From the Principal...

Welcome Back
I would like to welcome the Burnie Primary School community to the first of our four terms in 2014.

I really enjoyed catching up with most parents and children during book sales, but even more enjoyable was seeing everyone return on the first day of Term 1 last Wednesday. It is a very special day for everyone and the smiles and obvious joy to return to Burnie Primary was something to see. Of particular note was the impact that was made through all children being in their school uniform.

I have asked all students to ensure they make the most of all opportunities presented to them, ensure that they have fun and enjoy themselves, and most importantly place learning at the forefront of everything they do.

Welcome BBQ
Each year our Parents and Friends conduct a welcome back to school BBQ. This year our BBQ will be held on Wednesday 20th February beginning at 6.30 pm. It would great to see as many parents and students attend as possible to welcome our new Burnie Primary School community members.

Please return all Validation forms to the office asap

Grade 6 leaders
Congratulations to the following Grade 6 students who were nominated as our 2014 school leaders

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Staffing
I would like to welcome Mrs Corina Van Essen to our staff. She will be here for the first 6 weeks of the school year whilst Tameika Munday (Grade 5) is recovering from back surgery. Together with this, Kellie Purdon has been appointed Education Facility attendant after the position was advertised towards the end of last year. I would like to welcome both staff members to our school.

Betti-Elle Heres will continue in the school administration position until the position is re-advertised towards the end of this term after the transfer of Karen Hayes.

I am pleased to announce that Debbie Morcom has been appointed to begin our Music classes next week, starting as timetabled on Tuesday. Debbie is also keen to begin Choir and Band. Further information will be available soon. It is expected that Emusicians make themselves available for one or both of these groups.

From a leadership perspective there have been some changes in roles this year at Burnie Primary. In 2013, Nichole Todd was the Grade 3-6 Sector Leader and Amanda Lloyd was the Grade K-2 Sector Leader. This year, Nichole has a K-6 Teaching and Learning responsibility together with the role of Flying Start teacher. Amanda will be the Support Leader with the responsibility of supporting students with learning needs, together with a Grade 4 teaching role.

In terms of communication, a discussion with your child’s class teacher is the first option. These are the people who are teaching your children every day and are best placed to discuss your child’s progress and needs. If you would like to discuss general teaching and learning, parents can make an appointment with Jeff or Nichole. If you would like to discuss specific support and learning needs, then as previously stated, your child’s class teacher is the first point of contact or make an appointment with Amanda Lloyd.

Newsletter Email Distribution
If you would like to receive a copy of Burnie Primary’s fortnightly newsletter via email instead of hardcopy please send your email address, child/ren’s name(s) and class to burnie.primary@education.tas.gov.au

A reminder about the end of day arrangements - bus and collecting children

It is widely recognised that the traffic flow and the congestion at the beginning and end of the school day in Van Diemen’s Crescent is not ideal. During the same times, finding a park is also difficult for parents who want to come into the school to collect their children.

To compound these issues the organisation of children who are catching buses or being collected makes duty of care for the duty teacher very difficult.

In 2013 we initiated a change in the end of day collect arrangements and it is extremely important to strictly enforce this departure point at the end of the day, so that this is more orderly and organised and we can ensure all students are safe during this busy period.

Parents who are collecting children have two options:

- Parents can park their car in a car space or on the crescent and walk to collect their child from the designated area. When collection has occurred it is expected that parents and children use the crossing or walk around the front of the school to return to their car (not walk across the car-park)
- Parents can drive through the car park and stop adjacent to this area. Students will then walk through two car spaces that will be left vacant and join their parents in the car before leaving to allow other parents to collect their children in the same manner.

Some parents who do not drive but still collect their children to walk home should also collect their children from this departure area.

Students who are catching buses are to also wait in this designated area.

Students are asked to abide by the instructions of the duty teacher by ensuring that they do not move off the footpath until instructed and only enter their parent’s car in the designated area.

Last week there were a number of parents who were unable to adhere to these procedures and walked through the car park when it was at its busiest. This placed their children and themselves at high risk. I ask you to adhere to the instructions given in this article. Thank you for your support in this matter.
**Sport**

Burnie Primary School has a proud tradition of sports participation and this year will see a number of options available to our students. As outlined in a newsletter last year and ratified by our school association, a code of conduct will be given to all participants before the seasons start. This code outlines behavioural guidelines for coaches, parents and students and will need to be signed by all parties. I would also like to ask students and parents to look at their busy schedules before committing to a team as they are signing up for a whole season. Furthermore I would like older students to commit to school sport before they commit to club sport.

**EMusicians**

Congratulations to the following group of musicians who have been selected to play in the EMusicians in 2014.

Larni, Cate, Maya, Charlotte, Campbell, Miranda, Valentina, Arnaka, Josie, Summer, Zoe, Paige, Jordan, Melanie, Mia, Bellamy, Georgie, Dakota, Kendall, Zarli

Unfortunately there is a clash over the next two Mondays for some students with swimming. My preference is that grade 3 to 6 students attend Swimming and Water Safety.

**Donna Cross Community Forum**

As part of the Department of Education’s “Building Respectful Schools” priority, school staff have been invited to attend a session led by Donna Cross on May 22nd about Aggression and Bullying. Furthermore there is an invitation for Burnie Primary School representatives to attend a community session on the same day (May 22nd, from 5.30 -7.00 pm). Please read further details on the Donna Cross flyer that accompanies this newsletter. The places for this session are strictly limited to 7 per school. Interested parents and community representatives are to contact Jeff Trifitt to register their interest by Monday March 24th.

**Physical Environment changes**

There has been a concerted effort since the beginning of last year, which will continue into the future to improve the physical environment of the school. In 2012 we enlisted the help of an architect from Launceston to plan and cost certain areas of the school for development.

There have been three significant projects partially completed.

1) Outdoor space for the grade 4 classes at the front of the school
2) More work to the upper primary courtyard including the installation of an outdoor chess board and spray paving both here and in the front entrance
3) The installation of a cricket wicket on the school oval initiated by Marcus Mollison.
4) Relocation of the Peace garden and the Port Arthur Commemoration garden – still at the front of the school where our plaques are located.
5) Painting and re-carpeting of our grade 1 rooms

The school oval has had some significant work to ensure it is ready to conduct our Athletics carnival there in a few weeks. The surface is now very good and we hope to mark a circular track and a 100 metre track shortly, so that children can practise during and after school times.

The Burnie Primary School Community needs to be proud of the facilities and the vast amount of funding that has been used in these upgrades. To this end I would like all people involved in the school to embrace these projects and ensure they are looked after, kept clean and tidy and not damaged.

**Athletics Carnival 2014**

This year’s athletics carnival will be held on the 27th of February at Burnie Primary School. If any parents are able to assist setting up or helping out during the day, please complete and return the following slip to Mrs Davies.

**Athletics Carnival Assistance**

I am able to assist with the Athletics Carnival at Burnie Primary School on the 27th of February.

Child’s name: __________________ Class: ______

Parent’s Name: ____________________________

Signed: __________________ Date: ___________
Attendance Procedures
It is important to note that we achieved our attendance goal last year of improving our attendance by 0.5%. There is a definite link between attendance and student engagement and we take this aspect of school very seriously. Together with this, there is a requirement from all parents under law within the Education Act to send their children to school each day unless there is an explained reason for their absence. The school will continue to remind parents through a text message that they have not explained their child’s absence. This procedure may be modified slightly in the future, but please send an explanation of your child’s absence.

Chaplaincy Program
We introduced the chaplaincy program to the school community in 2013 and printed the roles and responsibilities of the position.

After a decision by the School Association Executive to adopt the program in 2013, I have pleasure in announcing Julie Townsend as our school chaplain again for 2014.

Julie will be working with a number of our students and supporting them with a variety of social skilling programs on Thursdays and Fridays. I am hoping that all children chosen to work with Julie will do so with the support of their parents.

If for whatever reason parents do not want their children to participate, I ask that you complete the form below and return this to school by Tuesday 18th February

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM
I do not wish my child/ren to be involved in the chaplaincy program at Burnie Primary School in 2013
Child/ren Name(s) and Class
________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature________________
Date: ___________________

School Banking Update
Don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. A reminder that the token count is reset at the beginning of each year – you cannot use last year’s tokens in 2014.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

Home for “Triff” the dragon
After a very successful launch at last year’s final assembly and the involvement in the Christmas parade “Triff” the dragon requires a home until the end of the year. It is envisaged that he will be resurrected ready for another public performance at this time, but storage space is at a premium at school and there is no room for this important public figure. If you can help please contact Mr Ben Jones at Burnie Primary.

Return of the questionnaire (reply paid)
During book sales some students from the rural medicine department positioned themselves in the school foyer conducting an important survey. Those who took their questionnaire home are asked to use the reply paid envelope to return their forms asap.

Drink Bottles
Our Grade 6 leaders volunteered some time during Book Sales to help sell the new school drink bottles and book covers (a Parents and Friends fundraiser). We thank them for their time.
Parents and Friends news!
The welcome BBQ is next week, Thursday 20\textsuperscript{th} of February. If you have not received your flyer to this please collect one from the front office so we can organise catering. There will be a free jumping castle, BBQ and ice-cream with the option to buy hot drinks.

The SPIRIT OF BURNIE 1920’S GLAMOUR COCKTAIL PARTY will be held on Saturday 1\textsuperscript{st} of March. Invitations were sent home last week! If you are not the first parent contact in the school files, then please pick up your invitation at the school office. We would love to see many parents and friends there. If you or your workplace could donate an item for the auction please contact the school office. Alternatively, if you can offer help with cooking, preparing or serving the supper on the evening, please contact Cath Simpson (6433 4878) or cath@infusecoffee.com.au

School Banking

It is great to see so many students banking regularly – a reminder that school banking day is every Tuesday. Thanks to Manuela and the new parent volunteers who give their time every week organising school banking. Try and encourage your child to be responsible for organising this each week by prompting them the night before.

AGM for Burnie Primary School Parents and Friends

The Burnie Primary School Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting will be held in two weeks on February 26\textsuperscript{th} at 6pm. Positions that are up for nomination are Patron, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and NWSSPF Representative.

This AGM, in the school staffroom, is expected to only take 30 minutes and will be followed by a general meeting, which should finish by 8pm. We would like to plan our events and activities for the year and plan sub-committees to implement these. Your input is welcome!

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Alternatively, if you can’t make it to the meetings but would like to be involved, you can be included on our mailing list.

To be included on the P&F Email Mailing List, please return the following form to the office:

Please include me on the P&F Mailing List:

Name: __________________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________
What: Kids @ Heart Playgroup

When: Wednesdays- 10:00 - 11:30 am
Commencing: February 26th 2014

Who: Children from birth to pre-school, with parent/s or adult family member (eg. grandparent)

Where: Small Multi-purpose room

What to bring: a piece of fruit and water for children
Protective smocks will be provided.

Pre-Kinder: 10 week program
- For children entering Kinder in 2015 with parent/s or adult family member (eg. grandparent)
- Commencing: Term 4 2014 Wednesday afternoons

Aims to
- support families with resources and information
- support the transition from home to school
- provide parent support through access to community services such as guest speakers.

Coordinator: Rachel Johnson
Phone: 6433 3655
Email: rachel.johnson@education.tas.gov.au
You may have received a letter from your child’s class teacher recently indicating Burnie Primary School’s Home Reading requirements. If you have not, you shortly will do so. All students in Grades 1-6 are expected to read for 15 minutes three times a week. Kinder/Prep teachers will be speaking to parents as the year progresses regarding reading requirements in these grades.

The purpose of our ‘Home Reading Program’ is to further develop children’s reading skills and to promote our partnership with parents in the learning program.

This program provides opportunities for your children

- to share their learning,
- to practise the skills they are developing
- to have fun
- to promote a love of the written word through the use of a variety of texts.

Sometimes children will be sharing

- a book they have read at school
- a book they have personally chosen
- a book chosen for them by their teacher
- a book they have written themselves.

Children may bring home a range of reading material. They may be guided by teachers in their selection of reading material or select their own. Children’s successful reading of these texts is dependent on -

- the vocabulary used in them
- their own experiences
- their interest in the topic.

Sometimes children will be able to read the book by themselves, while at other times they may need support. Home reading can be made up of a combination of the following examples of reading.

- **Reading to** children provides a model of reading for the child, and promotes a love of reading and literature.

- **Reading with** a child occurs when you share a book together. The child gains confidence through the support of a more able reader.

- **Reading by** the child offers time for the child to read appropriate books by themselves. Beginning readers read aloud to further develop their fluency and expression, more competent readers may also do this; or may read silently.
Grade 6

Photobooth
Aggression and Bullying (including Cyberbullying) among Young People

The Department of Education, through the Professional Learning Institute is pleased to invite parents and carers and members of the wider school community to an evening with the internationally acclaimed health educationalist:

Professor Donna Cross

Professor Cross is an internationally renowned health educator from the School of Exercise, Biomedical and Health Science at Edith Cowan University. She has an international profile in school health promotion intervention research and is a renowned campaigner for the wellbeing of children and young people.

Reducing bullying has been the social issue of highest importance to Australian students since 2010 and it is a significant issue impacting on the wider community. Bullying behaviour causes both victims and bullies to experience distress and psychological harm, and impacts the ability to learn effectively.

Her most significant research relates to her work on aggression and bullying (including cyberbullying) among young people. She has also made significant research contributions in the areas of drug use, cigarette smoking, child abuse, HIV and road safety. While much of this research was conducted in Australia she has also been involved in youth-based research throughout the USA, South Africa, Canada, and Japan.

Three regional community forums will be held across the state. The forums are free, however numbers are limited to seven (7) per school.

South:  
When: Tuesday 20 May 2014  
Time: 5:30pm – 7:00 pm  
Where: Derwent Entertainment Centre

North:  
When: Wednesday 21 May 2014  
Time: 5:30pm – 7:00 pm  
Where: The Albert Hall Launceston

North-West:  
When: Thursday 22 May 2014  
Time: 5:30pm – 7:00 pm  
Where: Burnie Arts Centre

Free tickets are available from all schools–Limit seven (7) per school
Closing date Friday 21 March 2014
NEW BURNIE CLASSES COMMENCING 17th FEB:
Movement to Music (3 – 5 years olds) Wednesday 3.15 – 4 pm
Jazz (6 & 7 years) Monday 3.30 pm or Saturday 11.30 am
Jazz (8 – 12 years) Friday 3.30–4.30 pm
Disco (7 – 12 years) Saturday 10.30–11.30 am
Funk (7 – 12 years) Friday 4.30 – 5.30 pm
Rap (8 – 12 years) Friday 6.30 – 7.30 pm
Hip Hop (9 – 13 years) Wednesday 6 – 7 pm
Drama (8 & Over) Fridays 5.30 – 6.30 pm

Call 64 31 86 88 or email us through website: www.reflexionsdancestudio.com

For further details: contact Raelene 0417 125 908 or Jules 0405 283 785

BURNIE BASKETBALL - JUNIOR ROSTERS 2014

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Information regarding SURFGROMS Surf programs, TriKids triathlons, Penguin Basketball rosters and Zodiacs Gymnastic fundraiser can be found on the Parent Noticeboard in the Office Foyer.

BURNIE CONCERT BAND

Junior Band Come and Try Day

Are you 8 years of age or over?
Would you like to try a musical instrument?
Come along to Burnie Concert Band’s Come & Try Day.
Thursday 13th February 5pm.
Cooee Memorial Hall, Saundridge Road, Cooee
Musical instruments available for use on the day, but if you have your own instrument, bring it along.

For more information, contact David Turner on 6431 6870.