PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
Welcome back to school for Term 3; I hope everyone had a happy and enjoyable break. We particularly extend a warm welcome to our new students and staff, and wish them all the best as they settle into our school community.

As you are aware, Term 3 began with a professional learning day for staff. Thank you to the parent community for your support in this area. Our teachers participated in a valuable day of group discussions centred upon the values and beliefs held by BPS staff and the Department of Education as detailed through the ‘Learners First – Connected and Inspired 2014-17’ document. If you are interested in reading the DoE document, it can be found on the Department website. Staff spent the afternoon discussing ways in which the school can improve the delivery of the Australian Curriculum to students, together with enhancing the social and emotional learning of our young people through explicit teaching of social skills.

Thank you to Mr Hodgetts, Mrs French, Mrs Streets, Mrs Purdon and Mrs Wright who cleaned our school over the break; it looks great! The weather this term will be quite wet, and we ask all to please consider the state of your shoes as you enter the school building. If student or visitors shoes are muddy, please give them a good wipe before entering the building. In the interest of Health and Safety, students are not permitted to take off their shoes in class time, unless they have sturdy slippers to put on (not thin slip-on types). The wearing of socks without shoes is not permitted as they do not provide enough protection to the toes if something heavy is dropped on them, or to the underside of the foot if a sharp object such as a pin is stepped on.

The link between student attendance and the educational, social and emotional achievement of students is well researched and documented. We have a very high attendance rate at our school, and I am very proud of this, as you should also be. This means that you, as parents value your child’s education, and expect them to be at school, and we, as educators provide interesting and engaging teaching and learning programs that your children want to be a part of every day. There are, however, times when due to sickness, or other extenuating circumstances your child cannot be at school. In these cases, I ask please that as the parent/guardian, you personally inform the office staff or your child’s teacher either in person, by phone/email or a signed note. We are not able to accept a sibling telling the teacher of a brother or sister who is sick as a reason for absence - it MUST be the parent or guardian. The reason for this is that attendance records can be used in a court of law, and we must ensure as much as possible that we are keeping accurate records. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
You may have noticed there was some building work undertaken over the holiday period. The Kinder rooms now have a glass wall with a folding door separating the two classes. This looks great and I have heard many positive comments about it. There has also been a fence erected between the Milpara building and the BPS Kinder playground. This adds to the security of our young people and will keep pesky balls from travelling down onto the street and needing to be retrieved by staff during recess and lunchtimes! I have had some questions this week regarding the removal of the big gum tree at the start of the laneway into our school. I understand this has saddened some, however the base of the tree was quite rotten—one big bough fell in strong winds onto the oval fence, and the potential for another to fall across the driveway was quite high. I am sure you agree that as unfortunate as it is to have to lose a big beautiful tree from our school grounds, the safety of all is the priority. Thank you to Mr John Hardstaff for removing the tree for us. We will be planting new shrubs and bushes in the area soon. Thank you also to Mr Dylan Halfacre who replaced the flooring for us in the medical room; it looks much brighter and is much easier to clean.

Finally, thank you for the many good wishes and words of encouragement I have received in commencing the position of A/Principal; they have been greatly appreciated. I am tremendously proud to be leading such a fantastic school which I have had the privilege of being a part of for quite a few years now. Many factors make up a great school such as ours, but one of the most important factors is the interest taken, and support given by parents to their child’s education. I strongly believe educating young people is a partnership between school and home. The Burnie Primary parent community is tremendously supportive of the school, and of children in general—a real strength in any school. I look forward to working in partnership with you and our staff over the next two terms as we work towards furthering the education of our young people.

Burnie Swim School is happy to announce there are still limited spots available in the Term 3 Program. These vacancies are in the following classes:

- Wonder 3 (2-3 year olds) at 3pm
- Courage 2-3 (3-5 year olds) at 3.30pm
- Courage 4-5 (3-5 year olds) at 4pm

Burnie Swim School offers the following services:

- 34 Degree Indoor Heated Pool
- Fully Qualified AUSTSWIM Instructor with over 10 years experience
- Royal Life Saving Society's Swim & Survive Program
- Lessons focus on Water Safety to make your child safer in the water
- Every child receives a certificate at end of term
- Fun, friendly and enjoyable lessons
- Great way to bond with your child
- Only 4 students per class to ensure personalised classes
- **When:** Thursdays, during school terms
- **Where:** Oasis Pool Centre, 26 Three Mile Line Road, Burnie
- **Cost:** $13.50 per lesson, per child.
- **Contact:** Stacey Ambrose 0419 118 127
- **Email:** burnieswimschool@outlook.com
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/burnieswimschool

For more information, or to book your child in for Term 3 classes, please contact Stacey Ambrose on 0419 118 127.
Dramatic Play
In imaginative play the thinking and oral language skills of the children are enhanced as they make sense of their world.

Sensory Area
Sensory experiences develop fine motor skills and hand eye coordination and also enhance and encourage creativity.

Construction
When working in the construction area children are able to develop, plan and represent their ideas. They develop problem solving skills and spatial awareness when completing their designs.
Being a Focus Child in Kinder

Burnie Primary School uses Walker Learning, a student engagement and personalised learning approach in Kinder-Grade 2. We call this play-based approach Investigations. One of the core elements of Investigations is focus children. In Kinder focus children have some key roles and children are excited when it’s their turn:

After the teacher has ‘tuned in’ and talked about what the current learning intentions are, each of the 3 focus children are introduced and individually stand at the front of the group for a few minutes and discuss where they would like to start their learning. This time helps encourage important skills, such as building confidence to speak in front of your peers, learning to project your voice so others can hear you, and making decisions.

During Investigations focus children spend a few minutes on their own with their teacher. This is a special time as it provides the opportunity for building relationships, learning about a child’s interests and their capabilities, and a time for the teacher to model skills and concepts based on the developmental needs of that particular child.

At the end of the session focus children report back to the class on their Investigations. This is not a ‘show-and-tell’ session. Instead, children are asked questions and the teacher highlights specific examples of behaviour, skills and values that were noted during their Investigations.
When I was investigating outside, I pretended I was Captain Peter the Pirate like the story we read.

I made lots of patterns. I made a red/white pattern and lots of others. I also played a number guessing game.

My friend and I worked together to build this. We have built a mud slide for cars to go on. The car goes up and down the bumps and at the end it slides down. It’s like the mud thing I saw in Burnie. Dad and my brother did it.

I made a bat. He is hanging upside down at the moment singing a song. He is singing Gangnam Style.
Focus Child
Date: 26th June

Today during Investigations the focus child decided to build her own house out of Lego. She also chose a friend to help her. They worked all morning on this task. They talked, listened, shared and worked co-operatively. Indee demonstrated skills such as persistence, cooperation and tolerance.

Focus Child
Date: 21st March

Today the focus child was interested in performing magic tricks. This is her disappearing trick. Josie was able to talk confidently with excitement in front of the group and act her trick out.
The focus child wanted to spend his investigation time making a submarine.

“This is a submarine that can do anything. The turbo bang at the front makes it go anywhere and even in space, it also goes underwater. It has a jack hammer that cuts through anything”.

The focus child wanted to make a spaceship out of lego for investigations. He chose friends to help him. Before they started they went to the library with Mrs Smith to investigate books on Spaceships. They looked at lots of different pictures of space ships before they started.

“This spaceship kills baddies if they are trying to wreck it. It has four guns and shoots out booms and the booms explode on the baddies. The black blocks are the power to make it go. When the power runs out the rocket can’t go back to earth”.

Focus Child
Date: 20th June

Focus Child
Date: 10th June
Well, what an end to Term 2! The farewell of 3 great men of BPS. What a terrific contribution Mr Jones, Mr O and our illustrious Principal Mr Triffitt all made to the life of our school! They will be dearly missed ☹.

We do however want to congratulate Ms Todd on her appointment as Acting Principal until the end of the year, and Mrs Diana Cohen on her appointment as AST for Term 3. What a coup for our school that our very own staff received these promotions! The incredible benefit of continuity for our students will be very valuable as both these teachers understand first-hand the strong values, ethics and education that our school holds dear.

MEN’S BREAKY – THANK YOU!
Ryan Petterwood led the charge with an outstanding night for the men of our school to connect over a bite and footy game at the end of last term. Many of the Dads commented on how great it was to meet some of the other Dads of the school! So successful in fact they’ve already lined up their next gig; a game of lawn bowls down at the Burnie Green for Term 3! Congrats and many thanks to Ryan Petterwood, ably assisted by Dylan Halfacre!!!

LADIES DESSERT NIGHT – SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST 7:30PM
After the success of the Men’s breaky, several Mums have asked “When is it our turn?” Well, ladies stand by for a ‘chillaxing dessert night’ Saturday 16th August 7:30pm @ 93 View Rd Burnie. BYO your favourite dessert and your preference beverage ☺

SCHOOL FAIR
After our initial planning meeting a decision was made to delay the school fair to Term 4 to allow our school some breathing space after several staffing changes. We’ve moved the date to Friday 14th November! Huge thanks to Dylan Halfacre who has agreed to Coordinate the School Fair and will be assisted by Natalia Ross!!!

ARTS PROGRAM
There has been a lot of discussion about the implementation of this new program and I wanted to share some of the feedback that I’ve received ☺. I’ve talked with many students now to see how they are enjoying these classes and I got a resounding “Love it!” from a broad cross section of students. Thanks must go to Kay Hamilton who has done an outstanding job implementing this fantastic program! Verdict = Kids are loving it!
Burnie Girl Guides' annual

GARAGE SALE

Varied stalls

Car Wash

Sausage sizzle & hot pies

BARGAINS!

August 23rd
BURNIE GUIDE HALL
15 Howe Street
8.30am - 2.30pm

Please call 6432 1164
or 6431 1708
if you would like to donate goods or book a stall
Collection of items can be arranged
# Dates to Remember

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**Devonport Netball Carnival**

**Sunday 14th September**

Selections for U/10 will be held on 5th August at Howe Street

4:00-5:30pm

Please ring Jeannie 0417 796 183 or Wendy 0429 030 134 if unable to attend.