Welcome back to another exciting term!

I would like to welcome all Burnside PS students back from their holiday break. I trust everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday, and are looking forward to another great term of learning. A very warm welcome to all new families! I know that you will find our school community friendly, caring and supportive. I certainly have! Thank you so much for a warm welcome as your new relieving Principal. I look forward to working closely with my new school community and the hard working staff and students at Burnside.

The term has started exceptionally well for all students, who have quickly settled into the routine of listening and learning on the first few days back at school, despite the terrible weather conditions. This is a credit to our dedicated staff, working solidly to make it a smooth transition back into school routines for all students. I have visited all classrooms and found the students delightful and engaged in their learning.

School Crossing and Parking

I would like to thank all parents who, despite the poor weather, have parked correctly around the school. Our school crossing personnel has been rated as high by the RMS. This means we are providing a safe and secure crossing procedure for the students at Burnside to ensure everyone arrives and departs from school safely each day. Schools are very busy places, as are the streets surrounding our school. Please work with us in providing our students with a safe environment by always following parking restrictions and the requests of our crossing supervisor.

The Passing of an Australian Legend

During the school holidays Richie Benaud, Australian cricketer and TV broadcaster passed away after a long battle with skin cancer. Richie Benaud began his cricketing career playing as a member of the Burnside cricket team when he was a student at Burnside PS. The school is looking into purchasing a few new cricket books for the library that will be in memory of this famous Australian and past Burnside student.
**Upcoming Events**

**Anzac Assembly** – We are looking forward to commemorating Anzac Day on Friday afternoon. Mrs Sansom and Year 6 have been working diligently to prepare this service for the school. Year 6 parents are invited to attend to listen to their children present this moving tribute to those who have served and those serving in our armed forces.

**Gymnastics** – Gymnastic lessons commence on Friday for our Kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 students. Please ensure you have paid for this event.

**Cross Country Carnival** – Our school cross country carnival will be held next Thursday 30th April. Parents are welcome at this event to cheer on their child. Please ensure you return the permission note as students are required to leave the school grounds and run through the adjacent Kings School site.

**PSSA** – Congratulations to those students who have been selected to represent Burnside PS in the school soccer and netball teams. PSSA begins in week 3. Permission notes and payment must be received by Friday 1st May for students to participate.

**School Uniforms**
The Uniform shop is open every Friday morning 8.45 – 9.15am. The uniform order form can be found on the school website under community/ uniforms. All students will need to be in full winter uniform including a school jacket by Monday week 4 for our school photos.

**School Photographs**
School Photographs will be taken on Monday 11th May (Week 4). Photo notes have been sent home.

**Entertainment Books**
Entertainment Books can now be purchased from the school. The cost of the Greater Sydney West Book is $65, Sydney North/Sydney is $70.

**Stewart House**
Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes need to be returned by Friday 15th May. This charity provides support for students who attend Stewart House each year.

**Opportunity Class (OC) Applications**
An intention to apply note was sent home with all year 4 students today. Please return this slip to the school as soon as possible. All applications must be completed online by Friday 15th May. Online applications open on Monday 27th April.

**Clothing Pool Shop**
The Clothing Pool Shop will be open each Friday morning (8:45am – 9:15am) or orders for uniforms may be placed through the school office.

**Gae Bromwich**
Relieving Principal

**Raising Hope Gala Dinner 2015**
Friday, 20th May at Waterview in Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park –Tickets $200 per seat
Host Mark Taylor will be joined by special guest panelists: Chris Bath, Kirsty Lloyd, Lady Mayoress of Parramatta, and Krista Pav, Indigenous Singer/Songwriter.
Please join us for a fantastic evening, including live entertainment by Tash Elois, canapes, 3 course meal with beverages, raffles and auctions. (Raising Hope for women facing homelessness.)
Visit [www.parramattamission.org.au](http://www.parramattamission.org.au) for more information.

**Wesley Giant Garage Sale**
Wesley Uniting Church grounds at 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill will be holding a Giant Garage Sale on Friday, 1st May 2015 and Saturday, 2nd May 2015 (8am-1pm). Sale items/Stalls will include Books, Records, CDs, DVDs, Clothing, Electrical, Jewellery, Plants, Toys, Furniture, Manchester, White Elephant, Fine Art and China. We will also be providing tea and coffee during sale hours, together with a Sausage Sizzle for lunch on both days, and Bacon and Egg rolls for breakfast on Saturday morning. Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and pick up a bargain (or two) knowing you are helping those families who were recently devastated by Cyclone Pam in the Port Vila area of Vanuatu.