PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
WELCOME BACK
I would like to welcome back the Burnie Primary School community to the second of our four terms in 2014. This term is nine weeks in length beginning on Monday 5th May and concluding on Friday 4th July. As always we encourage all children to make the most of all learning opportunities presented to them, and with this will come engagement with all aspects of school life.

CAMPS
Grade 4 are heading to the West Coast tomorrow, to visit some significant Aboriginal sites at West Point, Mt Cameron and Arthur River. There are some strong links with the History and Geography Curriculum, in particular, as well as English and Mathematics. Children have completed a number of pre-activities and will do some further work to follow up when they return next week. When the staff and children return they will have the annual Year 4 stay over at school tomorrow night with the intention of developing resilience, independence and a number of other team-building characteristics. I would like to thank parents of this group for their continual support of this valuable program.

Together with this, Grade 6 returned from Hobart on the last Thursday of school as part of their annual outdoor education program. The purpose of the camp was similar to the Grade 4 excursion, but at a higher level. I would particularly like to thank Diana Cohen for the hours and hours of work that she undertook to organise this very valuable experience. Some highlights of the camp are featured later in this newsletter.

A REMINDER ABOUT THE END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS - BUS AND COLLECT CHILDREN
The only area in which children are to be collected at the end of the day is from outside the Grade 4 rooms. There was a growing trend towards the end of last term for students to be waiting on or near the rock, which is an area that is not supervised and is not to be used. Besides this small issue and the fact that a small amount of parents are still walking across the car-park during peak times, rather than using the safety of the crossing, I have been really impressed with the school community’s cooperation in this regard.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
I am always very pleased with the way in which all of our children take pride in wearing their school uniform. This comes from both the children themselves and also their parents/guardians, who also support the purpose behind its use.

With the advent of cold weather, we see coats, scarves, gloves and different forms of head wear being worn particularly in the mornings. It is impossible to ensure that these items are all “uniform” and it is a reaction to the cold weather, so I am OK with this. We have a very effective heating system that ensures that classrooms are maintained at a comfortable temperature and therefore I have asked children to remove this type of clothing when they are in their classrooms, as it is not required. In terms of playground and Physical Education, some of this clothing is not required and can be quite restrictive to the activities that children are involved in.
STAFFING
As mentioned on the last newsletter Mrs Corina Van Essen has continued in Term 2 but in a different role - that being on Grade 2 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday sharing with Rae Tevelein

Unfortunately both Julie Townsend (school chaplain) and Julie McCrae (Grade 1 teacher) will be unable to re-join us until further notice due to injuries sustained recently. We do not intend to replace the school chaplain at this stage, and the grade 1 children and parents have been notified about how Mrs McRae’s position will be covered.

STUDENT COUNCIL EVENTS
The student council and class captains developed two sub committees towards the end of last term - Buddy Bench sub-committee and Fundraising sub-committee. The latter group proposed to have two fundraisers this term (we normally have one per term, but we were unable to organise one for term 1). The first of these is to raise funds for the buddy bench with a back to front day on Friday 23rd of May and the second one is being held on June 20th to raise funds to support breast cancer research. There is more information about the Back to Front Day further on in the newsletter.

I have been impressed throughout this process with the skills that these groups are learning about decision-making, team functionality and sharing opinions.

NAPLAN
Our Grade 3 and 5 groups completed the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) today and I would like to thank the teachers, parents and children for supporting this process. From our point of view we don’t see the testing as a major event, but rather another opportunity to determine the effectiveness of our teaching and ascertain the individual and group’s learning requirements. As a staff we use the data obtained for these purposes only.

TODD ROGERS NETBALL CARNIVAL
Burnie Primary entered a Gr 6 team and a Gr 4 team in the recent Todd Rogers Netball Carnival. Both teams performed very well throughout the day and played in their respective Grand Finals. The Gr 4 final was not scored but the girls were convincing with their team work and skill.

The Gr 6 team easily won their Grand Final. The girls combined well and displayed great sportsmanship and skill.

Congratulations to the players and all the parents who volunteered and accepted an official position with the teams. Our thanks are extended to those parents who gave their time to support our teams.

BNA DEVELOPMENT SQUADS
Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected in the BNA Development Squads for 2014.

U/11: Hannah McCulloch, Eva Radford and Reece Davis

U/12: Mia Mitchell, Kendall Jones, Montana Viney, Maddy Rogers, Arnaka Bourn, Amber Hodgetts, Jordi Smith, Melanie Duncan and Ashanti Jackson
TERM 2 IS REVVED UP AND RARING TO GO!!!

POST-MOTHER'S DAY CONNECTOR – TOMORROW!!!

Mums, please join us this Friday 9am (tomorrow) @ Secret Buddha Café (West Park Grove Nursery). This will be a great chance to meet other Mums from school and to continue celebrating our Mother’s Day week with a delicious cuppa! As a P & F group this year we have shifted focus ‘slightly’ from the primary aim of fundraising, to working towards a more connected parent community. We begin by introducing a BPS ‘Mothers Cuppa Connector’. This will be followed up shortly by a Men’s Breaky (to be served at 6pm!!!), and later in the year a Family AFL Grand Final Event. Stay tuned for more details………………

VENTRIOLOQUIST PERFORMANCE FOR OUR STUDENTS THIS TUESDAY!!!

Natalie Miller is one of Australia’s top family performers. She’s been a ventriloquist for 25 years and has had a successful career entertaining all ages! During her career she has been nominated for 10 national awards.

She will be performing **Tuesday 20th May 12:45pm** in the Gymnasium. Natalie is known for her hilarious, side splitting humour that all ages love. She provides great entertainment intertwined with powerful messages which target self-esteem and bullying issues.

Parents are most welcome to attend the performance. It is requested that you **sign in at the office**. If you are free and able to **assist in coordinating** the students over this lunch break, please contact Teeny on 0432 218 870 (Valid Good Character Check required).

Don’t forget to encourage your children to come along!

TERM 2 FUNDRAISER

Our Term 2 fundraiser is well underway with Entertainment Books having now been sent home for your consideration of purchase! This is one heck of a dynamo book of vouchers that will save you $$$$$$!!!

NEXT P & F MEETING
MONDAY 26TH MAY 7:00PM

This will be held in the staff room at BPS. Again, we encourage you to **PLEASE consider joining us as we only have four meetings a year!** If you’re worried about being allocated a job - don’t let it put you off coming! We are really interested in your ideas and opinions!

Hope to see you there! Rock on fellow Burnie Primary-ites.

Teeny Brumby

(P&F President)
Last week we held a special garden tea party for our mums for Mother’s Day. The weather was very kind to us and our mums enjoyed lovely food catered by their children. The children had the learning experience of being a waiter or waitress for their mum, as well as being the chef in the preparation of the food.

A lot of preparation went into our day and a BIG THANKYOU must go to our mums who helped set up the outdoor area and assist with cleaning up. Many of these mums are from our hardworking Parents & Friends Association. We would also like to thank Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Smith, our wonderful Teacher Assistants, and our Polytechnic students for their help on the day.
During the first 2 weeks of Term 2 we have been checking the children’s knowledge of the alphabet. Individually children were asked to identify the letters. We were really pleased to see how well the children have progressed with their learning of the letter names. Our focus now will be on learning sound - symbol relationships, in particular the sounds the letters represent at the beginning of words. E.g a-apple, s-sun. Although it is important for the children to recognise both upper (capital) and lower case letters, we will be concentrating on lower case.

Another focus in Prep this term will be oral language. Children who speak clearly in sentences using correct grammar find learning to read, write and spell much easier than those who don't.
Investigations is a great opportunity for children to practise their oral language as they willingly talk about what they are doing. It is a chance for children to ask and answer questions with their classmates and the adults in the Prep area.

There are many ways you can assist your child’s oral language development. Sharing stories, poems and rhymes, asking questions, answering your child’s questions and playing games such as I spy are all helpful. Gently correcting your child’s mispronunciations and grammar errors by modelling the correct form is valid and important for the child’s language development. Please see your child’s teacher if you have any questions.
SOME OF OUR HIGHLIGHTS...

Every tea was yummy… and the lunches too!

At CSIRO I loved getting to try the dried ice-cream that NASA gives the astronauts.

Parliament House was good because we learned about the roles of all the people who work there.

We never got bored… there was so much to do!

I thought that CSIRO was the best because you had the chance to learn about a lot of things and to try doing things that you probably will never have the chance to do again.

Everything was awesome about camp! All the things we did and all the things we got to eat were great!

All our meals came out as soon as we arrived at the restaurants… We didn’t have to wait for anything.
Bernie's Pad in the Plaza celebrates National Families Week

Morning Tea
Thursday 15th May 10.30am-12.30pm

Devonport Choral Society Inc.

THE WIZARD OF OZ
By L. Frank Baum

Devonport Entertainment Centre
May 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 at 7.30pm
May 18 & 25 at 2.00pm
www.decc.net.au PH 6420 2900

THUMBS UP FOR LEARNING IN GRADE 1
Mr McGee & the Biting Flea
Fast-paced and inventive theatre that the whole family will love!

Six whimsical stories by the award-winning children’s writer, Pamela Allen, are brought to life in this award winning production.

Revisit the beloved favourites of Mr McGee, Alexander’s Outing, Belinda, Brown Bread and Honey, Mary Elizabeth’s House and Mr McGee and the Biting Flea. All presented in a surprising, charming, funny and frenetic manner.

Experience enchanting little miracles of music, play and the imagination.

The show has been performed to over 100,000 children around Australia and in the USA.

AWARDS
Winner National Helpmann Award for Best Children’s Presentation 2008
Winner Adelaide Critics Circle Award for Innovation 2007
Winner Australian Performing Arts Centre’s National Drovers Award for Touring Excellence 2007

Date:  Friday 6 June – 6.30pm
Saturday 7 June – 11am & 4.30pm
Place:  Burnie Arts & Function Centre – Theatre
Tickets: $10 for your school students
To Book: Box Office on 6430 5850 or www.burniearts.net

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK APP

If you would like to purchase the Entertainment Book App instead of the hardcopy, please go to the following link;

Back to Front Day

On Friday the 23rd of May the SRC are going to be holding a back to front day to raise money for the buddy bench. On back to front day all students wear their uniform back to front (backwards). When you wear your uniform (backwards) you wear your t-shirt, shorts, track pants, skirt and dress so your collar is at the front and the front of your pants is at the back. Each student is asked to bring a gold coin donation which will be collected by the SRC.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

In the last Youth Council meeting we talked about getting lockers for students who need to take their bags into town. They can then put their bags in the lockers because some shops have rules that you aren’t allowed to take bags in the shop. They are thinking about being placed near the multi-storey car park in Burnie. We also talked about placement of a round notice board for the community to advertise events in Burnie. There is a survey on the Burnie city council website and we encourage everyone to vote on where it will be placed. The website is www.burnie.net.au

Melanie and Lochey
Burnie Primary Youth Councillors
Dates to Remember

TERM 2 - 2014

May 13th – 15th  NAPLAN
May 16th  Grade 4 Trip to West Coast and overnight stay
May 27th  NWPSSA X Country
May 29th  School Association Meeting – 6:00pm
June 2nd  Assembly 11:45-12:30pm
June 9th  Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday
June 23rd  Assembly 11:45-12:30pm
June 25th  State X Country
June 30th  Parent Teacher Week
July 4th  Term 2 finishes

Student Sports Achievements

Congratulations to Arnaka who was selected for the State Tennis Team. Arnaka will head to Darwin in August to represent Tasmania.

Congratulations to Ashanti who has been selected in the U/14 NW Basketball Team. Ashanti will be playing in Nunawading later in the year.