



Burnside Public School

Newsletter



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TERM 1 Week 2

Thursday 5 February 2026

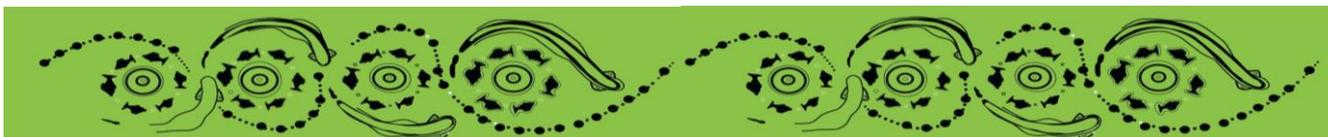
Friday 6 February	School Swimming Carnival – 10am -1pm Granville Pool Ice Blocks on Sale at Lunch \$2.00
Monday 9 February	Meet the Teacher -5/6M
Tuesday 10 February	Band Starts Meet the Teacher – 4/5S
Wednesday 11 February	Meet the Teacher – 3/4A
Thursday 12 February	Meet the Teacher - 1/2O, 2L & 5/6B
Friday 13 February	Meet the Teacher - 1R, KF, KN Reading with Decodables Workshop for kindergarten parents -9am
Monday 16 February	Meet the Teacher – 3C Stage 3 Camp at Narrabeen
Wednesday 18 February	P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday 19 February	Stage 2 Aqua Allies Incursion
Wednesday 25 February	Stage 2 & 3 Olympian Visit
Wednesday 4 March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 11 March	NAPLAN Starts

Principal's Message

Welcome to all our kindergarten families and new students. I hope everyone is getting use to the school routines and school shoes after a summer of sandals and thongs. The students seem to have settled well and are very happy in their new classes. The kindergarten classes will be decided tomorrow, now that the teachers know them better.

Permission and Payments

Please take note of final dates for payments for excursions. The office staff are having to spend a great deal of time reminding parents of overdue payments and permission. Apps and emails will be sent out as general reminders, but very few phone calls should need to be made to remind parents of permission and payments, except for special circumstances, e.g. extended absences.



School Enews

This link will take parents to the parent information page to support your use of School Enews. Please ensure that you have downloaded the app on your phone and have notifications for your child's year group turned on.

<https://www.schoolenews.com/for-parents.html>

Aboriginal Art Design

We have engaged with Bibi Babar (Aunty Bibi) to have an authentic Aboriginal design for our school to use in a variety of ways. One variation of it has been added as the footer for our newsletter. It has also been used on the 2026-year 6 shirts.

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

If your child arrives late to school parents are to bring them to the office and leave them with the office staff who will ensure they get to their classroom safely. **Parents are not permitted to take their child directly to their class once the school day has started.** Arriving at school 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.

School Hours

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



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.

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.

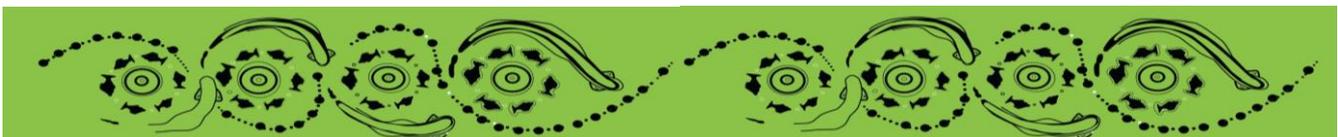
High Level of Concern – requiring urgent attention. Please call or come into the office before school. Office staff will find the staff member or an executive to assist you.

All staff are involved in meetings on 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.



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.

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 on Fridays. 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.



Junior & Senior Bands – Years 3-6

Band sessions will run on Tuesdays, with the first session on **10 February**.

Term 1 2026 rehearsal times

Training Band: 7:50am – 8:50am

Concert Band: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Tutorials will be conducted during school hours

Meet the Teacher Meetings

The Meet the Teacher meetings will start in **week 3 (next week) from Monday 9 February to Monday 16 February**.

These meetings are a quick introduction for the classroom teacher and parents and carers to inform you of the overall expectations for your child's class.

Information will be discussed regarding curriculum, weekly programs, homework and anything extra that is specific to your child's class.

All meetings will be held between 8.30am and 8.55am in your child's classroom. These meetings are just for parents; students will be supervised in the playground.

Monday 9/2- 5/6M

Tuesday 10/2 - 4/5S

Wednesday 11/2 - 3/4A

Thursday 12/2 - 1/2O, 2L & 5/6B

Friday 13/2 - 1R, KF, KN - this will be followed by a Parent Workshop on Reading with Decodable Books for the Kindergarten parents at 9.00am in the library.

Monday 16/2 - 3C

We have endeavoured to avoid clashes for families with multiple children, so that parents and carers can attend each meeting.

If you have any questions about these meetings, speak to your child's teacher or contact the office.

Chess Club

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Burnside Public School is held on Tuesdays from 1:15pm to 2:00pm, starting on 10 February 2026.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem-solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



2026 Staff

Principal	Gill Bennett
Assistant Principal	Rebecca Barrett (5/6B)
Assistant Principal	Clare Maroon (5/6M)
Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction	Elizabeth Frost (KN)
Classroom Teachers	
4/5S	Javiera Sobco
3/4A	Natalie Alexander
3C	Elissa Charlton
2L	Jessica Loch
1/2O	Fung Ong
1R	Joanne Rhodes
KN	Vi Nguyen
KF	Jordan Forbes
Librarian & RFF	Bea Gliozerys
EALD	Linda Sorokin
LaST & Support	Sharon Ore
	Cathy Fullerton
School Counsellor	Justin Lim
Administrative Managers	Amanda Krklinski
	Carol Vanderlight
Administrative Officer	Michelle White
Learning Support Officers	Donna Sicurella
	Hannah Findley
	Rebecca Van Yzendoorn
	Joshua Forbes

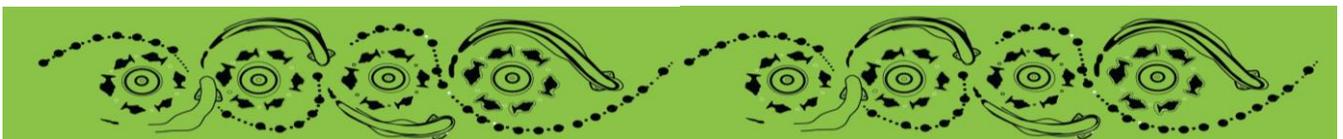
Mrs Frost will be supervising K-2

Mrs Barrett will be supervising Stage 2

Miss Maroon will be supervising Stage 3



Kindergartens' First Week



Some of our 2026 Classes

