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**Life Education**

The Life Education programs concluded on Tuesday morning with the healthy breakfast sponsored by P&C. The students enjoyed breakfast cereal and fruit served by our parent volunteers. Thank you to Mrs Wallace for organizing this breakfast on behalf of P&C.
Mathletics and Reading Eggs (School Fees)
All students should now be using their mathletics and reading eggs sites. Please see your classroom teacher if your child is experiencing any difficulties.

Zone Swimming Carnival
The Zone Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday. All students performed beautifully with everyone swimming their personal best. The students all displayed outstanding sportsmanship. Congratulations to all students.
Moving onto the regional swimming carnival and not only representing our school but also the Merrylands/Parramatta zone are Michela I, Lucas R, Chloe K, Ava P, Dorthy W, Lauren S, Lucy R, Alex C, Junmo S and Jaiden G. We wish our regional competitors every success!

Assembly Award Recipients Week 5 – Well done!
School Council
The first school council meeting was held Wednesday night. Congratulations to Mrs J Wallace for being elected into the position of president. Our school council and P&C work tirelessly to support the students, staff and families of Burnside Public School.

Stage 3 Camp
Stage 3 camp is fast approaching. All medical forms must be completed online this week in order for students to be counted as attending camp. The students and staff are looking forward to this fun team building, collaborative experience.

Ethics Classes
The Primary Ethics Team have been proudly providing Ethics classes at Burnside for several years now. Currently we have two teachers registered and are looking to build on this.

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in becoming an Ethics Teacher, or would like further information on Primary Ethics at Burnside.

My email address is donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au

Thank you

Donna Kelly
Ethics Coordinator
Burnside Public School

Gae Bromwich
Principal

Penrith Observatory Astronomy Night – Saturday 5 March 2016 (8.00 pm – 10.00 pm)
COSMIC COLLISIONS
From asteroids and comets that collide with Earth to the merging of giant galaxies, collisions in our universe can be dramatic and sometimes devastating events. Not all collisions are extinction events though. This exploration of things that go bump in space will include some of the latest information about the Chelyabinsk meteor event that occurred in 2013. The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.
Cost: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family
Bookings are essential: To book and pay for tickets visit westernsydney.edu.au/observatory
29th Annual Penrith Working Truck Show
Sunday 20th March 2016
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Presentations 4pm - 5pm
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5th Annual Sydney Classic & Antique Trucker Show on 29th May, 2016 (See website for more details)
~ Premier's Reading Challenge ~

The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage students to read and develop a love of, and enthusiasm for, reading. K-2 students entering the Challenge are required to read 30 books, Yr3-6 students are to read 20 books from the relevant book lists by August 19th. Successful students will be awarded a Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate. After completing the Challenge for 4 years, a gold certificate is awarded and after 7 years, a platinum certificate is awarded.

This year's Challenge commences on March 7 and we are aiming for 100% participation from our Burnside students. The PRC books in our Burnside library have been grouped in age levels and labelled, making borrowing easier for students.

All students from years 1 - 6 have been given a Student Reading Log to record their books when reading is complete. At the top of the log is an example of how to record books on the log. Yrs 3-6 are responsible to enter their reading record online themselves. This procedure will be demonstrated at school. K-2 students will have their reading logs entered online at school.

Although this will be administered at school, we would greatly appreciate your help by encouraging your child to read and participate in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. Years 1 & 2 reading logs will largely comprise reading completed in the classroom and library, however it would also be wonderful to see at least 10 books recorded on the student's individual reading log. Kindergarten's participation will be totally school based.

If you would like to find out more about the Premier's Reading Challenge you can go to the website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge or please feel free to talk to the staff in the library.

Mrs Spies
Teacher Librarian