NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 19th November 2015
Week 7 Term 4

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**Family Fun Night – TONIGHT** - Friday 20th November. 5.30 – 8.30pm Bring the family and join in the fun! Be sure to bring the whole family for some great fun! Fun rides for the whole family! Great raffle prizes to be won! Sausages and chicken skewers on the BBQ! Sand Art and Plaster Molds! NO water guns are to be brought to the event. All children attending the event must be supervised by their parents at all times.

**Toys ‘n’ Tucker Collection**

Burnside Public School is again participating in the Toys ‘n’ Tucker collection. All contributions will assist Anglicare in helping families in need this Christmas.

What’s needed:
- Gifts for children and teens  Toys Board games
- Sports equipment  Retail gift cards

Please bring any items that you wish to donate to the school office.

**Assembly Awards – Week 6 term 4**

**Aussie of the Month**
Hand Ball Competition and Spider Drink Day
On Monday, 23rd November is the Hand Ball Competition Grand Final Day. Congratulations to all that entered. The grand finalists are:

Year 2: Hannah v Lucy Oliver v Jinmo
Year 3: Laura v Olivia R Harry v Roger
Year 4: Kahla v Carol Mitchell v Nikolaj
Year 5: Lauren v Hayley Lorenzo v Anay
Year 6: Abigail v Laura Krish v Rohan

All students will be able to watch the grand finals. Spider drinks will be on sale after the competition has finished. The cost of the spider drinks are $2.00. This is a Year 6 Fundraising event.

Helpers Lunch
The Helper’s Lunch is Thursday 3rd December. This is an opportunity to thank parents, friends, scripture and ethics teachers who have helped the staff and students throughout the year. It is a time to acknowledge those parents who may be leaving the school after a long association. The luncheon will be held in the school hall between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. Please keep this day free if you have been a helper at the school this year. Please RSVP to the school office by Friday, 27th November.

Helping Hands Out of Hours School Care
Our new Out of Hours School Care provider, Helping Hands, will be able to offer care on the two School development Days at the end of the year – 17th and 18th December. The enrolment forms have been sent home to each family. Alternately you can register online at www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au or Central Office: 1300 612 462.

Classes for 2016
In order to assist with planning classes for 2016, please complete the form below. This information helps identify students that will be leaving the school (other than Year 6) and students that will be returning late to Burnside Public School. School will commence for students in Years 1 to 6 on Thursday, 28th January 2016. Kindergarten students will commence on Wednesday, 3rd February.

Presentation Night – Wednesday 9th December at the King’s Preparatory School
Plans for the annual presentation night are underway. This is a major event of the year and attendance by all students is strongly encouraged. If for some reason you are unable to attend this event, it is important that teachers are informed as soon as possible. More details will be provided closer to the event.

Library News
Library borrowing has now finished. Please return any library books as soon as possible in preparation for our annual stocktaking.

Regional Cricket Team
Anay competed in the Regional Cricket games which were held near Albury. Their team did extremely well coming runners-up. Well done!

Regional Water Polo
Natasha enjoying her time playing in the Regional Water Polo Team.

Debating Team
The debaters had a difficult debate on Wednesday as they were the negative to Australia is the Best Country to Live In. While the girls did not win, they debated strongly.
Out of School Achievements
On 15th November Chloe competed in the L3 WAG (Womens Artistic Gymnastic) State Championships at SGAC in Rooty Hill. There were 521 girls from all over NSW competing in this division over the weekend. Each competitor completes a routine on all four apparatus (beam, bars, vault and floor). Scores on each apparatus are out of 10 with an overall medal either gold, Silver or Bronze given at the end based on the combined scores. Chloe received a gold medal based on her scores which is the highest medal achievable. Congratulations Chloe!

Gae Bromwich
Acting Principal

Parramatta Mission – Give the Gift of Christmas 2015
If you would like to donate to the Gift of Christmas or help volunteer please visit their website at www.parramattamission.org.au/christmas

Carols by Candlelight at Old Government House, Parramatta (Parramatta Park)
Saturday 12 December 2015
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm Gates open 6.00pm
Start the festive season with a night of carols played by Parramatta City Brass Band. Enjoy performance from Model Farms High School and a visit from Santa Claus.
Entry is via a gold coin and all funds raised go to support Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage (two of our most precious heritage properties)
There will be a sausage sizzle, ice creams, candles, drinks for sale.
Please bring rugs or low chairs for seating at the front of Old Government House.

Penrith Observatory Astronomy Night - Telescopes for Christmas
The Penrith Observatory together with the Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group (WSAAG) will be running an Astronomy Night on Saturday, 28 November from 8pm – 10pm. The evening will include a presentation from WSAAG members who will look at some of the different types of telescopes you could buy for your families and friends, a 3D astronomy movie and stargazing through the University’s computerised telescopes (weather permitting).
Cost: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family.
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatory, What's On
Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@westernsydney.edu.au
STUDENTS LEAVING

Students name(s): ………………………………………………………………………... Class: ………. 

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☐ My child/children will not be attending Burnside Public School in 2016. 
Moving to: ………………………………………………………………………………….. (New school)

Signed: …………………………………………………………………………………… (Parent/Carer)

STUDENTS RETURNING LATE

Students name: …………………………………………………………………………… Class: ………. 

☐ My child/children will be returning to Burnside Public School on: …………………. (anticipated date)

Students name(s): ………………………………………………………………………. 

Signed: …………………………………………………………………………………… (Parent/Carer)

Ethics classes have been running successfully at Burnside for many years now. With the support and skills of wonderful volunteer teachers (current parents at Burnside), we have been offering and delivering carefully designed ethics classes over this time.

Thank you to Jane Wallace, Donna Barlow, Jolene Thorn and Mandy King for their involvement and dedication over the years. Unfortunately we must say goodbye to Jolene, who had been teaching years 5 and 6, and we need another fabulous teacher to take on the role. Thank you to Jane for filling in this past term also.

Please send your expression of interest attention to Donna Kelly via the Burnside School office, by phone, email or in person. We are happy to answer any questions you have in relation to the Ethics classes and look forward to continuing to provide this wonderful program.

Regards,
Donna

FREE SEMINAR
WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS FROM YOU
BY DR JUSTIN COOLEY

Wednesday 9th December
7-9PM
Margaret Catchpole Room
Level 2 / Bourke Community Sector

There are endless do’s and don’ts that surround parenting, and so many of those do’s and don’ts are contradictory: DO set limits, DON’T be too hard on your kids, DO allow freedom, DON’T be too laid back. And with so many ‘experts’ out there telling you how to do what they think is best for your child, it can all get to be too much.

In this session, Justin takes you from confusion to clarity. Combining through the past several decades of parenting research and theories, Justin will share the three essential keys to get to the heart of raising a happy child and creating a connected family.

After a highly successful radio career, Justin returned to school in his late 20’s where he earned his Psychology degree from the University of Qld, and his PhD in psychology from the University of Wollongong. He has written multiple peer-reviewed journal articles and scholarly book chapters, as well as several books on topics about parenting, including the forthcoming ‘21 Days to a Happier Family’ (Penguin Collins, 2016). 

Justin has acted (and continues to act) in an advisory capacity to well-known organisations including Beyond Blue, the Australian Government’s Mental Health, Western Sydney Family Referral Service

A free service that helps children, young people and families to cope during difficult times by linking families with local services providing support and assistance.

We can help you access a broad range of services including:
• Free 24/7 phone line
• Intensive family support
• Link to local services
• Parenting education
• Supported playgroup
• Drug and alcohol services
• Mental health services
• Youth support services
• Health care
• Financial assistance

Western Sydney Family Referral Service
Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm
Email: wsfrs@menz.org.au
Visit: wsfamilyreferral.org.au
Call: 1300 463 373

If you need support now, call your local support service or hospital.