



Burnside Public School

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'Omnia Pro Bono – For the Good of All'

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 27th October 2016
Week 3 Term 4

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday	28 th October	-	PSSA and Sport in Schools
Monday	31 st October	-	2017 Kindergarten Orientation (10:00am)
Friday	4 th November	-	PSSA and Sport in Schools Dance2bfit (Years 5 and 6)
Monday	7 th November	-	Kindergarten Coming to School Program
Friday	11 th November	-	PSSA / Sport in Schools /Dance2bfit
Tuesday	15 th November	-	School Disco
Wednesday	16 th November	-	Kindergarten Coming to School Program P&C Meeting
Friday	18 th November	-	PSSA / Sport in Schools /Dance2bfit
Friday	25 th November	-	PSSA / Sport in Schools /Dance2bfit P&C Family Fun Night
Monday	28 th November	-	Year 6 CPR
Wednesday	30 th November	-	Last day for Scripture/Ethic Classes

Assembly Awards



Combined Band Performance

On Tuesday 25th October, our senior band had the opportunity to collaborate and perform with The Kings Preparatory School and Tara bands. The students began rehearsals at Horrocks Hall and in the surrounding rooms. They then moved to Futter Hall for the final rehearsal. The Evening Performance at Futter Hall at The Kings School was outstanding. Our students performed beautifully as a school group and then combined to play 3 amazing pieces as a combined band.



Applications for selective high school placement in 2018

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 9 March 2017. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2018, you need to do so soon. You will need to **apply on the internet** using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online have been emailed home as well as being available at - ww.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. The application website opened on **11 October 2016** and closes on **14 November 2016**.

No late applications will be accepted.

Planning for 2017

We are currently planning the school organisation for 2017. This process is difficult as it is hard to predict school numbers and the nature of staffing which surrounds enrolments. It is therefore extremely important if you could indicate to us if students will not be returning to Burnside PS from Day 1 in 2017. This will help us reduce the amount of time at the start of the year prior to new classes being formed.

I ask that you send an email to the office if your children will not be returning next year or if they will be returning late. We understand that family circumstances change and wish those families who are leaving every success in their new location.

Kindergarten numbers for next year are being finalised. Please ensure you or your neighbours have your enrolment forms into the school office. Kindergarten orientation commences Monday 31st October at 10am.



Last weekend Alex represented Burnside Public School in the Paraders competition for Primary School Children at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza. More than 800 paraders and judges came together in Scone and Alex was able to participate in the Junior Meat judging, Junior Judging and Parading of a Steer. He learnt a lot about the beef industry. Congratulations on this amazing achievement.



NSW Public Schools Millennium Marching Band

Congratulations to Serena in year 6 who has been selected into the Millennium Marching Band. It is a dynamic group, full of energy and drive with a focus on fun and entertainment. The music is a mix of popular, traditional and new. Combined with fast paced drill that is reflective of the music, the Millennium Marching Band is more than straight lines and traditional marches.

Uniform Shop

As a result of new library bags needing to be ordered, the suggestion from the school was to source water proof bags as we have had many books damaged this year. The new water proof library bags are available for \$15 along with newly arrived school bags for \$45. A new pricelist for the uniform shop is attached. The uniform shop is open 8.30-9am every Friday morning.



P&C Family Fun Night

Save the Date
Friday 25th November



Gae Bromwich
Principal



**Year 7 2018
Information Evening**
to Year 5 Students and their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective coeducational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive education experience for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced and dedicated staff, providing students with safe, engaging classes.

Entry is via the Selective High School Placement Test that is run by the Department of Education's High Performing Students Unit. The test will be conducted on Thursday 9 March 2017. Online applications open 11 October 2016 and close 14 November 2016. For more information please refer to our website.

The information evening will feature classroom tours, displays, presentations and the chance to meet students and teachers. The school band will perform from 5:30pm and you are welcome to enjoy this performance. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Tuesday, 8th November 2016
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Venue: Girraween High School
110 Gilba Road
GIRRAWEEEN NSW 2145
Tel: 9636 7293 or 9636 7303
Email: girraween-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Web: www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au



2015 HSC Achievements
Girraween ranked 8th in the state overall with 19 students achieving an ATAR of 99 and over. 29% of the cohort achieved an ATAR score over 98. The highest ATAR was 99.90 (Maximum ATAR 99.95). There were 28 'all rounders', students who achieved 90% or better in 10 units of study.

State rankings included:

- 1st for Physics
- 6th for Senior Science
- 6th for Software & Development
- 15th & 16th for Chemistry
- 18th for Personal Development Health and Physical Education
- 397 distinguished achievers: students who achieved 90% or better in a subject

100% of all students achieved in the top two bands for Business Studies, Engineering, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, French Extension, History Extension, Japanese Beginners, Japanese Extension, Legal Studies, Maths Extension 2, Music 2, Music Extension 2, PDHPE, Senior Science, Society and Culture, Software Design and Development.

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"Discover and Be Inspired"
A Gifted and Talented Experience for YEAR 5 Students

A Science experience with a difference – Be part of our giant Science classroom

Registrations are now open for this special day with limited places and it's free of charge.




Dear Parent/Guardian

An invitation to a unique event for **Year 5 students and their parents**, meet the Surfing Scientist, see his Science tricks, be part of a giant Science experience, be a scientist doing experiments and have fun.

Cumberland High School is a comprehensive high school with a stream allocated to Gifted and Talented students. Cumberland offers a curriculum for students who aspire to achieve exceptional results.

You are invited to attend a unique Science Challenge Experience, which will be held at our school.

Roben Meerman, *The Surfing Scientist* from the ABC will present his special Science Challenge Performance.



Date: Tuesday 22nd November 2016
Time: 9.00am to 12.30
Venue: Cumberland High School
183 Pennant Hills Rd.
Carlingford 2118
Telephone: 9871 7718
Fax: 9872 5381
Web: www.cumberland-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

To register: Ring the school or email for the attention of Mrs Diane Orpen providing the name of the parent/guardian and the names and number of students that are interested in attending. Please notify us by Wednesday, 16 November 2016.

Would you like to be an ethics teacher? Please contact the office for more information.



Primary Ethics classes

Helping children develop skills for life

Primary Ethics' program gives children the opportunity to discuss ethical issues with their peers while developing important thinking, reasoning and discussion skills. Our innovative curriculum was developed by Dr Sue Knight, a specialist in both philosophy and education. Primary Ethics is a not-for-profit organisation approved to provide ethics education in NSW public schools.

Ethics in the infant years

Ethics classes in years k-2 focus on developing core skills such as listening to others, taking turns to speak and giving reasons.

Stories, poems and rhymes prompt children to discuss ethical issues such as hurting someone without meaning to, telling the truth, being kind, forgiving, ownership, fairness and empathy.

Our skills-based topics for this age group include asking and answering questions, disagreeing, changing your mind, working out what is true, giving and evaluating reasons as well as giving examples and counter examples. Logic is also introduced, with topics touching on inductive inference and deductive reasoning.

Ethics in the primary years

In years 3-6, ethics students develop their critical thinking and discussion-based skills.

Stories, contemporary issues and real life scenarios form the basis of discussions on ethical issues such as selfishness, how we should treat living things, promises, greed, friendship, cheating, voting, punishment, homelessness, leasing and fairness in society.

Skills-based topics for this age group include respectful disagreement, inferring or figuring things out, validity, generalising, proving claims, structuring arguments, identifying incorrect conclusions, identifying faulty reasoning, evaluating the strength of evidence and thinking about thinking. Primary aged students are encouraged to develop their community of inquiry skills by asking each other well thought out questions and challenging each other's arguments.

Questions? Call 02 8068 7752 or email info@primaryethics.com.au



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Enrolling your child

Ethics classes run weekly during the school year within the Special Religious Education/Special Education in Ethics (SRE/SEE) timeslot.

Primary Ethics classes are free of charge.

If you'd like your child to attend ethics classes, advise the school office via a note or email. Your child can start as soon as an ethics teacher is available and a minimum of eight students have enrolled in a class.

Getting involved

Ethics classes are taught by specially trained volunteers who are mostly parents or carers. Becoming an ethics coordinator or ethics teacher can be a very rewarding way to be involved in your school community. Volunteer ethics teachers are always needed to ensure that there are adequate classes to meet demand. Experience is not required, comprehensive training and access to lesson materials is provided.

New Kids TV Show

Looking For Kids & Their Pets Now!

Northern Pictures are looking for **kids aged 8-12** and their pets to feature in our new TV show all about animals, broadcasting on a major TV channel soon!
The two segments we are looking for are:

MY PET AND ME

We are on the hunt for pets of all shapes and sizes and their proud young owners to come in and introduce their pet to our host in the studio. From bunnies to birds, frogs to ferrets, snakes to snails - if you love them, we'd love to see them. Here's your chance to showcase your fantastic pet and tell Australia why they're so awesome!

DATES/TIMES: During school holidays, Jan 2017. Participants will be required to volunteer their time for approx. 2-3 hours.

LOCATION: TV Studio - Sydney

NOTES: We welcome animals of all shapes and sizes!



THE DOG GAMES

We're also on the hunt for clever dogs! If you have a clever dog/puppy, who can do tricks or is willing to learn - then send us your details! We are working with a world-class dog trainer to showcase some amazing and fun tricks for your dog to practice and hopefully master!

DATES/TIMES: Mid-December 2016 before Christmas (some weekends available) and January 2017 during school holidays. Participants will be required to volunteer their time for approx. 2-3 hours.

LOCATION: Park / Outdoor space, Sydney area - TBC

NOTES: Dogs/puppies of all skill levels are welcome! We are looking for a variety of dogs, those that have never performed and those with multiple tricks up their sleeves!



PARENTS / GUARDIANS HOW TO APPLY:

Send the following details to kids@northernpictures.com.au
Full Name, Address, Contact Number, Email, Child's Name & Age, Pet's Name & Species/Breed.
Please state which segment you want to be considered for in the email subject, we will respond with further details.



TERM 4 DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Friday	28 th		PSSA and Sport in Schools
Monday	31 st	10:00am	2017 Kindergarten Orientation

NOVEMBER

Friday	4 th		PSSA and Sport in Schools Dance2bfit (Year 6)
Monday	7 th	1:45pm	Kindergarten Coming to School Program
Friday	11 th		PSSA, Sport in Schools and Dance2bfit
Tuesday	15 th		School Disco
Wednesday	16 th	9:45am	Kindergarten Coming to School Program
		7:30pm	P&C Meeting
Friday	18 th		PSSA, Sport in Schools and Dance2bfit
Friday	25 th		PSSA, Sport in Schools and Dance2bfit
	25 th		P&C Family Fun Night
Monday	28 th		Year 6 CPR
Wednesday	30 th		Last day for Scripture/Ethic Classes

DECEMBER

Friday	2 nd		PSSA, Sport in Schools and Dance2bfit
Wednesday	7 th		Combined Scripture Service
Thursday	8 th		Thank You Lunch
Friday	9 th	9:00am	Presentation Night Practice at Kings School
Monday	12 th	9:00am	Presentation Night Practice at Kings School
Tuesday	13 th		PRESENTATION NIGHT at Kings School
Wednesday	14 th		Talent Quest
Thursday	15 th		Year 6 Farewell
Friday	16 th		Sport in Schools Final Assembly Final day for students for 2016
Monday	19 th		Office Staff
Tuesday	20 th		Office Staff

JANUARY 2017

Friday	27 th		Staff Development Day (Staff only)
Monday	30 th		Years 1-6 students return
Monday	6 th		Kindergarten students commence