and the ever increasing number of unclaimed articles of clothing. I ask parents to please check in the Lost Property table located in the junior building if they are missing any school uniform garments, lunch boxes or drink bottles.

**Supervision of Students**

A reminder to all parents that there is **no teacher on duty until 8:45am** and that unless prior arrangements have been made, students **should not** be arriving at school until 8:45am. This gives students plenty of opportunity to catch up with friends or have a play prior to starting the school day at 9:00am. There are, however, occasions when a student/s may need to be at school prior to this time. **Parents MUST speak to Mrs Mason or Mrs Millen at the office if this is necessary.** Such students must sign in at the office prior to going to the assigned classroom. Students may choose to bring a book to read, a colouring book and pencils or might choose to complete their homework during this time. No electronic games are permitted at school. **I know that you will respect the right of teachers to arrive early at school in order to prepare work without additional responsibilities of supervision by complying with this matter of student supervision. Thank you.**

**Payments**

Payment for student requisites and materials for 2014 and school maintenance contribution can be made on Thursday 28th November 2013, between 3.00 and 5.30pm OR Tuesday 28th January, 2013 between 9.00am and 12.00pm. Remember you can also pay by direct deposit, please contact the office for further details and family reference number.

**Earlybird**

**Early Bird Payment**

Once again, as an incentive for early payment, we are offering a ticket in a draw for one student’s contribution to be free. This draw will take place on Friday, 13th December, 2013.

**Mobile Phones**

A reminder to students who bring their mobile phone to school, it must be handed in to the office at the beginning of the day for safe keeping and picked up after school.

**Basketball Times for This Week**

- **Burwood Heights Tigers**: 3.50pm Crt 1
- **Burwood Heights Storm**: 3.50pm Crt 2
- **Burwood Heights Bulls**: BYE
- **Burwood Heights Razorbacks**: 4.35pm Crt 5
- **Burwood Heights Lakers**: 4.35pm Crt 5

**Lice Detection**

I ask that every parent regularly check their child’s/children’s hair for lice. There have been a number of cases of head lice throughout the school. It is very important that if you detect head lice in your child hair, they are treated before returning to school.
HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!

BOOKING TIMES EXTENDED FOR FAMILY PORTRAITS!

Due to the large number of bookings for Family Portraits on Saturday 30th November, appointment times have been extended to 4.30 pm. Please book early as times are filling fast. You can book online, complete the voucher in today’s newsletter and return it to the school with payment of $15.00, or you can pick up a flyer at the office. Your $15.00 entitles you to 1 X 10 x 13 Fundraising Portrait in your choice of colour or black and white. Shy adults need not be photographed – the photographer will take children only photos. Great value and a great Christmas idea for families!! Bookings close Friday 22nd November.

Thank you to those families who have already booked – details on exactly where within the school the photos will be taken will be sent home on Monday 25th November.

Vicki Fahey
On behalf of Classroom Co-ordinators

WANTED!!

Lovely Level One and Two parents who are interested in helping out on an activity on Junior School Sports Day on Friday 22nd November. You would explain the activity to the students and then assist the House Captains in running the activity. If you are interested please let your child’s teacher or Miss Morgan know.

With thanks, Level One and Two teachers.

CLASSROOM CO-ORDINATORS MEETING

Would any classroom co-ordinator who can help staple raffle tickets for the End of Year Raffle please meet in my room on Monday 25th November.

Thank you,
Vicki Fahey
Wednesday 20th November is BHPS Walk to School Day. We encourage, where possible, for students to walk to school on this day. The below teachers will be at the following stations to guide your children to school. Teachers will be at their post a few minutes before 8:30 ready to leave with their group at 8:30. If you live away from one of these stations you can have an adult drop you off by 8:30 and can walk with the teacher.

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GARDEN VIEWS

Hello......Weekly, wild weather whips up winds. Wary wayfarers wonder whether wind will weaken when, warm weather waxes ‘n wanes, we wait!

A group of lads have been digging a hole over seven weeks, pipes have appeared and so they have agreed to shift spots and help dig a mini wetland to be located near the science shed. It will become a place to observe and study critters and plants whose habitat is water, the stuff of biology. They are calling themselves the Wet landers and their digging enthusiasm knows no bounds. Ideas without muscles to make them visible are pointless. Muscles without good ideas can lead to harm. Watch this space...see photo below.

A wee lad baled me up on Friday during the lunchtime circus. He apologised before saying that he thought I was looking old. I said somewhat bemused that that must be because, I was old. He seemed satisfied with that response and continued on his way.

Basma’s mum has a duck to give away. Feel free to duck in and ask at the office for details.

I do wonder when the interest in frying potatoes and making corn will wane. All kinds of coloured bread is still being made, flat breads are being cooked on the volcano hot plate, a spot Mr Rhyder prefers to be on cold days? On hot days we do apple and carrot juice in a wee juicing machine and fruit juice slushies. All these activities are real life. Through them children learn to master hand skills and negotiate with others. As adults we always want to step in and do such things “properly”, “quickly” and “safely” depriving thereby students from the circumstances where whole body learning unfolds. No one complains of boredom in such situations all are spontaneously engaged, one of education’s noble goals.

Argh...guess who needs money? Mr Rhyder and I wish to take ten students to “Trees Alive” in Belgrave at the end of the year for a body based study of levers, wheels, pulleys and muscles. There, after a brief training and gearing up with harness’ and helmets, children climb very tall trees to platforms where they then must either walk while harnessed onto wires or small planks which join with trees some 50 metres away. A multitude of flying foxes also join the trees. One must find courage to step off. Mr Rhyder and I have done the course. We need $250 to covers the costs of entry and gear hire for ten...so...any help would be most appreciated......many thanks
Mr Peter Le Ray

SCHOOL BANKING

Every Wednesday
Attention: All student bankers invited to meet with Vicki from The Commonwealth Bank.
When: Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November
Where: Decking area outside the Library
Time: During lunch time from 1.10pm

What to bring: All tokens and completed redemption coupons to redeem your rewards. 10 tokens = 1 reward, 20 tokens = 2 rewards etc.

All bankers will re commence school banking in 2014 with no more than 9 tokens.

Rewards to choose from:

And limited stock of USB’s and book lights from last year’s rewards

Looking forward to seeing you on the day😊
Hi all,

I hope everyone has been having a good week so far. I've been asked a few questions lately about the Orchard Grove Holiday Program over the end of year break and I thought it might be good to get the info out there with only five weeks left to the end of the school year.

**Q: When does it start?**
The Orchard Grove Holiday Program runs from the 13\textsuperscript{th} January until 28\textsuperscript{th} January.

**Q: Does my child have to attend every day?**
Nope! There's no limit to the amount of times your child can attend the program. We've had children attend every day of the school holidays and sometimes only once. They also don't have to stay the whole day either, the program is completely flexible.

**Q: Will my child know any of the staff there?**
All the staff that have worked at Burwood Heights tend to end up with shifts at Orchard Grove, so there most likely be a familiar staff member there. I can guarantee that all OSHClub staff are friendly and love working with kids.

**Q: What sort of Activities will be offered?**
Each day will have a special theme and activities will be based around the themes. The Holiday program also offers Incursions and Excursions.

Have a great week!
The OSHClub Team

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**Next Week’s Activities : Backwards & Upside Down Week**

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**Parent Information**

OSH program phone: 0423 225 807
Coordinator: LINDSAY
Assistants: MARNI, LIZ, ANTHONY, KERRIE, POOJA, ALEX, RACHELLE
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
The Burwood Heights Netball Club has vacancies for players to join a team for next season, starting in February 2014.

If you will be in Grade 2 or higher next year and would like to play Netball on Saturday mornings at the Vermont South Sportslink Stadium (Hanover Road), please contact Stella Hewson or Julie Pratt before the end of Term 4.

If you would like to play but getting to the Stadium is a challenge, please let us know as there are a number of families willing to help with transport.

Stella Hewson (Secretary) Ph: 0404 856 110 email: rshewson@tpg.com.au
Julie Pratt (Treasurer) Ph: 0409 406 072 email: jules.pratt@gmail.com

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The Oldest tiger in the east

The Mitcham Junior Football Club

Is looking to recruit NEW tiger cubs

For the 2014 football season

In the following age groups

Under 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, and 14s.

So why NOT come and play On the field of the East

The Tiger's roaring again and

ALL NEW PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE

- FREE Membership and insurance
- FREE Official Tiger Hoodie
- The best ground and facilities in the Eastern Football League
- The opportunity to wear the famous Black jumper with the yellow sillk and sing that famous song
  "Oh we are from Tiger Land. Yellow and Black"
- Fully accredited coaching staff and trainers
- Opportunity to play and learn the skills of Australian Rules football
- Guaranteed ground time for all players
- All previous games played at any club carried forward to your new club
- Genuine family orientated club where all players and families are made to feel most welcome
- Train every Friday night under lights and enjoy the family BBQ after every Friday training
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So for a total junior football experience join the Mitcham Tigers

Call Glenn Howseman NOW
On 0403 121 060 or newham@tpg.com.au
To secure your spot for the 2014 football season

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