



Burwood Heights Primary School

Learning for Life!

Issue 1

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Burwood Heights Primary School's goal is to educate the whole child.

Our students are 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 2018.

I welcome all new families to our school community.

The Prep students have settled in "like ducks to water" and their parents have coped very well also. I know Mrs Chi, Mrs Herdman and Ms Dobby are very enthusiastic and excited at the prospect of teaching this new group of vibrant and keen students.

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 Nicole Blanchard, Ms Laura Dennis, Mrs Karen Sinis, Mrs Anna Sofo-Currenti and Mrs Samantha McKnight have the responsibility for the care and guidance of our youngest community members.

STAFFING FOR 2018

I welcome back **Ms Morgan, Mrs Herdman and Mrs Papastergiadis** to Burwood Heights. **Mr Britton, Ms Buckland and Ms Lethbridge** have joined staff this year.

I believe we will all have a very exciting and extremely successful 2018 school year.

Classes for 2018:-

Preps	-	Three
Junior School	-	Five
Middle School	-	Four
Senior School	-	Five



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

RESPECT

Means worthy conduct and thoughts

SENSITIVITY

Means empathetic understanding

Honesty

Means acting ethically and with integrity at all times

RESPONSIBILITY

Means being accountable

ACHIEVEMENT

Means accomplishing

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Diary Dates

FRIDAY	2ND FEBRUARY	PRESENTATION OF BADGES TO SCHOOL LEADERS/MONITORS
MONDAY	5TH FEBRUARY	PREP BARBEQUE
TUESDAY	6TH FEBRUARY	JUNIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY	7TH FEBRUARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT
THURSDAY	8TH FEBRUARY	SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT
MONDAY	12TH FEBRUARY	JUNIOR SCHOOL BARBEQUE
WEDNESDAY	14TH FEBRUARY	HOUSE ATHLETICS
FRIDAY	16TH FEBRUARY	ASSEMBLY
MONDAY	19TH FEBRUARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL BARBEQUE
TUESDAY	20TH FEBRUARY	ART EXCURSION – JUNIOR AND
MONDAY	26TH FEBRUARY	SENIOR SCHOOL BARBEQUE
MONDAY	5TH MARCH	KINDERGARTEN BARBEQUE
MONDAY	5TH – 9TH MARCH	SENIOR SCHOOL CAMP
MONDAY	12TH MARCH	LABOUR DAY
MONDAY	19TH MARCH	SCHOOL COUNCIL
THURSDAY	22ND MARCH	SCHOOL PHOTOS
FRIDAY	23RD MARCH	DISCO
MONDAY	26TH MARCH	INTERIM REPORTS
TUESDAY	29TH MARCH	END OF TERM ONE

WHAT'S ON

WHAT'S ON IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS?

WELCOME BARBEQUES

These are such a wonderful way to meet new families and catch up with those you know so please put these dates in your diary.

On Monday 5th February, from 5.30 to 6.30pm the first community gathering will occur in our wonderful Garden Annex. Our **Prep** students and their families and friends will enjoy one of many memorable times as they get-to-know other parents and their children in such an inviting venue.

Other barbeques will be held on:

- Junior School** - Monday 12th February
- Middle School** - Monday 19th February
- Senior School** - Monday 26th February
- Kindergarten** - Monday 5th March



INFORMATIONS NIGHTS

Parents/guardians are invited to information sessions, where staff will explain the 2018 curriculum that will be covered for your child; what is expected from your child and parents and other relevant information.

- JUNIOR SCHOOL** - Tuesday 6th February,
- MIDDLE SCHOOL** - Wednesday 7th February
- SENIOR SCHOOL** - Thursday 8th February



HOUSE ATHLETICS

The House Athletics (Field and track events) will be held on Wednesday 14th February, at the Bill Sewart Athletics Track, Burwood. Middle and Senior School students will represent their particular House in the athletics competition.

Parents are most welcome to attend and join in the fun. The parent/teacher/student relay is a highlight!

More information to follow.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is every Wednesday. Don't forget to bring your bank book to earn your rewards.

WHAT'S ON

PRESENTATION OF BADGES TO SCHOOL LEADERS

Tomorrow, 2nd February, the school leaders for 2018 will be presented with their school badges at assembly. Parents, relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Assembly will commence at 2.30pm.

CHILD SAFE POLICY

The Victorian Parliamentary inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government organisations found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse.

In response to this finding, the Victorian Government made a number of important changes to ensure children's safety. These changes included the introduction of child safe standards for all organisations that work with children, including schools and a policy reflecting this. Please find attached our school's policy.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAMME 2018



Belinda Lock and Cathy Griffin, visiting primary school nurses from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school on 6th, 8th, 13th and 15th February 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. The contact number for the Primary School Nursing Programme is 8392 9300.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office.

PERSONAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is NOT insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, calculators, sporting equipment and applies to cars parked on school property. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity for any loss or damage to such property, students, staff and visitors are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

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 Council

2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the Burwood Heights Primary School Council for 2018.

There are seven vacancies on School Council for three (3) parent members; two (2) Community Members and two (2) Department of Education and Training (DET) members.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be signed by 4.00pm 9th February 2018. If a ballot is required this will close on Friday 23rd February 2018.

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, interests 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.

<i>Membership Cate-</i>	<i>Term of Office</i>	<i>Number of</i>
Parent Member	From the after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll	Three
Community Member	From the after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll	Two
DET Member	From the after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll	Two

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
Notice of election and call for nominations	Thursday, 1 st February 2018
Closing date for nominations	Friday, 9 th February 2018, at 4.00pm.
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Tuesday, 13 th February 2018
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday 19 th February 2018
Close of ballot	Friday 23 rd February 2018
Vote count	26/02/2018
Declaration of poll	Wednesday 28 th February 2018
Announced in newsletter	Thursday 1 st March 2018
Council Meeting	Monday 19 th March 2018

USEFUL SCHOOL INFORMATION

and friendly reminders!

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF).

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) programme helps eligible parents to ensure that all students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply. A special consideration category also exists.

A payment of \$125.00 for eligible primary school students is paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student.

Victorian government school Prep and Year Seven students who are CSEF recipients are also automatically eligible for a uniform package through State Schools' Relief.

Hat Reminder

Hats are to be worn when students are outside. There should be no sharing of hats between students.

Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named.

Before School Supervision

The school yard is supervised in the mornings between 8.35am and 9.50am and in the afternoon between 3.30pm and 3.45pm.

Lunch Orders

For lunch orders on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, we use Classroom Cuisine.

Orders must be placed before 8:30am and ordered online at www.classroomcuisine.com.au.

For lunch orders on a Tuesday, we use Subway.

Orders must be placed by the Thursday prior. Envelopes are at the office. Correct change only.

IMPORTANT BOOK CLUB INFORMATION!!

Book Club **Issue 1 - 2018** brochures have been sent home.

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

Closing date for orders is: **Friday 16th February.** **Please note: Late orders will not be accepted as orders will be placed on Friday afternoon.**

You may pay by cash, cheque or credit card.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:

All credit card payments must be placed online using the new LOOP system. Go to: scholastic.com.au/LOOP

You do NOT need to return the order form if paying by credit card via the LOOP payment system.

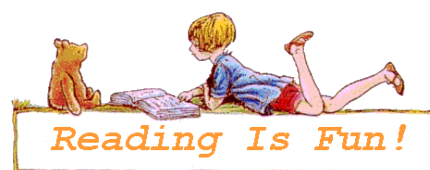
CHEQUES:

Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia, NOT Burwood Heights Primary School.

CASH:

Exact money please. We are unable to give change.

If paying by cash or cheque, make sure that all details on the order form are filled in **legibly, including name, grade, number of items and totals.** Please return the order form **to the office in an envelope or zip lock packet with your child's name, grade and money amount written clearly on the front.** I will collect the orders daily from the office. Please do not bring orders to the Library.



Mrs. Bakopanos
(Librarian)