Burwood Heights Primary School’s goal is to educate the whole child. Our students will be at the heart of everything we do.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR RETURNING FAMILIES AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES.

What a wonderful start we have had to our school year! I congratulate staff, students and parents on the extremely successful commencement to 2016. I welcome all our new families to our school community.

It is indeed a very special time of the year as our Prep students adapt to the many changes in their daily routine. Now there is much to think about – bag to pack with lunch box and drink bottle, and the first time to wear the school hat and school uniform. All the Prep students have settled in “like ducks to water” and their parents have coped very well also.

I know Ms Morgan, Mrs Chi and Ms Butta are very enthusiastic and excited at the prospect of teaching this new group of vibrant and keen students. As most of the students attended our kindergarten the students are very familiar with the teachers as are the teachers with the students. It certainly is a recipe of successful transition into school.

Our youngest school community members (three and four-year old kindergarten children) have had shortened sessions this week before they commence their designated times. Ms Laura Dennis, Ms Nicole Blanchard, Mrs Karen Sinis, Ms Anna Sofo-Currenti and Ms Samantha McKnight have been thrilled at how quickly the children have settled.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL … Esther Wood
STAFFING FOR 2016
I welcome Ms Nadia Butta, Ms Jaiden King, Ms Amanda Ekonomides, Ms Clare Matthews, Ms Laura Dennis and Ms Samantha McKnight to staff this year. I know they will enjoy being on staff and add much to the school and kindergarten’s teaching and learning environment. I believe we will all have a very exciting and extremely successful 2016 school year.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

I believe, with the staff we have this year, we should all have a very exciting and extremely successful school year.

This is the first newsletter for 2016 and, by necessity, a rather lengthy one. A newsletter will be forwarded home each Thursday with the eldest child in the family and is available on our website.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

This fund will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

$125.00 per year is paid to eligible primary school students, with $225.00 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are paid directly to the school and are tied to the student.

CSEF applications open from Term One, 2016. Applications must be submitted by the due date.

SCHOOL’ STATEMENT OF VALUES

Attached to this newsletter is the School’s Statement of Values. Please read this carefully.

REMEMBER

On 1st January 2016 new legislation announced as “No Jab. No Play” became law. No children can be enrolled in our kindergarten without relevant documentation.
NOTICE OF SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 
AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the Burwood Heights Primary School Council for 2016. There are six vacancies on School Council for three (3) parent members and two (2) Department of Education and Training (DET) members and one (1) Community member.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be signed by 4.00pm 12th February 2016. If a ballot is required this will close on Friday 29th February 2016.

There are three possible categories of membership. A mandated elected parent category. More than one third of the elected members must be from this category. DET employees can be parent members of their school.

A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal is automatically one of these members.

An optional community category. Its members are co-opted by decision of the council for their special skills, interest and experiences. DET are not eligible to be community members.

Where the number of nominations equals the number of vacancies in any one membership category, there will be no need to go to ballot. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies, a ballot is required.

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LEADERS’ DAY

Last Friday, the Level Four staff conducted Student Leaders’ Day, under the leadership of Mrs Herdman and Mrs Evans where all the Year Six students worked together to understand more about why we have student leaders and what it takes to be effective ones.

It was a most rewarding day for students and teachers, with everyone understanding their roles and responsibilities and valuing what leadership means…and thoroughly enjoying the lunchtime pizzas!

Thank you everyone!

School leaders will be presented with their badges at assembly tomorrow. Parents and visitors most welcome. Assembly commences at 2.45pm.

HOAX PHONE CALLS TO SCHOOLS

Over the last few days you will have read that a number of schools in three Australian States, have received hoax phone calls.

Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please contact me.
Prep B - Eddie F for his amazing start to Prep! Well done Eddie, you're a superstar!

Prep C - Savastian T for settling into Prep and being a fantastic role model for your peers. You are a Superstar!

Prep M - Charlotte S for a wonderful start to her Prep year! You are a star!

Grade 1/2C - Angelina S for working very well at all classroom tasks. Keep up the good work!

Grade 1/2E - Damien L for his effort and valuable contributions to class discussions. Well done!

Grade 1/2P - Joshua P for a positive start to the school year and welcoming new students into the Junior School. Well done Joshua!

Grade 1/2R - Namya N for settling well into Grade Two and helping others who are new to our school. You are a superstar!

Grade 3/4A - Angus C for a wonderful start to Grade Three. Keep it up Angus!

Grade 3/4K - John G for a great, positive start at BHPS and for being an enthusiastic and responsible member of 3/4K

Grade 3/4M - Kobe WB for a terrific start to the New Year and settling in beautifully to Grade Three. You’re a superstar!

Grade 3/4V - Aditya P for starting the year with enthusiasm and finishing work to an excellent standard. Sensational!

Grade 5/6E - Reuben P for stepping out of his comfort zone when presenting to the class why he would be a good SRC representative. Well Done Champ!

Grade 5/6H - Caoimhe F for having a great start at our school, and quickly becoming an valued member of our class. Well done!

Grade 5/6M - Isagani V for always showing initiative in class and being a respectful and responsible member of 5/6M

Grade 5/6W - James F for a wonderful start to Grade Five and for being a helpful and enthusiastic member of our class. Keep up the great work!

HOMECRAFTS - Vladimir T for making a wonderful start in Homecrafts by being a well-mannered and positive Duty Group member.

Scientist Of the Week - Vritika S for displaying a huge level of excitement towards Science this year when told we were using microscopes.

CONGRATULATIONS!

ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life-threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. Common triggers include:

- Food - milk, eggs, peanuts and peanut products, fish, shellfish, cause ninety percent of allergic reactions; however any food can trigger anaphylaxis.
- Bites and stings from bees wasps and jack jumper ants.
- Medication, both over the counter and prescribed, can cause life-threatening allergic reactions.

The key prevention of anaphylaxis in schools is knowledge, awareness and planning. As part of our Risk Management to ensure the safety of students who can have an anaphylactic reaction to nuts and nut products in particular, I request that students do not bring food containing NUTS or NUT PRODUCTS, such as Peanut Butter or Nutella.

If your child has reactions to any of the above, please inform the school immediately if you have not already done so.

CLASS BARBEQUES

What wonderful evening we had on Monday for the class barbeque for our Prep students. Feedback has been extremely positive and it is certainly a great way for parents to meet other parents in such a wonderful environment.

Next Monday night it is the Kindergarten family barbeque and will provide the first real opportunity for parents to meet in a social setting.

INFORMATION NIGHTS

Information Nights have been conducted for Junior and Middle School families, with the Senior School sessions being held tonight. I do hope that you have all found these sessions very enlightening and that they have assisted you in gaining a sound understanding of the curriculum taught at each level and the expectations we have for the students.
INTERVIEW TIMES

All students have brought home with them this week a notice informing you of the available times for your child/children’s teachers to meet you next week. This will provide an opportunity for you to inform your child/children’s teacher of any personal information, issues or concerns which may assist your child’s successful start to the year.

NO HATS! NO PLAY!

A reminder that it is compulsory to wear hats during Terms One and Four. Students not wearing hats are asked to sit outside in the shade rather than play in the sunshine.

MINDFUL MOVEMENT PROGRAMME

As most of you will know we undertook a research project titled the Mindful Movement Project last year. In line with our school’s philosophy of “teaching the whole child” we have included “Awareness Through Movement “ lessons (The Feldenkrais Method) into the programme curriculum for Prep B, 1/2E , 3/4K and 3/4V. Such lessons focus attention on subtle body movement explorations, and help participants discover the links between mind and body. This programme incorporates both awareness through movement exploration, along with more typical mindfulness practices.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

FOR NEW PARENTS IN PARTICULAR

The provision of school crossings is an important service in providing a safe environment for our students.

To support the school crossing supervisors and to improve pedestrian safety outside our school, a number of parking restrictions are in place, including No Stopping areas. The “No Stopping“ areas are in place to improve sight lines for motorists and school crossing supervisors to maximise the crossing’s exposure and safety of pedestrians.

Please be aware that you must park legally at all times. We have been advised that authorised officers will be patrolling schools crossings throughout the year.

SCHOOL NURSE

Sarah Maxwell, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school next week to conduct the Prep Health Assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent)

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and well-being.

Parents are invited to visit or telephone the visiting primary school nurse if there are any general child health issues they wish to discuss.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) who wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to contact the school office.

School Entrant Health Questionnaire forms have been sent home this week. Assessments will commence on Monday 8th February 2016.

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 8:45 am. 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. They will be required to sit at a table or may choose to sit on the floor and need to bring something quiet from home to do during this time. Students may chose 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.
SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is quite apparent that there are some students who are not complying with the school’s uniform. For your information the following applies.

Girl’s (Summer)
Girls can wear royal blue culottes or royal blue shorts and a gold polo neck shirt, all of which are available through the school. Girls may also wear a blue and white “A” line short sleeve dress available in such stores as K Mart and Big W. Royal blue bike shorts may be worn under the dress, but no longer than the dress length. Socks are white and shoes are black.

Girl’s (Winter)
Royal blue track pants, royal blue bootleg pants or royal blue culottes and a monogrammed windcheater are available through the school. The gold polo shirt can be worn under the windcheater. Long sleeve gold polo tops and a royal blue bomber jacket, with a gold striped rib, are also available. White socks and black shoes are worn.

Boys’ (Summer)
Royal blue shorts and gold polo neck shirt, which are available through the school.

Boys’ Winter/Spring
Royal blue track pants and a monogrammed windcheater are available through the school. The gold polo shirt can be worn under the windcheater. Long sleeve gold polo tops and a royal blue bomber jacket, with a gold striped rib, are also available. Grey or white socks and black shoes are worn.

Hats
Slouch hats with the school logo are available from the school. These hats are in line with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Anti-Cancer Council guidelines. It is compulsory to wear the school hat from September 1st to 1st May and the school encourages students to have a hat in their bags at all times.

Footwear
Acceptable footwear includes black lace-up shoes, black T-bar sandals, black velcro shoes and black runners. Thongs and open-toed sandals are not acceptable at school.

Please make sure that all articles of clothing are clearly named.

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE IN CORRECT UNIFORM. If you are having difficulties in this area please let us know.

PERSONAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER’S RISK

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. Please note that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools.

HOUSE NAMES

For those who are new to the school the following information is provided.

FLOREY (Green)
HOWARD FLOREY (1898 – 1968)
Brilliant student and outstanding sportsman. Led a team of scientists that discovered and developed penicillin.

FLYNN (Red)
JOHN FLYNN (1880 – 1951)
Presbyterian Minister, founder and superintendent of the Australian Inland Mission of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. Campaigned for and was successful in commencing an aerial medical service to people living in the bush in remote homesteads and communities.

COWAN (Blue)
EDITH COWAN (1861 – 1932)
Social reformer – worked to secure proper care for mothers and children. For three decades before entering parliament she was prominently involved in women’s political organisations in Western Australia, Australia’s first woman parliamentarian. Among the first women appointed to the bench in 1915.

KENNY (Gold)
ELIZABETH KENNY (1880 – 1952)
Without formal nursing training, she worked as a bush country nurse, treating the first stages of polio and established a clinic in Townsville. She became known for her treatment of polioomyelitis.

LICE DETECTION
I ask that every parent regularly check their child’s/children’s hair for lice. Apparently the very dry weather we have had, has helped to create a wonderful breeding environment for these pesky critters. Maybe the recent rain will make a difference! Please refer to attached Lice Information.
IMPORTANT BOOK CLUB INFORMATION!!

Book Club Issue 1 - 2016 brochures were sent home this week. Items for all year levels are now in a single combined brochure.

Please note the following information so that we can ensure the accurate ordering and prompt delivery of Book Club items to the students.

- Orders are due back by **Friday, 12th of February. Please note: Late orders will not be accepted as orders will be placed on Friday afternoon.**
- Please make sure that all details on the order form are filled in legibly, including **name, grade, number of items and totals.**
- Cheques should be made out to Scholastic Australia **NOT Burwood Heights PS**
- **For Credit card** payments, please follow the instructions on the order form and record your receipt number, **NOT** your credit card number on the order form.
- Check that you are using the **current** Book Club brochure as we are unable to order from previous brochures – The current Book Club is **Issue 1 – 2016.**
- Please return the order forms **in an envelope or zip lock bag with your child’s name, grade and money amount written clearly on the front.**
- Orders to be returned to either **Mrs Millen in the office or Mrs Bakopanos in the Library.**
- **EXACT** money if paying cash, please!!

Mrs. Bakopanos (Librarian)
Hi everyone,

We would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year, 2016! We are very excited to announce that we have a **new permanent assistant**, Nichola! Nichola is currently studying to become a primary school teacher and is very excited to work at OSHClub!

This week at OSHClub has been **GETTING TO KNOW YOU WEEK**! We have enjoyed meeting some new faces and learning things about some of the children that have attended before.

Next week we are excited to prepare for Valentine’s day by having **VALENTINES DAY WEEK**! A whole week to prepare and celebrate the people we love. We can’t wait to make our parents and friends cards and presents to express how much we appreciate them! We look forward to seeing you all.

For any new parents and children, or anyone who hasn’t been to after school care before, please feel free to come and visit and see what we do here! We would love to meet you all and answer any questions you have. 😊

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to call us or contact OSHClub’s Head Office over the Christmas Holidays on (03) 8564 9000.

*The OSHClub Team.*

**Next Week’s Activities:**

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**Parent Information**

OSHC program phone: **0423 225 807**

Coordinator: **JESSICA**

**Assistants: NICHOLA, LILLI & ANASTASIA.**

**OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000**

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.