Thursday 2nd April 2015
Week 10 Term 1

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

A Message
As this may be my last newsletter, I wish to acknowledge all those who have made my twelve years at Burnside so rewarding. Your support and positive contributions have helped make this school the incredible place that it is – a school rich in history and tradition yet embracing everything that the 21st century has to offer.

It has been a privilege to be leader of this outstanding school community and I wish you happiness and success in the future.

A warm welcome to Mrs. Gae Bromwich who will commence as Relieving Principal next Term.

School Holidays
Please note that the students return on Tuesday 21st April and they are to wear their winter uniform if the weather is not too warm.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Last week our senior students participated in an exciting excursion to Canberra. The students had a fantastic time and were great ambassadors of Burnside. Thank you to Mrs. Miller-Walton, Mrs. Sansom and Mrs. Vanderlight for giving up their time to support this event.

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

School Cross Country Carnival
The cross country carnival will take place on Thursday 30th April (Term 2, Week 2). All students from K to Year 6 participate in this carnival and it would be helpful to commence training as soon as possible. More information on this event will be sent home early next Term.
Congratulations to both the Junior and Senior Bands on the excellent performances on Tuesday. Well done to the following students who were recognized for their effort this term:

Senior band - Laura G, Luca M
Junior band - Holly A, Riley A

Harmony Day
Thank you for supporting this day of celebration. The students looked great in their colourful outfits. Thank you to Lama Kort for organizing this event.

Congratulations to the following students who received prizes for the Harmony Day competition:

- Kindergarten - Sophie M
- Stage 1 - Ellissa Y
- Stage 2 - Rachel P
- Stage 3 - Daniel S

School Development Day
This will take place on Monday 20th April and is an integral part of the professional learning program in the school. This year there will be a combined Parramatta Learning Community Conference involving the teachers from seven nearby schools.

School Photographs
Please note that school photographs will be taken on Monday 11th May (Week 4 Term 2). Details and an order form will be sent home on the first day back next Term. The dearest pack costs $37.00.

Easter Hat and Crazy Hair Day
Thank you for supporting the parade held today. The hats and hair looked great and the money raised will go to Stewart House. To find out more about Stewart House go to www.stewarthouse.org.au. Thank you to Ms. Gliozerys for organizing this event.

Burnside Bulletin
Early next Term, all students will receive a copy of the Burnside Bulletin for Term 1. Thank you to Adele Wyson-Rich for organizing this enrichment activity for members of the SRC and other interested students.

Daylight saving ending
Remember to put your clocks back an hour when daylight saving ends in NSW at 3am Sunday 5th April. It begins again on Sunday 4th October when clocks go forward one hour.

Working with Children Check
All volunteers in our school will be required to complete a free Working with Children Check by the beginning of 2016. For more details or to apply for a check go to: www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au. This process needs to be done online but if you do not have access to the internet call 9286 7279.

School Security
Please note the following contacts if you notice any suspicious activity in the school grounds during the holidays: School Security Unit 1300 880 021 (24 hour service) or Castle Hill Police 9680 5399

Peter Catliffe
Principal

Reading recovery principles for parents: Back to Basics for K to 4
Date and Time: Tuesday 7 April 2015 from 6pm – 7:30pm, including (Q&A)
Location: Parramatta Library
Ages: parents
Cost: free
Bookings: Online

The Australian Pioneer Village, Rose Street, Wilberforce – Upcoming Events

- 5th April, Easter Sunday: Easter Egg Hunts & Easter Craft and activities
- 6th April, Mad Market Monday: Stalls with craft and food
- 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th April: Craft and other activities – Wally the Magician will be there
- Cost of Entry from 10am-4pm:
  - $5.00 per adult, $3.00 per child
  - $15.00 for 2 adults 2 school aged children (under school age free)