Thursday 19th March 2015
Week 8 Term 1

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Family Fun Night
The first Family Fun Night will be held tomorrow. This promises to be a great event and I encourage everyone to come along. It is an opportunity for all our new families to meet others and to enjoy the Burnside community spirit. Events will commence at 5.30pm and conclude by 8.30pm. There will be entertainment for all the family and a variety of foods/drinks will be on sale (cash only). Please note that parents must accompany their children on this occasion and no alcohol is permitted. There will be some seating available but you might like to bring your own picnic rug and/or fold up chairs. Water pistols or similar devices are not permitted on this occasion.

Sydney West Swimming
Congratulations to all the children who competed at the Sydney West Swimming carnival on Monday. We are proud of your achievements.

High School Enrolment 2015
High School Expression of Interest (EOI) forms were sent home to all students in Year 6 last week. These forms must be completed for every student regardless of which school selected or applied for and returned by Friday 20th March. For more information please contact Mrs. Sansom or myself.

Harmony Day
Burnside will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 30th March. This is a day when we can celebrate our cultural diversity. The message for Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. All children and staff are asked to wear orange or dress in a traditional costume. It is compulsory to wear closed shoes. (No sandals or thongs) There will be a parade of students at 9.00am and parents are encouraged to attend this colourful event.

ICAS Competitions
Students in Years 3 – 6 have the opportunity of entering the English, Mathematics and Science competitions. The competition dates are:
- Science - Wednesday 3rd June
- English - Wednesday 28th July
- Mathematics - Wednesday 11th August

Please return the permission note and payment ($8 per test) by Thursday, 26th March.
Congratulations
To Abigail L who was selected to represent the Zone PSSA at the Sydney West AFL trials.

Easter Hat and Crazy Hair Day
On Thursday 2nd April, K to 2 students are asked to wear Easter hats and 3 – 6 students are asked to do something crazy with their hair. Everyone is asked for a gold coin donation and funds raised will go to Stewart House.

Life Education Program
All students are expected to participate in the Life Education Program to be held in Week 9. This is an integral component of the PD, Health, and PE curriculum. There will also be a P & C organised ‘Healthy Breakfast’ taking place on Monday 23rd March. Students are to bring their own bowl and spoon. Parents are most welcome to join in as there will be ample cereals, fruit, tea and coffee.

Please complete the permission note sent home earlier and return with payment.

The timetable for lessons in the van is listed below. Students will be in Grade groupings:
Monday - 5, 4, 2
Tuesday - 6, K, 3
Wednesday - 4, 1 (19 students), 1 (23 students)

There are a number of products that can be purchased during the visit and these are listed below. If you wish to purchase something, please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope with your child’s name and class.

Harold Hand Ball - $3.00  Harold Key Ring - $3.00
Sticky Note Pad - $1.50  Small Harold Soft Toy - $8.00

Peter Catcliffe
Principal

Reading with your child at home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that these are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home

Single with Children
Each week Single With Children provides fun and exciting social activities for single parents and their children. (Many activities are subsidised or free.) It is a great way to meet and get to know people in your area. To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar, call 1300 300 496 or check out our web site: www.singlewithchildren.com.au

Public speaking
Does your child suffer glossoephobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/public-speaking-in-primary-school

Science starters
Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.

Facts about fractions
If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.

Amazing art
Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar. Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/