FROM THE PRINCIPAL…

STAFFING

Tess Britt will continue to be on leave for an indefinite period of time. I would like to welcome Debbie Morcom to our school. She will be taking our Music program and band and choir whilst Tess is on leave.

WELCOME BBQ

Thank you to the parents, teachers and children who supported the Welcome BBQ last Thursday.

I would especially like to thank The Parents and Friends committee for organising the evening and Dale Blyth, from Woolworths, Wynyard for the donation of 30 loaves of bread, 20L of ice cream and 200 ice-cream cones.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Tomorrow is our School Athletics Carnival which is always a great day in our school calendar. This year the carnival will be held on the school oval (not Hellyer Oval as in previous years) where we have marked out a 4 lane circular track for the 200m and 400 m events along with a sprint track for the 50, 75 and 100 m events. We extend an invitation to parents and community members to attend. Parking could be an issue and there will be limited spaces in the school car park so please use Curraghmore Avenue (and walk up the lane) or Van Dieman’s Crescent. Please do not park in the school turning circle or the road leading to this as this will be the major form of access for students. In line with the article written previously in this newsletter, children are expected to attend the carnival for the entire day (not leave early).

YOUTH COUNCILLORS

Congratulations to our Youth Councillors representing our school on the Burnie Youth Council for 2014.

Please return all Validation Forms to the office ASAP
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.

Furthermore, I have asked teachers to telephone parents on the third day after two consecutive unexplained absences to understand the nature of the absence and if there are some strategies that can be used to support school attendance.

One issue that is becoming more prevalent in the school that is having an ever-increasing effect on student learning, is lateness to school and early departure (leaving before the 2.45 pm finish time).

We have a number of students who arrive late each day and admittedly in the majority of cases have a good reason, however the disruption on theirs and others learning and teacher time is an issue that requires addressing. The following outlines the impact of a child arriving at 9.15 on a regular basis. Some of the aspects of learning that have been missed are:

- the daily notes, which give an explanation of the day’s events,
- any pre-work that is done before school - e.g. changing home readers, spelling word tests, discussion with the teacher etc
- teacher explanation of first learning tasks or other learning tasks for the day
- an opportunity to develop and enhance the social relationships before school

One of the reasons for late arrival (and early departure) centre on specialist appointments. Although difficult at times, I would encourage parents to make these appointments outside school times or during the school holidays.

Last week one of our classes had four students leave between 1.15 pm and 2.00 pm. It is extremely important that students are here until the end of the day. Two of these students were involved in some Literacy intervention programs aimed at improving their reading. As a result of their early departure this did not happen and the children missed out on an important aspect of their learning.

If there is a good reason for early collection then parents are asked to come to the office and wait. Office or senior staff will call or collect your child and bring them to the office to you.

At our school every minute in the school day is important. Our afternoon programs are as valuable as our morning programs. Our Physical Education and Music programs are as valuable as our Literacy programs. Our Library program is as valuable as our Numeracy program. If our school deems any program important enough to be part of our weekly curriculum delivery, it is important in some way, to your child’s development and therefore should not be missed.

I would therefore strongly encourage parents to ensure that arrival and departure times at school are strictly adhered to.

SPORT

I would like to commend the work that Stephanie Davies has done this year and does each year organising the wide variety of sports teams which represent our school. She is supported by a number of other staff including Ben Jones (Soccer and Futsal) and Shaun Sutton (Football). This work is well outside their roles in the school and is therefore done on a voluntary basis, and many hours are done outside of school time.

Over the five years I have been Principal at Burnie Primary School, there have been a variety of issues that have arisen from school sport. Last year as a result of some of these issues, we introduced the code of conduct that outlines the behaviour that our school expects from coaches, parents and students when representing the school. This code is required to be signed by all stakeholders before students participate in sport.

A constant issue that we face is parent concerns regarding team formation. We always adopt a fair and equitable approach and our in school personnel have conversations about which children should be in which teams depending on social considerations. In saying this we also consider many other aspects, including
- Umpires and coaching (placing children in teams where parents are coaching and umpiring for practical reasons such as transport)
- Player experience (if not graded)
- Friendship and social considerations
- Physical Strength (in some cases)
- Confidence levels of players
- Physical Height (for sports such as in Netball)
- How many students have opted into the sport/ whether players have brought back permission forms

Parents must also bear in mind that it is children’s sport and children should be playing for enjoyment and fun. It is not elite sport, but we do ensure that our teams are given the best opportunity to experience success (not necessarily winning) by adopting many of the above considerations.

We do not intend to change teams except under exceptional circumstances so therefore parents need to trust our judgement.

BURNIE CONCERT BAND
The Burnie Concert Band has an exciting junior program catering for children from 8 – 18 years. No experience is necessary to start, as our tutors will teach reading and technique for all woodwind, brass and percussion instruments (including recorder). Also bass guitar and guitar for players with some experience is available. The band has percussion instruments available to learn on and a small number of wind instruments available to hire.

The Junior Program consists of a Learner’s Band for beginning players and players wishing to try a new instrument and a Junior Band for more experienced players that caters for more experienced players. The BCB also caters for adult learners and senior players.

Interested in making music outside of your school? Visitors are always welcome to come and sit in on a rehearsal to try it out.

Rehearsals are held at the Les Clark Memorial Hall, Cooee (near the new Burnie Bowls Centre).

Times:

**Thursday night:**
Junior Learners Band - 4:45pm – 5:45pm;
Junior Band - 5:45pm – 7:00pm

**Monday Night**
Adult Learners – 6 – 7:15
Senior band 7:30 – 9:30

**Costs**
Annual subscription – Adults - $25; Juniors - $15
Term fees - $40 per school term (early payment and family discounts apply)

**Musical Director, David Turner, will be pleased to answer any queries on 64316870**

We look forward to seeing you there!
First days at kindergarten 2014

The kindergarten children have been busy practising many skills, such as...

Sharing

Creating friendships

Being imaginative

Making observations

Discovering

Showing us what they already know

Working with a group

Writing

Waiting, taking turns.

Role Playing

Creating
First days at kindergarten 2014

Co-operating

Developing confidence
In their environment

Separating from parents

Taking on challenges

Participating

Coordination balance and control

Independence

Strengthening finger muscles

Problem Solving

Making choices

I AM IN PRESCHOOL
I am not built to
sit still,
keep my hands to myself:
Take turns,
be patient,
stand in line,
as keep quiet
all of the time.
I need
motion,
variety,
adventure,
and to
engage the world with my whole body.

LET ME PLAY.
(Yes, I’m learning)

Fred Rogers

Play is often talked about
as if it were
a relief from serious learning,
but for children,
play is serious learning.
Play is really
the work of childhood.
Prep students have made a great start to 2014 and are adjusting well to attending school full time.

Brain Food

During Investigations in the morning block, students are allowed to have a ‘brain food’ snack if they wish. Brain food is a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks that have not been processed in anyway. Dried fruit, fruit wraps etc are not an appropriate brain food item.

Hats

Please ensure your child has a named hat for school. Children without hats must remain in the undercover area during recess and lunch.
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Last year our school participated in Woolworths’ Earn and Learn program. We earned between $6000 and $7000 worth of resources for our school. Woolworths Earn and Learn program gives opportunities for kids and teachers to earn resources for our school. 13,148 schools participated in this amazing opportunity. 400,000 educational items were delivered all around Australia. Woolworths Earn and Learn is a system where all families who shop at Woolworths can earn points for schools. Every $10 you spend you get a sticker then they provide you with a sticker sheet and then you put the stickers on the sheet and when the chart is filled up you place it in the Earn and Learn box for your school. We were lucky enough to be interviewed by the Advocate Our story was published on Tuesday in the Advocate.

Written by Georgie and Arnaka

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Yoga for kids
When: 3 sessions
  Wednesday 19th March
  Wednesday 26th March
  Wednesday 2nd April
  1:30-2:30pm
Where: Launching into Learning room @ Burnie Primary School
Cost: Nil, these are free sessions
Who: 3 and 4 year old children with one accompanying adult (maximum 10 families)
What: A fun yoga program delivered by a guest presenter where children can use their bodies to tell and act out stories. Benefits include:
  · Physical exercise
  · Children becoming more aware of their bodies
  · Developing increased ability to focus
  · Learning how to self regulate
  · Learning mind/body connections through relaxation

If you wish to attend this 3 week program, please contact:
Rachel Johnson: 64333 655
rachel.johnson@education.tas.gov.au
CONGRATULATIONS TO MR JONES AND EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE LAST YEAR!

CITY OF BURNIE LIONS CLUB INC.
PO BOX 265, BURNIE TAS 7320
ABN: 15 516 525 234

13th January, 2014

Mr Jeffrey Triffett
Principal
Burnie Primary School
15a Van Diemens Crescent
BURNIE TAS 7320

Dear Jeffrey,

Re: Mr Ben Jones - 7BU Burnie Christmas Parade 20th December 2013.

Please pass on our thanks to Mr Jones for taking the time to create an entry for the 7BU Burnie Christmas Parade.

We are thrilled you have been selected as the runner up for Best School Entry.

Without the enthusiasm of people like Mr Jones and your students and their parents, we would not have had such a successful, vibrant and enjoyable Parade. We hope that the funds enclosed, kindly donated to us by 7BU, will assist your school to continue to be involved in community activities and maybe create an even bigger and better parade entry for next Christmas!

Kind regards,

Lion Melissa Bell
Parade Co-ordinator
STEAMFEST
6-10 MARCH 2014

KIDS ENTER FREE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!

TRAIN RIDES FROM THE ORIGINAL SHEFFIELD RAILWAY STATION
MODEL TRAINS
STEAM-POWERED THRESHING, CHAFF CUTTING
LIVE MUSIC
ROCK CRUSHING, STRAW PRESSING, ROAD BUILDING
VINTAGE CARS
BEST DRESSED STEAMPUNK AND VICTORIAN/EDWARDIAN ERA COMPETITION
LIGHT HORSE DEMONSTRATION
CHILDREN’S RIDES
STEAMROLLERS
TRACTOR PULLING
FOOD & CRAFT STALLS
WORKING BULLOCK TEAM
BLACKSMITHING
LIVE MUSIC
&MUCH MORE!

STEAMFEST IS TWENTY!
WWW.STEAMFESTTASMANIA.ORG.AU

STEAM TRAIN RIDES FIRST WEEKEND OF EVERY MONTH:
WWW.RESPRATER.ORG.AU
Dear Parent/Guardian,

Some parents have expressed an interest in purchasing long sleeve polo shirts for the cooler months.

If you would like to order a long sleeve polo shirt, please complete the form below and return to the school office with payment.

**The closing date for orders and payment is Friday, 28th March.** Please note we will not be carrying long sleeve polo shirts as a stock item. This is the only opportunity to purchase long sleeve polo shirts this year.

The cost of the long sleeve polo shirts are as follows:

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Class: ____________________

Parent Signature: _______________ Total Amount:_________
LEARNING IS FUN IN 2HT!!
## SCHOOL CALENDAR
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### FOR SALE

*Lenovo ideapad SIOe*

Intel Atom 1.6 GHz processor, 1GB of RAM, 150 GB Hard Drive, Windows XP

**$50.00**

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### P&F AGM is TONIGHT Wednesday 26th February at 6pm.

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### DID YOU KNOW..

- Did you know the average person falls asleep in 7 minutes
- Did you know a hummingbird’s heart beats at over a 1,000 times a minute
- Did you know the number 4 is the only number that has the same number of letters in it

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