FROM THE PRINCIPAL … Esther Wood

FINAL MEETING FOR 2013 SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

Last Monday night we had our final meeting for the 2013 school year for School Councillors. I take this opportunity to thank this year’s school councillors for their enthusiastic commitment to our school and for the valuable contribution each makes. Mrs Robyn Bell, as School Council President, has “lead the team” through some very challenging moments, with successful outcomes for the school community.

School Councillors for 2013 were:

Mrs Robyn Bell  
Mr Andrew Crockett  
Mrs Kylie Field  
Mrs Stella Hewson  
Mrs Fran Mason  
Mrs Julie Pratt  
Mr Michael Turner  
Mrs Amanda Brown  
Mrs Vicki Fahey  
Mr Tim Flowers  
Mrs Claire Maharaj  
Mr Robert Nash  
Mr Chris Rhyder  

THANK YOU ALL.

PAYMENT OF REQUISITES

DON’T FORGET 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, 2014, between 9.00am and 12.00pm.

EARLY 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.
PREPARATIONS FOR THE END OF THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

The school year is rapidly coming to an end. Teachers are finalising assessments and writing student reports, which will be forwarded to you on Wednesday 18th December.

Classes have been completed and as everyone has been given an opportunity since 22nd August to the 7th October to place any requests, it is unreasonable to place one at this stage.

Uniform orders have been placed, requisites for next year ordered and curriculum planning is well underway for 2014.

Staffing has been decided and the budgets have been set. This is a difficult process as you would appreciate and, in some instances, very stressful. Some staff members have waited in “limbo” as it has been unclear earlier if there would be employment for them at our school next year, due to the number of enrolments.

Further information about the end-of-year class room and school celebrations (class parties and excursions) will be forwarded to you in the next few weeks. Christmas seems to be just around the corner!

Parents have had many opportunities/reminders to inform me if their child/children would not be attending Burwood Heights Primary School next year. Thank you to those who have provided this information to me in a timely manner.

EXCEL MUSIC OPEN LESSON DAY

On Monday 16th December EXCEL MUSIC will be hosting an Open Lesson Day. Parents will have the opportunity to attend their child’s lesson and observe the progress that has been achieved during the course of the year. It also enables students to perform for an audience which is very important for their musical development and personal growth.

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.

Students in 2013 Years Three to Five will cast their votes.

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

CURRICULUM DAY

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

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.
Prep M – Jasmine R for wonderful efforts with her writing this week. You are a star!

Prep W – Jackson B for his outstanding knowledge of phonograms and being able to use his knowledge to spell challenging words. Well done Jackson!

Grade 1/2A – Holly M for making a big effort in editing her work when completing her recounts and persuasive pieces. Well done, Holly!

Grade 1/2E – Nicholas B & Alex S for being very eager and responsible Big Buddies to a prep student. Great Job!

Grade 1/2T – Harrison L for making up his own challenging Fact Family sum in Maths. Keep up the great work!

Grade 1/2WM – Ricky C–S for great concentration during writing and placing your letters on the base line.

Grade 3/4A – Baiki E for being a friendly and dependable class member to all his peers. Keep it up!

Grade 3/4G – Keana K for trying hard in all her tests. Keep it up!

Grade 3/4J – Jeremy K for a big improvement in concentration during written tasks. A great effort!

Grade 3/4P – Zachary M & Flynn J for organising an amazing action-packed teach the class! Well done boys, fantastic team work!

Grade 5/6A – Kyasha H for her wonderful efforts in completing her pizza procedure. Well Done Kyasha! You Rock!

Grade 5/6H – Zach M for writing clear and detailed steps in your pizza recipe. Great work!

Grade 5/6L – Dorian P for working hard to complete his leadership speech and helping other classmates with their speeches. Well Done Dorian!!

Grade 5/6M – Saurish S for his detailed and well-presented graph on 'Most Young People Don't Smoke'. Well done and keep it up champ!

HOMECRAFTS - Harlee J for having a more positive attitude in the kitchen and for being friendly and polite to the volunteers.

VISUAL ARTS AWARD - Joey P-C for his creative and colourful stage set featuring Tim Burton inspired three-dimensional figures. Well done!

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.

**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.

**PERMISSION FORMS**

Permission forms for 2014 where sent home this week. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. It is important that we receive all these forms back to school for each student.

**BASKETBALL TIMES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Thursday 21st November**

- Burwood Heights Tigers  ---  BYE
- Burwood Heights Storm  ---  BYE
- Burwood Heights Bulls  ---  4.25pm Crt 2
- Burwood Heights Razorbacks  ---  4.00pm Crt 5
- Burwood Heights Lakers  ---  4.35pm Crt 5

**MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

It is that time of year that Students suffer from allergies. 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 and must always be given to the teacher or office. This form is available from the school office.

**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’s hair, they are treated before returning to school.
WANTED!!

Lovely Level One and Two parents who are interested in helping out on an activity on Junior School Sports Day tomorrow. 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.

Community News from Mrs Fahey

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

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

TEA TOWELS
Our fabulous tea towels have been received and orders sent home. I have a very small number of tea towels left, so if you missed out on ordering please see me as soon as possible. Prices are $13.00 each or 3 for $30.
KITCHEN NOTES

At last! We enjoyed eating our garden-grown broad beans over the last fortnight. I love watching these plants grow from late Winter and over the Spring season, as the plants seem to grow a little bit each time I look out of the kitchen window until they're taller than me, and the white flowers give way to the delicious pods of beans. Broad bean season seems so brief and a true sign that Spring has arrived. Preparing them is a labour of love (or something!) as by the time we've podded them from their velvety casing, then peeled them again to reveal their bright green sweetness, we've lost on average seventy five per cent of our yield. So beware! A recipe asking for 400 grams of podded broad beans requires about 1.6 kilograms of unpadded beans…….

34A's Broad bean and Parmesan bruschetta

- 2kg fresh broad beans, podded (to give about 400g)
- 1/3 cup (80ml) olive oil, plus extra to brush
- 3 rosemary sprigs
- 3 garlic cloves, roughly chopped, plus 1 extra garlic clove, halved

• 1 loaf ciabatta, cut into 8 thick slices
• 2 tbs roughly chopped flat-leaf parsley
• 100g parmesan cheese

1. Blanch broad beans in boiling salted water for 1 minute, then plunge into iced water and squeeze beans from skins. Set aside.

2. Warm oil, rosemary and chopped garlic in a pan over very low heat for 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally, to infuse oil. Don't allow garlic to colour.

3. Add beans, 1 tablespoon water and 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Increase heat to medium and cook for 2 minutes or until beans are cooked and bright green.

4. Meanwhile, preheat a chargrill pan or grill to high. Brush ciabatta with oil and grill for 1-2 minutes each side until golden and charred. Rub halved garlic over toasts.

5. Top toasts with beans and a drizzle of oil. Sprinkle with parsley, cheese and black pepper, and serve immediately.

Note: In one lesson, we used a mixture of half broad beans, half green peas. After blanching both vegetables, we “smashed” them lightly together and put them on the bruschetta, adding a sprinkling of fresh mint over the top. Delicious!!!
Hi all,

I hope everyone has been having a good week so far. With only four weeks left of term, we're going to start getting into the swing of Christmas from next week. I'd love to decorate the hall but at the moment we only have one bare Christmas tree and no decorations! We're looking to borrow any decorations that people might not be using this year, so please feel free to drop any decorations off that you would be happy to lend or donate to us.

We've also had a snap lock bag of fourteen Mighty Beanz go missing recently, they're a mixture of normal and Star Wars Beanz. Sometimes OSHClub toys might get mixed up when it's time to go home and accidentally get put in a backpack. We're hoping that might be the case but it has been a couple of weeks since the Mighty Beanz have gone missing and still no sign. We'd love it if our Mighty Beanz reappeared by the end of the term, so please keep an eye out around home for any Mighty Beanz that might not belong there.

Have a great week!
The OSHClub Team

**Next Week's Activities:**

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**Parent Information**

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.

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