**Burnie Primary School**  
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From the Principal

**Parent and Student Survey**  
**ACARA School Satisfaction Survey**

In September, online school satisfaction surveys for students and parents will be conducted. These surveys contain questions on a range of matters about our school.

The surveys provide an opportunity for parents and students to provide feedback. This feedback is valued by our school as a means of identifying what the school does well and areas for the school to make improvements.

Random samples of students from grade 5 and 6 and parents will be invited to participate. You will receive a letter in coming days if you have been randomly selected.

Your responses will be secure and confidential. Schools will receive a summary report of responses.

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

Those students who are randomly selected to undertake the satisfaction survey will do so during school time.

**Computer Access for Parents**

Parents are asked to contact the office if they wish to use a school computer to access the satisfaction survey.

School computers will be available during September) for parents to access.

**Upper Primary Courtyard**

We have funded a number of projects to improve the appearance of our school.

Last month on the newsletter we listed the projects that have been completed. Our last project we would like to complete this year is the Upper Primary courtyard (on the southern side of the library).

We have been extremely fortunate to gain funding from our hardworking Parents and Friends and School Association executive and we thank them for their contributions.

With the addition of some school funds we will be able to install some doors from the Grade 5 rooms and some garden beds and work benches for this area.

Work is due to be completed in the next school holidays.

**Eating Arrangements**

I would like to thank parents and students for their cooperation and support for our new routines for eating morning tea and lunch.

One outcome that has been very positive is the cleanliness of our playground. There was not one piece of rubbish to be seen last Friday which is absolutely fantastic.

Furthermore there seems to be less packaging in lunch boxes and I thank parents for their support in this regard.

**Well done to everyone.**
Lunchbox suggestions - Lunch box ideas at a glance

As was suggested in the feedback box, we will re-commence some healthy suggestions for school lunchboxes in our newsletters.

Taya and Melanie competed in a team Gymnastic State competition last Sunday. Their Level 4 Zodiac team came first. 

Congratulations girls!!

Dates to Remember

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<td>School Association Meeting</td>
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<td>First Pre-Kinder session from 1:15 – 2:15pm</td>
<td>Wednesday 18th September</td>
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<td>Burnie High School Production Gr 3-6</td>
<td>Friday 20th September</td>
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<td>Assembly (ECE)</td>
<td>Monday 23rd September</td>
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<td>Term 3 Finishes</td>
<td>Friday 27th September</td>
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<td>Term 4 commences for Students</td>
<td>Monday 13th October</td>
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Cracker Tuesday

- Mini pizzas (wholemeal muffin topped with vegetables, lean ham and cheese)
- Rice crackers and cheese
- Cherry tomatoes
- Apricots
- Water
Uniform Orders
Please feel free to call into the office and try on uniform items if you are unsure of the sizes required to place orders for 2014.

Special Data Collection Forms
Thank you to all parents and guardians who have returned the Special Collection Data Forms. There is a box outside the office for the forms to be placed in if you still have one or more at home.

Lost Property
We have a large amount of polar fleece jackets in lost property.

Kinder Enrolments – and attendance at Pre-Kinder
We are currently establishing our numbers for Kinder in 2014 and deciding on our capacity. Parents with children eligible to attend kinder in 2014 are encouraged to enrol their children as soon as possible.

An enrolment form can be obtained from the office when proof of address and age are provided.
Students attending kinder in 2014 are encouraged to attend our pre-kinder program starting Wednesday 18th September 1:15pm – 2:30pm.

Parents with children not in the Burnie Primary Zone area are required to attend their home area school to discuss their enrolment with the principal. If the parents wish their child to attend another school, an out-of-area application will need to be completed with the home-area principal. The home area principal will collect these forms and a decision will be made towards the end of Term 3.

OOA enrolments will only be considered if BPS has the capacity to take them. This is the same for any school within the Burnie area.

We farewelled the Polytechnic Aides today who have worked with our Early Childhood classes since the beginning of the year. We have valued their contribution to our school and students and we wish the success as they finish their course.

Tomorrow is my last day at Burnie Primary.

I am going to miss coming to work and seeing all the happy little faces.

I have thoroughly enjoyed every day of my time at this school.

Over the years I have met many wonderful work colleagues, parents and children. I have made some great friends that will continue for many years to come.

While I am sad to be leaving, I am looking forward to my retirement.

I would like to say thank you to all the School community for making my 21 years at Burnie Primary most enjoyable.

I will miss you all.

Julie Saward.
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<td>PAW</td>
<td>Georgie</td>
<td>For taking more risks with her learning and challenging herself to speak up in front of her peers.</td>
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<td>PAW</td>
<td>Jean-Paul</td>
<td>For settling quickly into his new learning environment, showing eagerness in all learning areas and using polite manners.</td>
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<td>PN</td>
<td>Mackenzie</td>
<td>For her positive attitude towards learning and the good choices she makes in her behaviour.</td>
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<td>PN</td>
<td>Liam</td>
<td>For his co-operative nature in the classroom and always trying his best.</td>
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<td>IW</td>
<td>Hannah</td>
<td>For the great improvement she has made in her story writing. She is writing stories that show a great deal of thought and descriptive language.</td>
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<td>IW</td>
<td>Thomas</td>
<td>For the improvement he has shown during reading groups time, particularly with the effort he puts into reading aloud and completing follow up activities neatly.</td>
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<td>1HM</td>
<td>Matthew</td>
<td>For enjoying regular home reading to improve his reading, writing and spelling skills.</td>
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<td>2TJ</td>
<td>Shelby</td>
<td>For working hard and consistently producing work to the best of her ability.</td>
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<td>Tyrah</td>
<td>For working hard and consistently producing work to the best of her ability.</td>
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<td>2ON</td>
<td>Kynan</td>
<td>For being prepared to risks with his learning and new things.</td>
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<td>2ON</td>
<td>Shae</td>
<td>For displaying greater self-confidence and independence.</td>
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<td>3J</td>
<td>Ethan</td>
<td>For the resilience, confidence and enthusiasm he has developed for his learning and for leading class discussions.</td>
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<td>3J</td>
<td>Mohini</td>
<td>For the effort she consistently displays for all learning tasks and for being a confident independent learner.</td>
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<td>3MCK</td>
<td>Olivia</td>
<td>For consistently trying her best in all that she does. She takes her time and puts in lots of effort to ensure she is presenting her best work.</td>
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<td>Thomas</td>
<td>For always working hard on becoming an independent learner. He is becoming more resilient and using his initiative more.</td>
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<td>Paige</td>
<td>For being a helpful and kind class member who always tries her best.</td>
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<td>Madeline</td>
<td>For trying hard in all her work.</td>
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<td>Josie</td>
<td>For consistently trying her best during all learning opportunities and for being a polite and caring class member.</td>
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<td>Kye</td>
<td>For always trying his best and being a fair and honest class member.</td>
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<td>5S</td>
<td>Maguire</td>
<td>For showing an outstanding improvement in his classroom behaviour and for dealing with challenging situations in a more mature manner.</td>
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<td>Taija</td>
<td>For displaying resilience and confidence when dealing with challenging situations.</td>
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<td>Jordi</td>
<td>For showing significant improvement in her consolidation and fluency of her times table facts and being able to apply her knowledge during problem solving.</td>
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<td>Bellamy</td>
<td>For consistently demonstrating sound time management and independent working skills during her Ocean’s Alive unit and presenting her work in a creative manner.</td>
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<td>6C</td>
<td>Jayda</td>
<td>For always doing her best.</td>
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<td>6C</td>
<td>Piper</td>
<td>For challenging herself to dig deeper with her work.</td>
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<td>6B</td>
<td>Sophie</td>
<td>For her overall accomplishments in her learning and the ongoing assistance and encouragement she offers to her classmates.</td>
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<td>6B</td>
<td>Adam</td>
<td>For his consistent efforts in his learning, strong work ethic and positive attitude within the class.</td>
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**Aussies of the Month**

Tyrah (July)
Olivia (August)
On Wednesday 21st August, Grade One had the pleasure of hosting a morning tea for their grandparents. Nans and Pops were invited to come and share stories and items from their childhood, and to explore their grandchildren’s classrooms – very different to the “olden days”. Hopefully lovely memories were made for all who came.
Grade 2 Cupcake Day

Thank you to Ava in Grade 2ON for help raising over $350 for The RSPCA by making and selling cupcakes. Well Done

Look who's on TV

Pyjama Day

Science
Term 3 Investigations in 2TJ

Harris, Cooper and Jake worked cooperatively at the tinkering table and built a robot.

Mischa and Eirinn are working hard in the vet surgery, recording appointment times and information about the “patients”.

A collage by Mackenzee.

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Charlee and Britney are practising their creative thinking at the collage table.

Milie and Shelby are working on some narratives in the writing area.
Burnie Primary had an exciting science expo in the JMC on Friday 16th of August during National Science Week. All grades from Kinder to Grade 6 as well as children from Milpara (Birth to 5 child care centre) went along to see all the wonderful science interactive experiments and displays. There were lots of different experiments to see. Milpara children enjoyed the car racing on different types of materials that the grade fours provided.
All grades were happy to get their hands messy in the ooblec and shaving cream that the grade ones had on display.

Jennifer had her Picse science experiment ‘Better Feta’ on display. The experiment was on which milk is the best to make feta cheese. The results showed that goat’s milk is the best for making feta cheese.

Students volunteered to help with the interactive element of their class display. All classes got to spend 30 minutes interacting with Science activities.

We asked some prep students what their favourite activity was.

Car racing- Makai
Ooblec- Maria
Car racing – James
Ooblec- Sami
Everything-Mae

Some of the activities that were on offer were the balloon rockets, paper screamer, glow in the dark beads, dancing popcorn, living and nonliving classifications, sensory investigations, magnetic play and a paper plane competition. The grade 6 students had an interesting station with a digital microscope screen projected on the wall, which gave a close up view of different types of insects.

All students enjoyed the Science Expo and look forward to doing it all again next year.

By Grade 5 Students Melanie and Georgie
Little Learners

What: Pre-Kinder sessions for children starting Kindergarten in 2014
Where: Kindergarten Room, Burnie Primary
When: 1:15 - 2:30pm commencing Wednesday 18th & 25th September (last 2 weeks of term 3) and recommencing 16th October (after school holidays) until 4th Dec.

Children are to be accompanied by a parent or carer.

This program is designed to help families and children integrate successfully into a school and classroom setting.

Children may bring a cut up piece of fruit and a drink of water each week to have during our sessions. Smocks will be provided for messy play experiences. Comfortable, practical clothing is recommended for children to be able to participate in all learning experiences.

For any enquiries please contact:

Jodi Williams on: 6433 3655 or jodi.williams@education.tas.gov.au

Playgroup held at
Child And Family Centre
Thorn Street, Acton
(old Acton Primary School)
Wednesday 11th September
10:00am – 11:30pm.

Our Little Flippers
learning some important life skills as part of our Launch into Learning water awareness program.
Parents and Friends News:

In term two, Nicola Varney organised the Entertainment Book fundraiser and $500 was raised from these books. Thanks to Julie and Helen in the office for assisting Nicola.

School Banking

School Banking continues weekly on a **Tuesday**.

Try and encourage your child to be responsible for organising this each week by prompting them the night before. Thanks to Heather Wild, Manuela Klinger, Paula Bryan and those who assist casually for school banking each week.

Commission for term two was **$194.28**.

At the term 3 meeting it was decided to support the school in developing the grade 5 courtyard with a donation from the Parents and Friends for **$5889.40**. This money will go towards the eastern and western ends of the courtyard for decking, a bench seat and a work bench. With the schools plans to put in external doors to this space from the grade 5 classrooms, we are pleased that this area will be utilised better for upper primary students.

This term’s Pizza Day fundraiser was organised by Janelle Cooper and Heather Wild and close to **$580** was raised from this event. The students enjoyed the lunch in their pyjamas. Thanks also to Jill Fryett and Leanne Broxam for assisting them in distributing pizzas on the day.

RBF DoE Awards Program

Heather Wild was nominated by the Parents and Friends for this years awards for her dedication to BPS in a volunteer capacity over the last 11 years. She has been successful for the shortlist as a finalist in the Volunteer of the Year award category for the RBF 2013 Department of Education Awards Program. She has been invited to Wrest Point for the recognition dinner. Good luck Heather!

On behalf of the Parents and Friends I would like to thank **Julie Saward** for her warm and caring manner to the parent and student community over her employment at Burnie Primary School. She has always assisted us with a smile on her face which has often taken her away from her core duties. You will be missed Julie and we wish you best wishes in your retirement!
The Health Care Insurance 321-GO kids’ race will be held at Burnie’s West Park Oval on Sunday 27th October commencing at 11:00am

Loads of incentive prizes on the day including:
WIN a 1 of 3 $100 iTunes cards by signing up a friend - Engage in healthy participation and sign up a friend who has not participated in the 321-GO kids’ race before and you will go in the draw to win one of three $100 iTunes cards. *Prior entry will be checked.
ADDED BONUS: HEALTH CARE INSURANCE will donate $500 to every school that can reach 50% participation or more of enrolled students.
SPORTFIRST Burnie - The school with the highest participation rate (number of students / schools) will share in $1200 of sporting goods. The top 3 schools within a 25km radius of Burnie and the top 3 outside the 25km radius of Burnie will share the prize.
Enter online and be in the random draw for a $300 SPORTFIRST Burnie voucher. Enter before September 6 and be eligible for the random draw prize of a 3 month family membership to HealthGo Burnie. SIX random prize draws each for a new bike and helmet, one for a boy and girl in each of the three age groups kindly donated by Caterpillar. All 13 year old participants will receive additional appropriate incentive gifts including the chance to win 1 of 2 iPods courtesy of Burnie Sports and Events (1 for girls & 1 for boys).

Entry forms will be available from your school, Health Care Insurance, The Advocate Newspaper, 7BU - 101.7 SeaFM, 7AD - 107.7FM, Burnie City Council, McDonalds Burnie, Ulverstone and Devonport and local sports stores.

Enter online @ www.321go.com.au

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**Track Cycling Come and Try**

**When:** 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th September

**Time:** 3:30 to 5:00pm

**Where:** Burnie Bikes Clubrooms, West Park Oval Burnie

**Target Age Group:** Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8

**What does the Program Involve?**
Come and learn track cycle racing skills, bike safety, handling and bike setup

**Please Bring:** Bike helmet, gloves (if you have them), water bottle

**Cost:** $10.00 per participant (Club will provide bikes and fruit)

- The Program will be run by an accredited cycling coach and Burnie Bikes club members
- Should it rain the skills program will be run indoors

Contact: Lisa Robinson 0419 583 561 email lisa.robinson@bigpond.com
Tess McDonagh 0428 717 302 email t.mcdonagh@bigpond.com

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**Bernie’s Pad in the Plaza**

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