



Burnside Public School

Newsletter



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TERM 1 Week 3

Thursday 14 February 2025

Friday	14 February	Zing Activ starts for years 1-6 Ice Blocks on sale at lunch for \$2.00
Wednesday	19 February	Stage 2 AFL starts – sports uniform for 3C, 4B & 4/5S P&C Meeting – 7pm in the Staffroom
Monday	24 February	Meeting the Teacher Morning – 5A & 6C
Tuesday	25 February	Meeting the Teacher Morning- 1/2O & 2L
Wednesday	26 February	Meeting the Teacher Morning – KM & KF
Thursday	27 February	Meeting the Teacher – 4B, 4/5S & 1R
Friday	28 February	Meeting the Teacher – 3C P&C Family Movie Night
Wednesday	5 March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday	12 March	NAPLAN starts

Principal's Message

Welcome back to school for all our students and welcome to Burnside to all our new families. Thursday was a very happy and positive start to the year with smiling students greeting us all in the morning. Everyone has settled quickly, and all students are developing new relationships with their teachers and new friends. Please make sure that you are reading the messages on the Burnside Enews app and if you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher or the office staff.

Meet the Teacher will be held in week 5.

This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about the class routines, curriculum information and the expectations for the year. The meetings will be held in your child's classroom from 8.30am–9.00am. Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings, however, if you are unable to attend an information sheet will be sent home with your child.

School Shoes & Uniform

Please remember that when purchasing new school shoes that they must be black – no white soles. They should be a supportive shoe as they are worn appropriately 35 hours each week. All students are expected to be in correct school uniform each day. Students are to wear the correct socks – short white fold over socks for girls and short grey fold over socks for boys.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day. It helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine and gives students time to greet their friends before class. It also reduces classroom disruption for all students. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

Bell Times

Students have recess between 11:00 & 11:30am. Eating time will be at 1:20pm and play time will be between 1:30 & 2:00pm.

8:30am - 9:00am	-	Teacher on duty
11:00am - 11:30am	-	Recess
1:20pm - 1:30pm	-	Eating time
1:30pm - 2:00pm	-	Lunch
3:00pm	-	Home time

Selective Schools and OC Test Applications

Applications for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes and Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2026 are now open.

More information about the application process and the application link is at [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#).

Learn more about the changes to the application process at [Changes to the application process for 2026 entry](#).

Applications close on 21 February 2025.

AFL Program at School

We have been fortunate enough to continue in the ACT/NSW AFL program through their diversity and inclusion division. We will have a qualified educator specialist who will be at our school every Wednesday from 12pm delivering a ball skills program. The program has been reduced to a smaller number of students each term this year as they are expanding into other schools. Stage 2 only will be involved in this program in term 1. Students in years 3C, 4B and 4/5S will need to wear their sports uniform on Wednesdays. We are hoping to include other classes in term 2.

School Swimming Carnival – Thank you parents for your support



Kindergarten's First Week



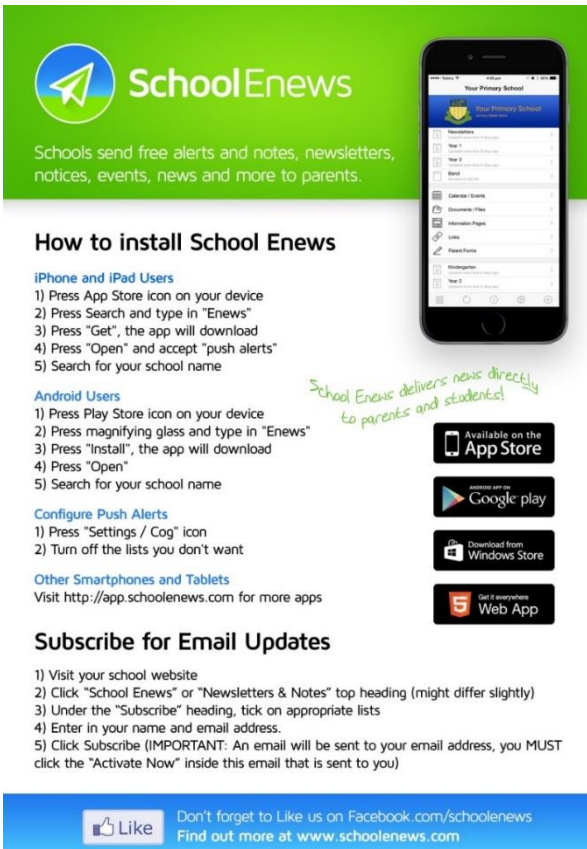
Newsletters

The fortnightly newsletter is our most important form of communication in the school, and it will be emailed home to all families. It will be sent home via email through the SchoolEnews app. If you haven't already done so, please download the Burnside SchoolEnews app on your phone, then visit our website.

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Attendance

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 6 must ensure their child attends school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to school. Dates must be included in the explanation.

Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. Please refer to the **Compulsory School Attendance – Parent Information** for more details on attendance.

School Counsellor

Our school counsellor will again be Justin Lim. He works each Wednesday for one and a half days each fortnight. School counsellors can assist teaching staff to understand the students' learning and behaviour. Counsellors can provide direct counselling to individuals or groups of students. They also help access additional community support and, where appropriate, make referrals to specialist services. If you would like to contact the school counsellor, please call the school office. The school counsellor works with the schools learning and support team to cater for the individual needs of our students.

Staffing for 2025

Principal	Mrs Gill Bennett
Assistant Principal Stage 2	Mrs Rebecca Barrett
Assistant Principal Stage 3	Miss Clare Maroon
Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction	Mrs Elizabeth Frost
Assistant Principal Early Stage 1 & Stage 1	
KF	Miss Jordan Forbes
KM	Miss Maddison Mann (Mon-Wed)
	Mrs Elizabeth Frost (Thurs, Fri)
1R	Ms Joanne Rhodes
1/2O	Ms Fung Ong
2L	Miss Jessica Loch
3C	Miss Elissa Charlton
4B	Mrs Rebecca Barrett
4/5S	Miss Javiera Sobco
5A	Mrs Natalie Alexander
6M	Miss Clare Maroon
Learning Support Teachers	Mrs Sharon Ore
	Mrs Linda Sorokin
	Mrs Barinder Josan
	Mrs Catherine Fullerton
Teacher Librarian	Ms Bea Gliozerys
School Counsellor	Mr Justin Lim
School Administrative Managers	Mrs Carol Vanderlight
	Mrs Amanda Krklinski
	Mrs Michelle White
School Learning Support Officers	Mrs Donna Sicurelli
	Miss Hannah Findley
	Miss Becky van Yzendoorn

Parking and Road Safety

While we understand the parking concerns on Masons Drive, I ask that all parents park safely. No parent should be doubled parked or asking a child to enter or exit a car that is double parked. When picking up students of an afternoon please leave as safely as possible.

The overhead crossing bridge is a safe way for our students to cross Pennant Hills Road. Please remind your child of the safe use of this pedestrian bridge and the correct use of the lift. This includes the importance of ensuring nothing is thrown off the bridge.

Crossing Mason's Drive should only be done at the pedestrian crossing with the crossing person for students or at the lights for students with their parents. I ask that all families are respectful to our crossing person as she works hard to continue to assist in keeping our students safe.

Communication with Teachers

We all live in a busy changing world. At times we are busy but need to be in contact with school staff. If you are wanting to contact a staff member, we recommend the following communication methods.

Low level issues or concerns e.g. not coming in for reading groups, student away, message regarding homework etc. Call the office or email the message to burnside-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au – attention to the staff member.

Moderate Issues – requiring attention within the next few days. Call the office for an appointment or email the concern with attention to the staff member burnside-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Please be aware that during school hours staff are not always on emails as they are engaged with teaching and learning activities. Staff will attend to emails after hours and will respond within a 24-48 hour period. Parents are welcome to come into the office if they require a teacher in the morning. If available, the teacher will come to speak to the parent. For longer matters an appointment time will be set.

High Level of Concern – requiring urgent attention. Please call or come into the office before school. Office staff will find the staff member or an executive to assist you.

All staff are involved in meetings on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Staff also engage in professional development courses after school throughout the year.

Please remember to update your contact numbers with the office if these change, so we can readily access parents and emergency contacts.

Mobile Phones/ Devices/ Smart Watches

Our school Mobile Phone and Device policy states that all devices that can message, take photos or connect to the internet cannot be carried by the child or be in their bag during the day. At Burnside Public School students may only bring mobile phones/devices/ SMART Watches to school if there is a need for them to be able to contact their parents either before arriving at school or in the afternoon after leaving school. Upon arrival at school the phone/ device/ SMART Watch is to be checked in at the school office where it will be turned off and kept securely for the day. It is the child's responsibility to collect the phone/ device/ SMART watch at the end of the day. Parents with an urgent need to be in contact with their child during the day should contact the school office and appropriate steps will be taken to pass on the message or arrangements will be made for the child to return the call on the school phone.

Birthdays

Student safety is important to us during all formal and informal activities at school. When it is your child's birthday, we allow the students to come to school dressed in mufti if they wish to – remembering they must have a pair of enclosed shoes on their feet e.g. trainers.

Students are **not** permitted to bring in any food to share. Please keep this at home for your family and friends' celebrations. Please **do not** send 'party' bags. Please also keep these at home for birthday party celebrations.

P&C INFORMATION

Welcome back we hope everyone had a good break.

- **Welcome to Burnside / 2025 MOVIE NIGHT – SAVE the date**

Join us for our Welcome to Burnside/2025 Movie Night on February 28th! Details coming next week after the P&C meeting. Last year was a hit, so we hope to see you there! The whole family is welcome.



- **P&C Meeting 7pm Wednesday 19th February**

The main topic for discussion is our fundraising and community event ideas for 2025. All input is welcome! Email suggestions to:

burnsidepublicpandc@gmail.com if you can't attend



We also have two vacant positions that were not filled at our AGM last year:

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President supports the role of the President.

FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR Plans, oversees and co-ordinates any fundraising events (not expected to DO everything).

- **Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop is run by carer volunteers and all profits of the uniform shop are returned to school community via P&C initiatives.

Ordering Information: School uniforms can be ordered anytime using the online ordering system. Visit [Burnside Public School Uniform Shop](#) or use the QR Code.



In-Person Purchases: The school uniform shop is open every Friday from 8:45am to 9:15am for new and second-hand clothing purchases.

Delivery Schedule: Uniform deliveries are on Tuesdays and Fridays, except for urgent items like hats.

- **Earn and Return**

Support Burnside P&C by Recycling: Consider Burnside P&C when recycling your eligible cans and bottles.

We have 4 yellow bins so you can drop off your eligible cans and plastic bottles (no glass!) near the hall for P&C to return on your behalf.

Please consider helping the school in this manner. Burnside PS will receive a full **10c** donation per can or bottle.

The app option is still available, contact us for details.



Gill Bennett

Principal