Busy bees in Kinder
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

FOOD SAFETY
Within our school community there are several people with a severe and potentially life threatening condition when they ingest or come into contact with nuts. There is a strong likelihood an anaphylactic reaction will occur, causing significant, life-threatening breathing difficulties. Whilst school staff have an action plan in place for the wellbeing of these students, we aim to prevent this from happening. Therefore, I ask that families please do not send nuts to school, in particular any food items containing cashews, or peanuts. I am sure you will join us in caring for all the young people in our Burnie Primary School community, and I thank you for considering the safety and well-being of all as a priority.

SOCIAL MEDIA
As I am sure you are aware, social media plays a large part in many people's lives. Generally, it plays a positive and helpful role in accessing loved ones, sharing information and connecting with others. There are times, however, when this is not the case. The monitoring of child use of social media forums in non-school times is the responsibility of parents/carers. Teachers are unable to control what happens out of school on social media in just the same way as they are not able to control other forms of communication such as a face to face conversation between two students who go to the movies on the weekend. Talking to your child/ren about safe and appropriate use of social media is very important. Allowing questions to be asked, and providing accurate and considered answers will help your child/ren navigate the cyber world. If you require help in discussing this topic with your child, the Australian Government website http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Kids/Get%20the%20facts/Cyberbullying.aspx is a useful and parent friendly guide.

The DoE has recently released the policy ‘Professional Standards for Staff’ which contains a section specifically written in relation to social media. Please do not be offended if staff do not accept ‘friendship’ requests through social media as the policy is very clear in stating what staff can, and cannot do in relation to social media and the school community.

TRAFFIC
It has come to my attention that some people are moving the traffic cones in the laneway, and driving up the laneway in an effort to make end of school pick up times easier. Please do not do this. The laneway is not to be used for this purpose. The cones are there to keep our students – your children - safe. I understand that traffic can be slow and frustrating at times but this is the case for everyone. Please park your car, or use the pick-up system to collect your children. Our students do not consider the laneway a road, and regularly run across it towards the oval without looking for traffic, as they assume there will not be any. I am sure you would all agree that a few minutes of your time spent waiting is not worth injuring a child. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this very important matter.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
This week is the last week of the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Well done to all those who participated in this event; I hope you have read some interesting and entertaining books throughout the Challenge. Thank you to Mrs Cocks for organising and running the Challenge at BPS. Although this is the end of this particular event, I encourage all students to continue with their reading efforts. Well-developed reading skills are essential for overall academic success, and for fully participating in many aspects of our society. It is part of our homework policy for each student to undertake 3 x 15minute reading sessions each week. This is to practise reading skills. In the same way as physical skills (such as basketball skills) need to be practised regularly so too do the skills of reading. I urge you to participate in the valuable and rewarding experience of listening to your child read, or perhaps you may like to read to them. If you are unsure what your child should be reading, please ask your child’s teacher, who will be happy to guide you.
UNIFORMS – PRIOR WARNING
Accompanying the next Newsletter on the 27th August, 2014 we will be sending home an order form for uniform requirements in 2015. Order forms will be required back at school by Friday 26th September. This should ensure our order is completed in time for the commencement of the 2015 school year.

KINDER ENROLMENTS 2015
We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. To be eligible to commence Kinder, children need to be 4 years old by the 1st January, 2015. If you require an enrolment form to be mailed out, or require additional information, please call the school office on 6433 3655.

GRADE 5/6 SPORTS DAY
A very successful Grade 5/6 Sports Day was held last Wednesday at a variety of venues around the Burnie District. Burnie Primary School students participated with students from other school in football, soccer, hockey, netball, basketball and king of the court (volleyball). All coordinators reported that apart from the temperature being a little cool at times the games were played with great camaraderie and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Julius and Alec on their selection in the Burnie Football team that played last week. Alec has also been selected in the Darwin team to play against the Devon team on August 29th. We also have players attending selections for the Darwin soccer, netball and hockey teams. We wish them all the best for these selections.

Thank you to all the parents who gave their time to assist with the supervision and organisation of this day. The staff and students appreciate the commitment you made to ensure the day was a success.

NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK
During National Literacy and Numeracy Week (August 25th-31st) we will be holding the remainder of our Maths Relay House competition. These will be held on Monday August 25th. Grade 1 will move to the JMC at 9:15am and their relay will run from 9:30 to 10:30. Grade 3/4 will move to the JMC at 11:15 and their relay will occur from 11:30-12:30. Grade 2’s relay will be from 1:30-2:30. We will require markers for each of these relays. If you are able to help with this, please see Miss Tevelein or contact the school office.

During Literacy and Numeracy Week, Burnie Primary will be having a focus on poetry. Some classes will also participate in the Read for Australia Activity.

THANKYOU
Burnie Primary Staff would like to thank Mrs Leanne Broxam for the very generous donations of the double sided table runners she has made to contribute to our classroom environments.

OUR LOST PROPERTY BIN IS OVERFLOWING!
If any children have lost a jacket, we have lots in our lost property bin with NO NAMES!! Please come and have a look and see if any might be yours. There are also a few hats floating about.

Please make sure you put your children’s names in clothing, so they can be returned if they are found.

WANTED
The Arts room is in need of a working SEWING MACHINE that could be donated or borrowed. Donations of corks, wire, bottle tops, packaging, containers with lids, wool, shoe boxes and other similar items are greatly appreciated also.
Grade One is beginning a new Science unit on the various types of materials found around us, and the ways we can describe and classify the materials.

All of the children took home a letter and a small paper bag to collect various pieces of “beautiful stuff”. The bags were quite small, so lots of the children have had to use a larger bag from home to hold all of the amazing things they have found.

We have collected the bags as the children have brought them back to school, and plan to have a GRAND OPENING on Wednesday 13th August, when we will sort and classify the items.

After we have used the beautiful stuff for our Science work, we will be creating beautiful canvases with some of the items. These will be on display at the Science Expo next week.
Last week, Mr B brought some logs from the rainforest to school. We investigated the logs to see what we could find. We found spider, insects, lizards and other creepy crawlies we have yet to identify!
A busy start to Term 3 in Grade 2P!

We are reading George’s Marvellous Medicine
By Roald Dahl

We wrote the instructions to make our own medicines that have MARVELLOUS results!

Lester & Clyde, a tale of friendship, 2 frogs living in a beautiful pond until... pollution!

In Science we are investigating how water is important to us and the Earth and how water is used in a variety of ways.

Using the tablets to research information animals that live in water.
In Science 2VT are investigating:

WATER

Water looks like moving glass.
Water looks like melted snow.
Water feels like runny ice.
Water feels like jelly.
Water smells like pool water.
Water smells like plastic.
Water sounds like gurgling.
Water sounds like the ocean.
Water tastes like plastic.
Water tastes not very yummy.
Water tastes like water.

Look at these pictures of our experiments
Move Well Eat Well

Healthy lunchbox ideas

Help our school to make healthy eating part of every student’s day by sending a lunchbox that supports the Move Well Eat Well messages:

- **Tap into water** - water is the best way to beat thirst, so include a water bottle with your child’s lunch.

- **Plant fruit and veg in your child’s lunchbox** - include fresh fruit or vegie sticks or a salad roll or salad wrap.

- **Limit ‘occasional’ foods in the lunch box** (like chocolate, chips or muesli bars - keep these for special occasions at home). Replace these ‘occasional’ snacks with ‘everyday’ snacks like:
  - fresh fruit
  - air-popped popcorn
  - fruit bun
  - wholemeal crackers with cheese
  - pikelets
  - fruit tubs
  - vegie sticks and dip
  - yoghurt
  - custard

For more healthy lunchbox ideas visit: www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au/families
LADIES NIGHT THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!!!!

After the success of the Men’s breaky, several Mums have asked “When is it our turn?”

Well, ladies get ready for a ‘chillaxing dessert night’ this Saturday 16th August 7:30pm @ 93 View Rd Burnie. BYO favourite dessert and your preference beverage 😊

If you’ve never ventured out to such a night, why not be brave and give it a go? Ya never know, you might just enjoy yourself ;-) Come on, put in some effort, gather up a girlfriend to join you and come along and support our P & F initiative to further ‘connect’ families within our school!!!

SCHOOL FAIR

Just a reminder our school Fair will be held on Friday 14th November! We will be having a white elephant and book stall so please start storing up your “trash” so it might be someone else’s treasure come November.

P & F EXPENDITURE

A few parents have asked me lately “Teeny how many P & F meetings do you guys have?” Well answer is only one a term! It’s not a big commitment ;-) This term we decided it was time to make a few purchases of items that will benefit our kids! We moved that the following items will be purchased this term;

- Portable PA System (Needed for fire drills, sports carnivals, school fairs etc)
- iPads x4 with protective cases that will particularly benefit the Flying start program
- Daily PE storage Bags x2
- Maths Box: Whilst the Math budget could provide $500 an additional $330 was needed to make this purchase possible for the Early Childhood Education classes.
- Bike Racks; We have approved the purchase of a x10 space bike rack

The good news to report is that we have now grown the group of Dads joining us in our P & F meetings! We look forward to more parents joining us at our final P & F meeting for the year – next Term ;-)
Burnie Primary School is hosting our annual Science Expo during National Science Week. All classes from Kinder - Grade 6 will be showcasing their science knowledge and understandings along with an interactive hands on activity.

This year, judges will award House points for science inquiries of our Grade 5 & 6 students, with Grade 3 & 4 students having their posters judged. The winning house will be awarded BPS Science House Champion.

The Science Expo will be open from 2:30-3:00 for parents to view. Parents may also choose to walk around to view the Expo during their child's timeslot.

Date: 21st August  
Time: 9:00-3:30pm  
Venue: JMC

Schedule
9:00-10:00- Grade 5/6  
10:00-10:30- Grade 4

Recess
11:30-12:00-Prep  
12:00-12:30- Grade 3

Lunch
1:30-2:00- Grade 1  
2:00-2:30- Grade 2  
2:30-3:00 open for parents/community

Note: Kinder classes choose an appropriate time that suits.
## Dates to Remember

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**Check out our Art Exhibition!**

Primary Kaleidoscope is an exhibition by students from the following primary schools:
- Boat Harbour Primary
- Burnie Primary
- Montello Primary
- Somerset Primary
- Stanley Primary
- Table Cape Primary
- Yolla District High.

Take a magical mystery tour and discover how the BackGallery has been turned into an amazing cave filled with all sorts of creatures that can be found on land, in air and water.

**Exhibition Dates:** Saturday 23 August – Sunday 14 September.

**Admission:** Free – All welcome

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**Burnie Regional Art Gallery**, Burnie Arts & Function Centre, Wilmot St Burnie

P: 03 6430 5875  
F: 03 6431 4114  
E: gallery@burnie.net  
www.burniearts.net

**Gallery Hours:** Monday to Friday: 10am to 4:30pm and Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays: 1:30pm - 4:30pm.

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