Science, science, science! 5M students have worked extremely hard on their science inquiries. Students worked well in their pairs and really demonstrated a scientific inquiring mind. The best thing about science is the integration of literacy and numeracy skills throughout and the ability to orally communicate their scientific understandings.

A great job completed by all students.
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
What a busy time it has been at school over the last two weeks! Our staff and students have participated in some great teaching and learning programs. The UTAS Science investigation finals held in our JMC were a great success. It was wonderful to see Grade 5/6 students from Launceston to Circular Head bring their investigations to our school and share their understandings and findings with the judges and their peers. There were many smiles from students who were happy with their effort and felt proud of their achievements. Well done, and congratulations to all those who were successful in gaining an award at the presentation evening. Our school certainly achieved some fantastic results we can all be proud of.

I was fortunate to be able to call into the Kinder Fathers Day Celebration evening last week. I am sure all the Dads that were there (and there were many!) would agree that it was a fantastic evening of sharing and celebrating the importance of fathers in the lives of our children. Fond memories were made that will last a life time I am sure.

I would like to welcome Miss Samantha Bradley to Burnie Primary School. She has joined the Grade 2 teaching team and will be teaching Mrs Perry’s class one day per week.

Burnie Primary School will once again offer Family Life Education to students in Grades 3-6. These sessions are conducted by Centacare, and are not taken by Burnie Primary staff. The sessions are after school, on the 23rd and 24th of September. Parents/carers are expected to attend with their child. There will be a follow up 1 hour session in class for each grade 5 & 6 class. Please refer to the relevant flier for more information, or contact your child’s teacher.

As I mentioned last newsletter, our NAPLAN results have arrived and as a staff we have had a chance to look over them and discuss areas of strength as well as areas needing further improvement. Student results have already been sent home to those students in Grade 3 & 5. Please see your child’s teacher if you require further explanation other than that provided to you on the information sheet. Overall, I was very pleased with our results. We achieved our goals set at the beginning of the year of being 10 points or more higher than similar schools across all areas tested – with one exception, that being Grade 3 spelling (which was 5 points higher). In some areas we are as much as 33 points higher than similar schools.

Similar schools are those schools in Tasmania that have similar parental education profiles to the parents in our school.

Compared to both the Tasmanian and Australian average, Burnie Primary students also achieved well. I have included the below tables for your information. I was also very pleased with our 100% participation rate in all areas in both grades. That is really a fantastic effort on the part of families to ensure that we gain an accurate data set.

Working together with families, we are making great gains in educating our young people.

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Every year we are required to conduct a parent/student/staff survey. A group of approximately 50 families has been randomly selected to participate, together with all our Grade 5 & 6 students. If you have been selected, I urge you to please complete the survey to provide us with your valuable thoughts on areas the school is doing well in, and ways we may be able to continue improving.

Nichole Todd

DARWIN SELECTION
Congratulations to the following students on their selection in the Darwin teams to play in Launceston on September 12th.

Netball: Kendall, Arnaka, Melanie and Ashanti
Hockey: Mia, Emily, Charlotte, Andrew
Soccer: Mackenzie
AUSSIE OF THE MONTH
Congratulations to our Aussie of the Months winners for July and August.

JULY: for being a cooperative and caring class member and his increasing resilience.

AUGUST: for being able to effectively mix good effort with good humour to make our class a better place.

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY
This year, school satisfaction surveys for students, parents and staff will be conducted during September. These surveys contain questions on a range of matters about our school.

This survey provides an opportunity for students, parents and staff to provide important feedback. This feedback is valued by our school as a means of identifying what the school does well and opportunities for the school to make improvements.

Students (from Year 5 and above), parents and staff will be invited to participate. Those students who are selected to undertake the survey will do so during school time.

You will receive a letter today if you have been randomly selected to participate in the parent survey.

Your responses will be secure and anonymous.

We encourage you to participate and complete the survey so that the school has a clear direction when planning for future programs and services for students.

Please contact the office if you wish to use a school computer to complete the survey, or would like the survey link emailed to you for ease of access.

burnie.primary@education.tas.gov.au or call 64333655

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY PRIOR WARNING
Please note the End of Year Assembly will be held on Thursday the 11th of December. 10:00am – 11:00am and 11:30am – 12:30pm.

P&F NEWS
THANKYOU to our Parent Coaches and Supporters
We want to thank the MANY parents who lovingly got out of bed super early on a Saturday morning through the cold winter months, to get their child to an 8:30am (or later) sports game and cheer them on!

As we wind up the winter rosters it’s important to acknowledge the huge parent community who help to make this possible! Thanks to our coaches that assist with mid-week training sessions and the Saturday Game!

It's such a great way to have our students get excited about physical exercise and working as a team, and without the support of dedicated Parents and Friends it would not happen!

UTAS SCIENCE AWARDS
Attending the UTAS Science awards could easily be compared to watching the Commonwealth Games where Australia trumps the Gold Medals, but on this night it was Burnie Primary School winning most of the awards. :-)

It was totally exciting to see how many students (and past students!) were rewarded for their phenomenal efforts in science projects.

A HUGE congratulations must go to the BEST TEACHER award; Tameika Munday!!!! Of all the teachers that had students submit projects along the Coast Tameika was a standout!

Rock N Roll, Teeny Brumby
**Soccer Reports**

**BPS Bobcats**

It was an enjoyable season for the Bobcats. All players worked hard at improving their skills throughout the season. Each team member performed at their best and encouraged their fellow team mates. I would like to thank Emma Rattray and Ash Butcher for helping out with coaching when I had work commitments.

John Hardstaff, Coach.

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**BPS Cats & BPS Linx**

I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of the U8/U9 (Grade 2 and 3) kids (and their parents!) for their active participation during the soccer season this year.

All of the kids have had some fun, improved their skills, scored some goals and played the best that they can. They have also had the opportunity to persevere when the weather hasn’t been that great or when the other team might be playing better. I am very proud of their efforts.

I’d also like to thank those parents who have coached and assisted with coaching when the coaches have not been able to make it. Without your support our kids would not have the opportunity to play.

See you next year!

Brad Pilgrim (Coach U8/U9)

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**BPS Cubs**

BPS Cubs had a really good, fun soccer season this year. Everyone gave their best efforts on game day. We had such good sports in our team that when our opposition didn’t have a full team some of our players put their hand up to play with them, so we still had a game to play.

Emma Rattray, Coach.
The annual BPS Science Expo was held on Thursday, 21st of August, in the JMC. As part of this 5SD ran a display showing the properties of liquids and how detergents and oils interact with each other.

The Science Expo also served as the first round of the UTAS Science Competition (formerly PICSE). Several students from 5SD were chosen to advance to the 2nd round of the competition.

The final judging of the UTAS Science Competition was held on Thursday, 4th of September.

North West Schools Dance Event
The North West Schools Dance Event was held on the 9th of September at Ulverstone’s Schweppes Arena. Luckily it was an indoor event as the weather wasn’t the greatest. Students had been learning the dances over the last few weeks and on the day participated in 6 dances including the Wo Way O, The Cat Came Back, Soran Bushi and African Zombie.

A great time was had by all. Thank you to the Grade 6 sports leaders for their assistance with the younger children.
Imagine strains of M.C Hammer melodically playing in the background as dozens of hammers pound in perfect unison creating beautiful, inspirational, rhythmic art...

Now picture 41 grade 6 students alternating between the left-handed, right-handed and two-handed (with tongue out) hammer technique and you’ll be much closer to our reality!

All students in grade 6 have begun work on a new art project recycled from the 70's (and given a new, modern twist). For many this has meant using a hammer and sandpaper for the first time! 6,500 nails and several sore thumbs later our work is starting to look amazing. We still have a lot to be done before we finish, but we look forward to sharing the finished product at the Grade 6 awards assembly in December.

Grade 6 recently watched the Disney Pixar movie WALL-E. We identified four main themes in the movie:

- Belonging
- Health
- Heroes
- Sustainability

We have been exploring these themes in our Literacy time.

From our responses so far:

**What is a healthy diet?**
A healthy diet doesn't have the same food like apples for the whole week because you can end up with tummy aches and feel sick.
It’s about balance… It’s about getting a bit of everything your body needs to fuel it without overloading on the things it doesn’t.

**How important are friends?**
Friends are important because they help you through everything and they listen to what you say.
My friends are really important because I would feel lonely when I go to school and wouldn’t have anyone to motivate me to do anything.
Friends are important because you can look up to them and can trust them. The other beauty about friends is that you can help them out when they are feeling down - like they helped you when you felt down.
The life cycle of an aluminium can is 60 – 90 days. This includes purchase, consumption and recycling into a new can.

Americans use 360 million aluminium cans per day. Australians use 1.7 billion cans per year, but recycle only 41%.

It takes 95% less energy to recycle a can than to smelter the raw materials to create a new can.

Aluminium is 100% recyclable. It experiences no loss of properties or quality.

Plastic bottles can be recycled into polyester thread, which is then woven into cloth and made into clothes. Polar fleece, like Burnie Primary’s school jumpers and jackets, is made from recycled plastic bottles.

Do you recycle regularly?
Kinder Fathers Day Celebration

Fathers Day was celebrated in Kinder with a special night session. Forty two dads or significant others, including pops, grandads and family friends attended. The night was designed for the children and their dads to spend quality time together. They took part in activities including woodwork, fishing, pizza making, plant growing, soccer, football, cricket, cardboard car racing, spotlighting, tinkering with machinery, sausage sizzle, a photo booth and lots more.
Thank you to all the families that took part to make the night very successful. Also, a big thanks to Dale Blyth from Woolworths for donating food and Emma Rattray for helping. A special thanks to Mrs Johnstone, Mrs Smith and TasTafe students Jemma and Ashlee for their hard work.
The UTAS Science Competition Grade 5/6 section was held at Burnie Primary School in the Jan Milburn Centre on the 4th of September. There were 77 entries with over 126 students from a range of primary schools ranging as far as Table Cape Primary through to Scotch Oakburn College.

Students were asked a series of questions from judges and a score was given based on the scientific understandings of students. The top scoring science inquiries were decided and students were invited to an award presentation at the University of Tasmania that night.

Burnie Primary School staff and students should be commended on all of the science work completed in classrooms. A lot of hard work went into the science inquiry process and this was evident through the poster boards and the student’s ability to discuss the science concepts that they had learnt to the science judges.
Grade 5 Section:

1st  Jak & Andrew ($300)
2nd  Valentina & Summer ($200)
3rd  Molly, Helen & Chelsea ($100)

Environmental Prize  Eva & Josie ($100)
People’s Choice  Luka & Reef ($50)
Honourable Mention  Phoebe & Mia ($50)

Grade 6 Section:

1st  Ashley ($300)
3rd  Mia ($100)

Environmental Prize  Gaby ($100)
Honourable Mention  Emily ($50)
Honourable Mention  Bellamy ($50)
Thank you to P & F for their generous donation of $2000 to purchase new books for our school home reading program.

Keep an eye out for the sticker in the front cover of our new books!
Burnie Primary has been awarded Silver Canteen Accreditation from the Tasmanian School Canteen Association Inc. This is an outstanding achievement, showing a commitment to the health and wellbeing of our school community. Congratulations Mrs Bloom on your hard work and dedication in achieving this award.
Family Life Program
Grade 3-4 Evening

Our Grade 3-4 evening program runs for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. The program begins by talking about families and some different family structures. We then talk about how babies begin, grow and develop. This includes a brief description of sexual intercourse. An important part of our program is a discussion on children’s safety and how it’s not okay for someone to look at or touch their private parts. At the end of the program an optional session on puberty is held. This session very briefly points out some of the main changes which puberty brings and reassures children that everything is normal. Please be assured that all of the information discussed is delivered in an age-appropriate manner.

NB: The order of content delivery may vary depending on individual situations.

Content:

- The importance of families (e.g. someone to love and care about you)
- Different types of families (single parent, step, adoptive etc)
- Ways we show love in families (being good, kiss, hug etc)
- What we love about each other
- How babies begin and grow: egg, sperm, fertilisation, uterus/womb, amniotic fluid, placenta, umbilical cord, birth etc.
- Twins
- Difference between girls and boys (penis/vagina)
- Keeping safe
- Baby needs (to be fed, to be put to sleep etc)
- Puberty: growth spur, menstruation, wet dreams, hair growth, mood swings, pimples, etc

To facilitate the delivery of the above information, a PowerPoint presentation is shown throughout the evening. Also a DVD called ‘A New Baby’ is shown. The DVD follows a family as they prepare for the birth of a new baby right through until the baby is born. In addition to this there are foetal models and anatomically correct newborn dolls available which the children can view. Leaflets with information about sexual development in children, how to talk to your children about sexuality and puberty booklets are also provided.

If you have any questions or concerns of would like any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the Family Life Co-ordinator:

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Family Life Program
Grade 5-6 Evening

Our Grade 5-6 evening program runs for approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. This program has two main sections. The first section is mostly focused on families and how babies begin, grow and develop. This includes a brief description of sexual intercourse. The second section of the evening is aimed more at educating and reassuring children about puberty and the changes which it brings. Also included in our program is a discussion about personal safety. Please be assured that all of the information discussed is delivered in an age appropriate manner.

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Content:

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- Different types of families (single parent, step, adoptive etc)
- What we love about each other
- How babies begin and grow: egg, sperm, fertilisation, uterus/womb, amniotic fluid, placenta, umbilical cord, birth etc.
- Twins
- Difference between girls and boys (penis/vagina)
- Keeping safe
- Stages of life
- Puberty - what it is
- Pubertal changes - both physical and emotional (eg growth spurts, hair growth, pimples, mood swings, wet dreams, periods etc)
- Concept of responsibility with regard to having children

To facilitate the delivery of the above information, a PowerPoint presentation is shown throughout the evening. Also a DVD about puberty, called ‘I'm Stepping Out’ is shown. In addition to this there are foetal models and anatomically correct newborn dolls available which the children can view. Leaflets with information about sexual development in children, how to talk to your children about sexuality and puberty booklets are also provided.

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2015 KINDER ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten students residing in our school zone. To be eligible to commence Kinder next year, 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.

MEN’S BRING A MATE BOWLS

Men – after the success of our Men’s BBQ, this term we are heading along to the Burnie Greens for a game of bare foot bowls!!

Friday 19th September 6:30pm $20 includes finger foods & game.

Bring a mate (doesn’t have to be a BPS parent) and hang out with some great guys!

RSVP to Ryan Petterwood 0488108476

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