Burwood Heights Primary School is committed to providing a caring and challenging learning and teaching environment that equips students with the social, personal and thinking skills to become valued members of the Burwood Heights Primary School and local community.

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL … Esther Wood**

**STUDENT SAFETY IN STAFF CAR**

*DO NOT ENTER*

*The safety of students is our prime concern!*

I remind parents that parking for a short or long period is not allowed in the staff car park. There is clear signage indicating this is a **STAFF CAR PARK**.

There are parents who are disregarding this notice. Yesterday a young student was nearly hit as she ran to her parent’s car to go home.

I urge all parents to show consideration and to be good role models in road safety procedures at all times.

**Sometimes to save a few minutes, your actions could cost a lot more.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Next Monday, 10th March is a public holiday. Labour Day in Australia celebrates workers’ roles in contributing to the nation’s economy. It is an annual public holiday, but its dates vary across the states and territories. It is known as the Eight Hours Day in Tasmania and May Day in the Northern Territory. It commemorates the granting of the eight-hour working day for Australians.

The history of Labour Day spans over a century. It remembers those who struggled and succeeded to ensure decent and fair working conditions applied in Australia. During the mid to late 1800s the working day was long and arduous, where some employees would work up to twelve hours a day, six days a week.

Many Australians saw the need for better working conditions and in the 1850s there was a strong push for this. On April 21, 1856, the stonemasons at the University of Melbourne marched to Parliament to push for an eight-hour working week. An agreement with employees for a forty-eight hour week was eventually reached and Australian welcomed the eight-hour day.

Hence we now have a holiday to celebrate the effort of many to bring in welcomed new work conditions for workers.

Last Monday the Levels Three and Four Barbeque was held in our magnificent Outdoor Learning Classroom. It was a lovely night with perfect conditions - the sun gently shining and little wind. I keep saying that this is such a wonderful environment for everyone….something we all know.

Such evenings are so appreciated by staff, parents and students where they are able to speak to those whom they might not speak to during the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Today was the first of seven swimming sessions for ninety of our Prep to Year Two students.

I thank the Junior School staff for their management of this very valuable programme and parents for their kind support.

It is always a thrill for students in the primary section of the school to visit their siblings in the kindergarten and share this time with them. Next Wednesday, the kindergarten will be abuzz with the chatter and excitement as our youngest community members proudly show their older brothers and sisters what they are doing.

The third session will be conducted on 17th March and the last session on 24th March. All sessions run from 9.10 – 10.30 a.m. I thank Mrs Cooper for her conduct of these sessions.
CLASSROOM AWARDS

Prep M - Joshua P for a wonderful effort with his diary writing! You are a star!

Prep P – Curtis W for a fantastic improvement in his focus during all activities. Keep up the awesome work Curtis!

Grade 1/2E - Billy L for always presenting a well prepared and interesting show & tell. You Star!

Grade 1/2P – Daniel W for working so well with his Maths and completing all work beautifully. Fantastic Daniel!

Grade 1/2V – Liam H for creating challenging addition questions to solve in Mathematics. You're a superstar!

Grade 1/2W- Magot D - for his outstanding effort during phonogram lessons and improving his handwriting

Grade 3/4A- Roy R for being a great help in the classroom and completing all work to a high standard. Well done!

Grade 3/4G - Bella R for trying hard in her writing. Congratulations on writing an interesting Bushfire story.

Grade 3/4C – Jacinta K for improved concentration during writing sessions and for being very kind to other students.

Grade 3/4S - Iefan G for working hard to improve his chapter summary writing during literacy rotations.

Grade 5/6 A - Daniella S for her incredible progress in all areas of her school work and for demonstrating sensational leadership qualities. You're a champion!!

Grade 5/6H - Kieren M for enthusiastically participating in the Maths Online competition, great work Kieren.

Grade 5/6L – Michael F for writing an entertaining narrative about a Lost Ruby Gem. Well Done!!

Grade 5/6M- Vuyo M for always showing a great attitude to learning and completing his work to a high standard. Magnificent!

HOMECRAFTS - Towa W 56H for showing initiative and doing more than was expected of her during and after the cooking lesson.

VISUAL ARTS - Irin K for her realistic drawing of a parrot using charcoal and drawing ink. Well done and keep up the great work!

EVERY DAY COUNTS

FURTHER INFORMATION

There seems to be some confusion over “Every Day Counts”. All that is asked of parents is that their child/children’s absences are explained. It is quite alright for you and the family to take holidays during school time, to meet your circumstances. It is alright for your child not to attend school if he/she is sick or for other personal reasons.

Welcome to Burwood Heights’ subscription service to World Book Encyclopedia. All students, teachers and families can access these great resources online from school and home. We have subscribed to World Book Kids, World Book Student and World Book Advanced. The web link for these great resources is on the BHPS website page under I.C.T. at: http://burwoodhps.vic.edu.au/page/170 or go directly to: http://www.worldbookonline.com/wb/Login?ed=wb&subacct=AU12018

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Mindi Bakopanos (I.C.T. & Library)
GARDEN VIEWS

A big fat possum lives in my ceiling. She squeezes through a small hole under the eaves to get in and out.

To get to her first tree she must pull herself along the top of a 4 metre window. From inside I see half her body and a back and front foot. No matter what the weather is like she heads off to work between 8 and 9pm and returns about 5am.

Until witnessing this ritual I never realised that animals too have a kind of work day where they do chores in the household of nature.

Last week little Charlie and family generously donated two wee floppy eared bunnies to the garden, as well as a nice cage. Unlike the chooks whose job it is to create eggs for the kitchen, cute critters are there for cuddling, what a job.

I can well imagine the guinea pigs and rabbits nervously looking at the sun dial and bracing themselves for the lunch time free for all.

The two ducks now confident in their new abode have begun to venture forth into the wider garden, joining their chook mates, in pest control work. Often I will be digging with a chook standing beside me eagerly eye balling the new dirt. Possibly to her I am just a big featherless chook.

Such simple intimate experiences were available in many households to the children been prior to 1960. Perhaps it is a good thing for modern children to have access to the natural world of plants and critters of all sizes.

Cheers,

Peter LeRay

KITCHEN NOTES

Gorgeous little passionfruit cupcakes for you to try this fortnight 😊

www.bhpskitchennotes.blogspot.com.au

Passionfruit are lovely at the moment and being sold at a very reasonable price.

Passionfruit cupcakes

• 125g butter, softened
• 125g caster sugar
• 4 Tbls passion fruit pulp (about 3 passionfruit)
• 2 eggs lightly beaten
• 150g self raising flour

Icing

• 75g softened butter
• 175g icing sugar, sifted
• Remaining passion fruit pulp (if any left from cakes, otherwise open another one)

What to do

1. Pre-heat oven to 180 degrees and line small cupcake tin with small paper cases (30)
2. Cream (mix) the butter and the sugar together in a large mixing bowl using the electric beaters. It should be fluffy and pale in colour.
3. Add sugar to mixture and then the beaten eggs gradually.
4. Fold sifted flour into the mixture.
5. Divide the mixture evenly between the paper cases and place in an oven. Bake until just risen and golden – approximately 7 – 10 minutes

Icing

1. Using the electric beaters cream (mix) the softened butter with the sifted icing sugar till pale.
2. Add the passion fruit pulp and beat for 30 seconds or until mixed through.
3. When cupcakes are baked and cool, top each one with the passion fruit cupcake with icing.
Our Garden Morning at Kindergarten.

We were privileged to have staff from Bunnings and students from Emmaus come and assist us to replant our vegetable garden. Nicole (3 year old teacher) has liaised with the Bunnings Community Project and we were the happy recipients of this project. Early in the morning kindergarten staff began shovelling soil into the vegetable boxes to be ready for when the children arrived. The children were on the lookout for the Bunnings truck which involved questions about the colour and size. It arrived and children watched staff unload plants, pots, sleepers, mulch and more soil. The children were eager go out and begin planting. Our aim was for all the children to plant some vegetables, work with an adult and talk about nurturing the garden. After planting, they washed their hands and returned inside to ask peers to have their turn. When all the plants were in the garden we headed outside for a group photo. The staff thanked us for our help and we thanked them for coming and bringing all the plants and equipment.

What a wonderful learning experience we had together and we look forward to nurturing our garden and using the produce in our cooking activities in
Hi all,

I hope everyone has been having an awesome week so far. I'd just like to write a big thank you to those parents who have been donating toys to our program. The kids have absolutely loved getting new things to play with and were super excited when a kind family donated quite a few Bionicles earlier this week, the kids spent most of the session building as many as they could and we had a some kids not wanting to go home because of them! We'll continue to post donation ideas each week, the kids really do appreciate being given equipment to use and it's great seeing them come together and share with each other.

As we've hit the halfway mark of the term, it's time to start thinking about what to do during the school holidays. Orchard Grove Primary always runs a fantastic school holiday program with themed days, excursions and incursions. Keep an eye out for School Holiday brochures at our program as well as the office.

**Toy Donations**

We're always looking for new equipment for the children to use and will happily take anything that people might have around home that they aren't using anymore. This week we're looking for:

- Barbies/Dolls
- Toys for Girls

Have a great week!
The OSHClub Team

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**Next Week's Activities :**

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*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.*
Highvale

Highvale Secondary College achieves excellence and high achievement. It is ranked in the top 11% of Victorian Government schools in the state. In 2013, the highest ATAR score achieved was 99.60 and over 8% of the Year 12 cohort received individual study scores of 40+ which included perfect score of 50/50 for Mathematics Method.

Highvale Secondary College has a strong emphasis on teaching and learning where both the staff and students are given targets to achieve. High quality teaching programs and a strong commitment from our staff to professional development enables the College to provide excellent educational outcomes for our students. The College actively supports a Bring Your Own Device program using varied devices to ensure families get the most value out of ICT purchases.

The College has a strong partnership with the major universities with our students being awarded The Monash Prize scholarship from Monash University and acceptance into the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars program from The University of Melbourne. Highvale staff work closely with Deakin University by conducting workshops for pre-service teachers and participating in Vice Chancellor’s discussion groups about future education developments.

Highvale Secondary College is a school with high retention, consistently excellent student attendance rates and an excellent record of over 65% of Year 12 students gaining tertiary entrance into university.

Open Night 18th March 7pm

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