



# Burnside Public School

## Newsletter



**Excellence in Learning Excellence in Teaching Excellence in Leadership**

**TERM 4 Week 6**

**Thursday 21 November 2024**

Monday	25 November	Kindergarten Orientation Day 3
Wednesday	20 November	P&C AGM 7pm in Staffroom
Thursday	28 November	Year 6 Special Day Out
Wednesday	4 December	Last Week of Scripture
Tuesday	10 December	Rehearsal Day at Kings
Thursday	12 December	Presentation Evening at Kings from 6:30pm
Monday	16 December	Talent Quest
Tuesday	17 December	Year 6 Graduation Morning Assembly 9:30am and Dinner from 6pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18 December</b>	<b>Students' Last Day</b>
<b>2025</b>		

Friday - Wednesday 31 January – 5 February School development days – no students

**Thursday 6 February All student's first day of school (K-6)**

### Principal's Message

Last Wednesday the Executive Director of Public Schools, Cathy Brennan came to visit our school. She spoke to the student leaders, and executive team, before visiting a few classes. I/2O performed their Three Little Pigs Play, which entertained us all with its clever twist on the story. 1R showed us what experts they are at Heggerty (phonological awareness program). 4B were their normal enthusiastic selves showcasing Maths Warm Ups and to finish her visit she was treated to KAF's group work, where the students demonstrated their writing and spelling development. We discussed our outstanding NAPLAN results and reflected on the many amazing opportunities that Burnside offers our students.

She later thanked me for the visit and wrote the following:

*"I was overwhelmed by the passion and determination you all have to ensure the highest quality, broad and rich curriculum for all students. This was evident in the classrooms, with explicit and engaging teaching and learning, as well as in the further opportunities that the students were able to talk to being afforded. Such a dynamic and committed team."*

### Book in a Day State Champions

Write a Book in a Day challenges teams across Australia to write and illustrate a novel in just 12 hours to raise vital funds for kids' cancer research, stretching the creativity of the teams. Teamwork, resilience and creativity are the names of the game.

Our Write a Book in a Day team from stage 3 created an amazing book called The Soul of Northcote as their entry for the NSW. We were excited to hear that they were shortlisted for the finals. We were so proud when we were announced the NSW Champion School. We are now hoping to publish the book, so that it can be read by the whole community. What an amazing achievement for this team.

## 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.

From this year on, the application period is at the same time and over an extended period, **7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025**. The placement tests will be computer-based and held at external test centres.

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.**

## School Development Days

The last day for students in 2024 is Wednesday 18 December, followed by two School Development Days. The second of these days has been rescheduled due to the staff having completed at least six hours of Professional Learning outside normal school hours. The school office will remain open on both Thursday 19 and Friday 20 December if parents need to contact the school.

Due to the new Teacher's Agreement, the NSW Department of Education has extended the number of school development days to 8 throughout 2025.

Students do not attend on school development days.

School development days for term 1 for staff are Friday 31 January, Monday 3, Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 February. **All students (K-6) start term 1 on Thursday 6 February 2025.**

**The annual school swimming carnival for years 2 - 6 will be held on Friday 7 February.**

Term dates for 2025:

- **Term 1:** Thursday 6 February to Friday 11 April
- **Term 2:** Wednesday 30 April to Friday 4 July
- **Term 3:** Tuesday 22 July to Friday 26 September
- **Term 4:** Tuesday 14 October to Friday 19 December

## Class Placement 2025 – Parent/carer requests in writing

Class placement is an important and complex task which the school invests a lot of time and planning in. Parents and carers are welcome to provide written information by letter or emailing the school. Please have these to me by **Monday 2 December 2024** should there be specific considerations or information about your child/children you would like the school to be aware of when forming 2025 class placements.

These may include:

- social and emotional needs
- academic ability – consideration for additional extension or remediation
- behaviour and past relationship issues that you feel have impacted your child/children.

There are no guarantees all considerations can be implemented due to our limited classes, but please be assured that the Executive, the staff and I always plan classes with the best educational and wellbeing outcomes at the forefront of determining class placements for every student.

## Kindergarten Enrolments for 2025

**Please Enrol Online as soon as possible**

Parents who have children wishing to commence Kindergarten in 2025 need to complete an application to enrol in a NSW Government School form. This form is available via the online enrolment process which can be found on our website or go to [Online Enrolment Application \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/online-enrolment-application) or by collecting an enrolment form from the office.



If you reside outside our local catchment area you will need to complete an Out-of-Area Enrolment for Burnside Public School (also available online at [Online Enrolment Application \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/online-enrolment-application) or in a paper form) and then you will be placed on our waiting list. All siblings need to ensure this process is completed as soon as possible so we can establish if we have additional space for out of area enrolments.

If you have neighbours or friends that maybe interested in coming to Burnside next year, please direct them to the school website or invite to come up to the school office.

## Training Band Information for 2025

The training band still has places for 2025, watch the video below to find out more information

Please download the video through this WeTransfer Link: <https://we.tl/t-RmRrw8u8id>





## Year 6 Disco





## Assembly Awards Weeks 4 and 5



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## The Book in a Day Team

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### P&C AGM – Moved to November 27<sup>th</sup>

We have moved the AGM back a week to give us time to get the account audited for free.

At the meeting we will be voting for the following positions:



**PRESIDENT** The president is responsible for the overseeing of the P&C.

**VICE PRESIDENT x 2** The Vice President supports the role of the President.

**SECRETARY** Keeps a record of all business conducted, distribute any mail received.

**TREASURER** Responsible for the financial aspects of the P&C.

**FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR** Plans, oversees and co-ordinates any fundraising events.

**UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR** Is responsible for the running of the uniform shop.

**BAND CO-ORDINATOR** Liaises with the school staff and community on band matters.

**SOCIAL MEDIA CO-ORDINATOR** keeps the school community informed about P&C business.

**POLICY CO-ORDINATOR** Represents the P&C Committee in all DoE policy matters.

So please come and have your say in who guides the direction of P&C next year – and put your hand up to help, new faces are always welcome.

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### Earn and Return

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



**Don't forget we have 4 yellow bins so you can drop off your eligible and plastic bottles (no glass!) near the hall for P&C to return on your behalf.**

cans

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.

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### Uniform Shop

**The uniform shop is run by school 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 ordering system. Visit [Burnside Public School Uniform Shop](https://burnside-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or use the



the online  
QR Code.

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

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





[www.nrsfc.com.au](http://www.nrsfc.com.au)

# NORTH ROCKS SOCCER CLUB

**Are you looking to join a local  
soccer club that is all about  
fun, fitness and community?**

Registrations for the 2025 season at North Rocks Soccer Club will open in early January. Boys, Girls, Women and Men of all ages and skill levels are welcome.



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North Rocks Soccer Club

Scan for instructions  
on our website to  
register.

