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

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WELCOME BACK
The first school week of Term Four is almost finished and we all know what a busy time is in front of us – students and staff alike.
Planning for 2017 is well underway, involving decisions for curriculum, specialist programmes and staffing. This is not a straightforward process as it is driven very much by our final enrolment number.

If you know your child will not/may not be attending Burwood Heights Primary School next year, I would greatly appreciate knowing as soon as possible.

The Art Show, where the talents of our students will be showcased, is on 20th October. What a wonderful evening this promises to be for our school community. Please come and support your child/children and celebrate with us the high-level art work that has been created by them.

We commence the process of welcoming our 2017 Prep students in October.

The first of the 2017 PREP TRANSITION PROGRAMMES will be from 9.15am to 10.45am on October 21st, 2016.
Other Transition Programmes will be conducted on 28th October, 4th November and 11th November.
A Prep Information Night will be held on Tuesday, 8th November.

On Sunday, 16th October, the Sapphire, Diamond, Star, Crystal and Sparkle Dance Troupes, Boys Dance and all three Glee Clubs will take the stage at the Whitehorse Spring Festival at 10.00am.

Our Choir and Glee and Dance Group will showcase their talent at OXFAM on 22nd November.

Junior Sports Day is always a fun-filled time for our Junior school students and their parents and on 18th November we are planning to keep up the tradition of having fun whilst participating in sporting activities. More information to follow later.

The Dance and Glee Concert is a “not-to-be-missed” event on 7th December. To see our students perform at the level they do is extremely moving. Not only will our students be performing but also our Parent Dance Group!

As part of the preparation for 2017, our Year Six students will be attending their assigned secondary college on Tuesday, 6th December for their YEAR SEVEN ORIENTATION DAY.

Election of 2016 School Leaders is on 3rd December, with the announcement on 11th December.

Curriculum Day is on 2nd December. This is a student free day.

GRADUATION follows on Wednesday 14th December. The night we celebrate our students learning journey and wish them all the best for their future education.

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.
**PARENT REMINDER**

We are aware that health issues and personal details can change over time. However, I do ask that parents notify the school in writing, of any change in medical or contact details that are not on the original school documents.

**CLASS FORMATION**

The process for student placement for 2017 is about to commence in a few weeks. We aim to have well-balanced classes of students that take into account each student’s social, emotional and academic development and friendship groups.

Class compositions are based on Level groupings (Foundation - Preps; Junior School – Grades One and two; Middle School – Grades Three and Four and Senior School – Grades Five and Six. We endeavour to make optimum use of prior knowledge teachers, parents and others have of each student prior to class placement.

This is a lengthy process and entails much discussion and sharing of information between staff.

If there is any information you consider important for the school to be aware of, please put it in writing and return to me before Monday 10th October.

**There will be no class considerations after this date.**

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**ART SHOW SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

If you can help with the sausage sizzle at the Art Show (5.30 - 7.30 on Thursday 20th October) and have not yet given me your name, could you please leave a message for me at the office. Thanks to the parents who have already volunteered - more details will be coming soon.

Thank you for your help,

Vicki Fahey

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK!**

**Prep B - Bean Y** for a tremendous effort learning all of your words on your sight word ring.

**Prep C - Vicente G** for trying your best in all that you do. Keep up the great work!

**Prep M – Milo W** for a wonderful effort with his writing! Keep up the great work!

**Grade 1/2C – Asher L** for working harder when writing, and listening carefully when others are speaking. Well done!

**Grade 1/2E - Steven E** for putting in a lot of effort and time to enhance your handwriting. It is looking fantastic. Great job!

**Grade 1/2P – Curtis W** for a fantastic effort when writing a detailed recount of your holidays. Well done Curtis!

**Grade 1/2R - Maral A** for writing a brilliant recount about your holidays! Keep up the fantastic work!

**Grade 3/4A – Raphael G** for writing a descriptive recount about your holiday, and remembering to edit appropriately. Keep up the great work, Raphael!

**Grade 3/4K – Chloe L** for being a friendly and sensational member of 3/4K who approaches all learning with enthusiasm! You are a star!

**Grade 3/4M – Abhinn K** for always striving to complete his work to a high standard, and working to extend his knowledge in all subject areas. Keep up the fantastic effort, you’re a superstar!

**Grade 3/4V - Renee O** for writing a fantastic 'Diamante Poem' about peacocks. Keep up the great work!

**Grade 5/6E - Amelia R-L** for showing confidence during Reader's Theatre by using expressive tones and gestures in your performance. Fantastic work Superstar!!

**Grade 5/6H - Ashlee M** for your enthusiasm and hard work during Project Week, and your well written and insightful holiday experience. Well done!

**Grade 5/6M - Samuel R-L** for your mature and responsible manner in class. Your work is always presented so beautifully. Fantastic effort, Samuel!

**Grade 5/6W – Giulian M** for your excellent teamwork and willingness to work with others. Keep up the good work!

**Homecrafts – Josh G 3/4K** for consistently displaying good manners and a friendly and helpful attitude in the kitchen. Well done!

**Scientist of the Week - Samhith A (Prep B)** – for packing up the equipment at the end of the lesson when everyone else had left the mess.
A big THANK YOU to our wonderful Kindergarten families!!!
The Visual Arts Department would like to acknowledge your efforts in helping our fundraising efforts for the ‘Green Thumbs Plant Drive, with the donations of plants.
We also look forward to seeing the Kindergarten’s wonderful art work on display at the Art Show on Thursday October 20th, 5.30 – 7.30pm
Hope to see many Kindergarten families there!

Jacqui Carslake
Visual Arts Teacher

Maths Puzzle!
Odd one out!
Which number is the odd one out in each row?

78 26 28 13 39

18 84 99 62 72

3 5 7 9 13

Answer in next week’s newsletter!

Simply Symmetrical #2
A shape is symmetrical when two halves of it are exactly alike. For example, a heart and a butterfly are symmetrical because, when folded in half, their left sides mirror their right sides. Cut out a magazine picture that is symmetrical. Cut it along the line of symmetry. Paste one half of the picture on the paper. Have your child draw the missing half.

Maths Puzzle Picture
The Art Show is fast approaching and the students have been busy putting the finishing touches to their art work. The student Art Show Committee are working behind the scenes framing and presenting the art work for display, as well as numerous other tasks to help in the successful staging of the Art Show.

Mark in your diaries, Art Show 20th October 2016, 5.30-7.30pm, which is when all will be ready for viewing in the E. Wood Centre. We have a range of catering on the night, including a sausage sizzle, cakes, popcorn and jelly, and bottled water.

The ‘Green Thumbs’ plant stall will have plenty of pickings for your garden or perhaps as gifts for friends and family. Please support us on the night as money raised will go towards the funding of technology within the school. On this front we are still collecting donations of pots and plants, so if you have contributions for this, please leave outside the art room. In particular we are looking to source terracotta pots or empty tins, such as tomato tins; that have been cleaned with the labels removed. Please feel free to spray paint the tins to decorate. Established succulents and plants are also needed.

As in previous years, student art work can be purchased by family members with a gold coin donation for each piece of art work. Students delight in seeing a red sold sticker on their work during the evening. Sold art work can be taken home at the end of the night (7.30pm), or if not taken on the night will be distributed to your child the following week.

Please invite your family, extended family and friends along, to share in what is always a fun filled community event.

Kind regards
Jacqui Carslake - Visual Arts Teacher
Many years ago Australia was only occupied by its original owner, the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people. Over time, people from all over the world have migrated to Australia and now call Australia home.

Students in 5/6H have been researching different immigration stories and discovering when, why and how these new immigrants have come and where they came from.
IMPORTANT BOOK CLUB INFORMATION!!

Book Club Issue 7 - 2016 brochures were sent home this week.

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 14th October**. 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. You may make a single credit card payment for the combined total of several brochures, if you wish.

- 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 7 – 2016**.

- Please return the order forms **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.

- **EXACT** money if paying cash, please!!

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Reading Is Fun!

Mrs. Bakopanos  
(Librarian)