FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome everyone back to Burnie Primary School as we embark on our final 10 weeks of the year. It promises to be yet another productive, albeit busy, term. I am really impressed with the way in which the school year has progressed so far. Much of the information I receive either through data or verbal communication suggests that the vast majority of students are performing well academically and demonstrating exemplary behaviour and work habits. It is however extremely important to maintain these high standards until the end of the year.

For Grade 6 students, this term marks your final one at Burnie Primary School. The above advice about maintaining high standards and completing the year successfully is extremely pertinent to you. The impression and reputation that you leave at Burnie Primary has been determined by the years that you have spent at the school but is ultimately dependent on this term.

Cricket Wicket

I would like to thank Marcus Mollison for the successful grant application he produced to obtain $2000 for a concrete school cricket wicket. This was accessed through both Bryan Green (Deputy Premier) and Lara Giddings (Premier). We appreciate their commitment to this project. We hope to begin this project shortly coinciding with some work on a circular athletics track on the school oval.

BHP nominations

Recently Grade 5 and 6 students entered their science investigations into the Tasmanian Science Talent Search. Once entered, the judges nominated the top investigations to enter the BHP National Science Competition.

Late last week we were informed that five groups from Burnie Primary School have been chosen to represent Tasmania in the BHP competition. What an outstanding effort!!

Our nominations are: Maeve, Jennifer, Lukas and Taya from Grade 6 Riley, Zane and Liam from Grade 5. It is worthy of note that last year Levin from B.P.S won the primary age division at BHP - an amazing achievement.

Congratulations to all students nominated this year and good luck in the national awards. I would like to acknowledge the great work and success that continues to occur within the Science curriculum at Burnie Primary School and the work that both Tameika Munday and Diane Williams as our Science Curriculum Coordinators, along with other teachers, are doing in our school.

Based on the recent PICSE awards and other positive comments I have received recently, this success and recognition continues at Burnie High School as our former students are exposed to continual high standards of teaching and learning both within the Science and other curriculum areas.
Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN results

Last week individual students NAPLAN results were sent home to parents for students in grade 3 and 5. These results indicate student performance in comparison to other students of the same age across Australia. Support interpreting and discussing these results can be done with your child’s teachers by making an appointment with them directly.

ICAS Maths – Grade 3/4/5/6 students from Burnie Primary recently participated in the International Maths competition. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding efforts.

- **High Distinction** to Sophie
- **Distinctions** to Miranda, Max
- **Credits** to Caitlin, Olivia, Toby, Mohini, James, Josie, Valentina, Hannah, Zac
- **Participation** to Caitlyn, Dominic, Raina, Sophie, Mia, Phoebe, Jordi, Kelsie, Ashley, Bellamy, Charlotte, Nigel, Taya, Maeve, Kayleigh, Taylor, Laura, Taylor

Projects completed in the holidays

We have completed a number of projects to enhance the school over the term 3 holidays. We have with the financial support from our Parents and Friends and School Association completed some work in the primary courtyard near the library. Some decking and garden beds have been added to this area and some access doors from the grade 5 classrooms. We have re-carpeted the grade 5 and 6 classrooms as well during this time.

I would like to sincerely thank the two parent support groups mentioned previously for their fundraising efforts to allow this project to occur.

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Mild asthma is very serious

If your child has asthma, please let us know immediately. This is in light of information we have learned from our training with the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania. “The people at the greatest risk of death from asthma are those whose asthma is not considered severe,” said our trainer from the Foundation. “Because they rarely have an attack or only usually have a mild attack there’s a tendency for the person with asthma or their carer to not take precautions-such as having a blue/grey reliever puffer available at all times. They are also less likely to know how to use their medications and devices properly and know what to do in an emergency. So when you have a bad attack-and that can happen even if you’ve never had one before-they tend to panic and have no medication available. That is unfortunately why people with mild asthma die.”

Please call the office immediately if your child has asthma on 64 333 655. We will provide you with a Student Asthma Record Form. The Asthma Foundation recommends you fill out this form with your doctor.

If you need any help or advice on asthma or associated allergies, please call the Asthma Foundation on 1800 654 130.
Today we have attached a copy of the term 4 calendar. Please note the final assembly is on Thursday 12th December. We divide the assembly into two parts. The kinder to Grade 5 students celebrate their year from 10.00 am - 11.00 am. We have an interval and morning tea from 11.00 - 11.30 am and then return to the JMC for the Grade 6 Celebration Assembly. This year we have avoided Friday as the assembly day to ensure we don’t clash with Burnie High School.
Kinder H News

We have had a busy start to Term 4. On Wednesday October 16th we celebrated Nude Food Day and the students enjoyed sampling a variety of fruit and vegetables.

In readiness for Prep next year the Kinder students have been spending some time in the big playground. The students have been enjoying the challenge of the new and different equipment.

During Investigations Kinder students have been making glasses to help them see better. The students had a lot of fun creating the glasses but they did not enjoy removing the masking tape from their hair!
Kinder M

Shelby, Gabriella and Jack retold some of their favourite stories.

Outcome: 5 Children are effective communicators.

Children share ideas and show they are listening and understanding.

Bronson, Cooper and Bridie are investigating with shapes.

Outcome 5: Children use shapes and drawings to communicate their ideas.
On the 27th of September I went to Sydney for the U/15 national badminton championships. When we got there we went to the hotel and unpacked. Then we went to the training session. After our training session all the teams had their photos and then we had a group photo that had all the teams in it. On the first day we had team events. Our first games were against Victoria 1. Unfortunately we lost that one. Our second games were against NSW Storm, again we lost but this time we won 3 games. On the second day we were up against WA.

We won 3 games but still lost. Then we were up against SA and we won 4 games but lost by 1 point overall. Then we started another tournament on the third day that was called Individuals. In individuals you got to choose your partners but if you don’t have a partner you get partnered up with a person from another team. My partner was from the Northern Territories. We lost all our games but did really well. Then in the mixed my partner and I won 3 games but then lost our other game. In the singles I won 2 games but then when we were in the plate finals I didn’t win so I didn’t get to go into the semi-finals. On the last day it was the grand finale. We went and watched. Then it was time to go. So we went and said goodbye to everyone. On the next morning it was time to hop back on the plane and go back to Tassie. I really enjoyed my experience when I was over there and hope to do it again next year.

Montana

North West Tasmanian Primary Schools Basketball Championships

Last weekend BPS was represented at this championship by Gr 3/4 boys and girls teams and a Gr 5/6 boys’ team. The Gr 5/6 boys’ team played well against some strong opposition. The Gr 3/4 boys finished in 3rd position, narrowly losing their semi-final.

The Gr 3/4 girls, after being down 15 points at half time, drew with the Sacred Heart at full time and were required to play extra time. The girls were beaten by 1 point. They will now go to Hobart to play in the State Finals. We wish you all the best for this tournament, and thank you to all the people who accepted roles to support our teams at the weekend - including some past Burnie Primary students who helped out. We appreciate your support!

FUTSAL

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Tasmania at the national Futsul championships to be held in Sydney in January 2014.

Racardo, Zach, Keenan, Christo,
Lochey, Julius.
A WORD FROM OUR
ADOPT A – COP

Just a friendly reminder to parents about the passenger ‘drop-off’ area out the front of the school that this is a ‘passenger drop-off’ area only between 8.15am - 9.00am. Unfortunately at the start of term 4 I have received complaints about vehicles being parked there long term.

Burnie Primary School has 4 disabled parking spaces in the car park that are clearly marked. I must admit I have been somewhat disappointed to see parents using these spaces, who I know do not have disabilities or possess the disabled parking permit. These parking spaces are for people who need to utilise them and have the permit to do so.

Once again these parking areas will be monitored by police and I ask parents to comply with these parking areas.

Adopt-a-cop
Senior Constable MURRAY

Outstanding Achievement

Last Friday evening the Department of Education celebrated ‘The Education Awards’ ceremony at the Wrest Point Casino. I received an email today from Colin Petit, Secretary for Education, announcing that our own Heather Wilde was a finalist for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

This is an outstanding achievement for Heather, and one that is thoroughly deserved. She has given both Burnie Primary and Burnie High School a significant amount of service in a volunteer capacity over many years. Congratulations on behalf of the Burnie Primary School committee.

3, 2, 1-GO kids’ race

West Park Oval
Sunday 27th October 11.00am

Healthcare Insurance will donate $500 to schools who have 50% or more participation of enrolled students in the race so go along on Sunday, have some fun and help the school to receive the bonus.

Thank you to Sherry Rand for training leading up this this weekend.

Student-Free Day - Friday 25th October

Tomorrow is a Professional Learning day for staff and students are not required to attend school.

Staff will be undertaking Professional Learning in the following areas:

Session 1 – High Quality Data
(Discussion of Grade 3, 5, and 7 NAPLAN and In-school data sets)

Session 2 – Supportive School Communities
(Disabilities standards in Education overview and supporting students in need in 2014)

Session 3 – Teaching and Learning
(Curriculum Leaders to present information)

Session 4 – School Organisation
Evaluation of 2103 and planning for 2014

Parents and Friends

The next P & F meeting is on Wednesday 30th October 7pm and 7.30pm for general Business. Everyone is welcome.
HEATHGLO  
Learn to Swim Programs  
Infant Aquatic program 6mths - 5 years  
Lessons run Wednesday afternoon, commencing 16 Oct  
$96.00 per term (8 lessons)  
Swim and Survive program 4-12 years  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday after school & Saturday mornings  
Term 4 commences 21 October  
$88.00 per term (8 lessons), discount available if enrolling two or more children  
Stroke Development up to 16 years  
Lessons held Wednesday and Friday afternoons  
$96.00 per term (8 lessons)  
All our lessons use fully qualified AustSwim Instructors  
For more information or to enrol call us on 6431 4708

SOMERSET SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB  
Season Starter and Information Night  
Friday 25th October 2013  
Come and find out what the surf club is all about. Inspect the club house. Meet the club members. Share a supplied supper. Free soft drinks. Happy hour is from 6.00pm. Any enquiries please contact Jodi on 0437 328 849 or Julie on 0407 806 620. Or email somersetslsc@slst.asn.au

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50 Wilson Street (old Chickenfeed store)  
on Thursday 31 October 10am - 2pm to find out how easy improving reading and writing can be.  
Phone 1300 00 2610 or search 26TEN

For Sale – Ideal Christmas present  
- Lenovo ideapad SIOe  
- Intel Atom 1.6 GHz processor  
- 1GB of RAM  
- 150 GB Hard Drive  
- Windows XP  
$150.00

We received the following suggestion recently:  
Pre-loved School Shirts for gifting  
It has been suggested that we could collect all our old school shirts (pale blue) and gift them to an overseas school in need or maybe an indigenous school in Australia. We would like a volunteer to organise, collect and arrange distribution. If anyone is interested please contact the school office.

Result  
One of our parents has kindly volunteered to take on this task and organise for the shirts to go to a school in Uganda. If any families still have school shirts that are no longer needed, clean and unstained, they can be dropped in to the school. There will be a box provided in the foyer to place them in.

Want to learn to play the drums?  
Dave Mason is a drum teacher with twenty years’ experience who currently has limited places for students from beginner to intermediate level. First lesson is free for Burnie Primary students! There are also family discounts available. Enquiries welcome. Ph. 0418 202 278

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