



# Burnside Public School

## Newsletter

**Excellence in Learning Excellence in Teaching Excellence in Leadership**

**TERM 2 Week 10**

**Friday, 16 October 2020**

**NO PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME - Please Park on Masons Dr**

Wk 1	Monday	12 October	First day of Term 4 for students and staff
	Tuesday	13 October	Life Education (Tuesday – Friday)
Wk 2	Wednesday	21 October	P&C Google Meeting
Wk 4	Thursday	5 November	Dance2bfit commences
Wk 5	Monday	9 November	NAIDOC Week 2020
Wk 6	Wednesday	18 November	OC Placement Test
Wk 7	Wednesday	25 November	School Council Meeting
			P&C Meeting



### Principal's Report

#### Selective High School Applications for Year 7 2022

Application website for government selective high schools for Year 7 in 2022 opened on, 13 October 2020.

There will be no paper applications. You must apply online at: [www.education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](http://www.education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc)

#### Key Dates

Application website opens: 13 October 2020

Application website closes: 16 November 2020 You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released: 25 February 2021

Selective High School placement test: 11 March 2021

Placement outcome information released: 2 July 2021

Please read the booklet carefully before applying.

<https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/eafa8804-3a28-4730-9fc0-0ee49dd90f83/1/SHS-application-information.pdf>

#### Do you love writing or drawing? Write a Book in a Day

Students will be selected from Years 4-6 to participate in the Write a Book in a Day (WABIAD) program, to be held on Thursday, 29th October. If you are interested, write a short, creative piece of writing or an illustration and place it in the brown box inside Mrs Attard's classroom, by Friday 23rd October. Don't forget to include your name. Successful writers, thinkers and illustrators will be announced on Monday 26th October. No late submissions will be accepted.

Please note: the WABIAD program runs from 8am to 5pm. All students must be prepared to attend school on the 29th for this extended time.

#### Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child/ren have a drink bottle at school with them every day.

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## **Term 4 Summer Uniform**

The students all look fresh and cool in their summer uniforms. New uniforms can be ordered online. Please ensure your child has plain black supportive school shoes. Please label all new jumpers that are purchased. All unclaimed/unlabelled jumpers are washed and donated to the second hand uniforms.

## **Refunds for Drumming Incursion**

All parents who paid \$6 for the drumming incursion in term 1 will have this money placed in 'Fees in Advanced' to be used at a later date for your child/ren. However, all stage 3 students who have paid will have this amount deducted from the cost of Dance2bfit fees.

If you would prefer to have this money refunded back into your personal account instead of placed in 'Fees in Advance', please contact the office.

## **Parent Helpers**

With the reduction of restrictions on individual adults onsite, we are able to commence parent helpers for such things as reading to students. If you are available to assist the school with student reading of a morning from 9-10am could you please email the school with your name and available mornings. This is the only time presently that we require assistance.

All parent volunteers will need to comply with all COVID protocols the school has in place.

## **Physical Distancing at School Drop Off and Pick Up Times**

The Department of Education has procedures to support schools to manage physical distancing between staff and visitors such as parents onto school sites. Physical distancing means the requirement for people to distance themselves from others. The more space between you and another adult, the harder it is for the virus to spread.

## **We strongly request parents follow these guidelines.**

1. Children are dropped to the school gate between 8.30-9am.
2. Parents should not enter the school site unless it is for a meeting, early pick up or a required volunteer. Please enter the gate closest to the office.
3. Maintain a physical distance from staff and from other adults such as parents/carers at school pick up and drop off times.

## **End of Year Performances**

While a whole school end of year presentation assembly with families will not occur. We will still be celebrating the end of year and recording each class items and the presentation of awards for families. This year, our theme is 'Line Dancing'. All classes will learn a socially distanced line dance to perform at the end of the year for their peers. Families will enjoy these performances as a video which may be shared with family members over the festive season. All students K-6 will need to have a pair of denim(blue) shorts and a white T-shirt or shirt for this event. More information will follow.

## **Students who are unwell**

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers have been reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms to be sent home. Students with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school. Please text a screenshot of results to the school. Please wait until your child has fully recovered before returning to school even if a negative result has been provided.

## Counselling Support

Students throughout their schooling at times may require support to deal with their emotions and thoughts. Your child is able to see our school counsellor; this can be through referral from the parent or self-referral (dependent on age) if they need to talk. Some children, however, may prefer to talk to someone they don't know about how they are feeling.

Potential free, anonymous and confidential sources of support for your children include:

**Kids Helpline** (1800 551800 or [www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au))

**Lifeline** (131114 or [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au))

**Headspace** (1800 650 890 or [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au))

The State Mental Health Telephone Access Line (1800 011 511) which operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is staffed by clinicians who can provide advice, make referrals and link callers to the mental health service in their Local Health District.

## P&C Meeting - October 2020 – Online Meeting

When

Wed Oct 21, 2020 7:30pm – 9:30pm Eastern Australia Time - Sydney

Joining info Join with Google Meet

[meet.google.com/mdr-zoqz-zgd](https://meet.google.com/mdr-zoqz-zgd)

Join by phone

(AU) [+61 3 8594 7713](tel:+61385947713) (PIN: 167001404)

*Gae Bromwich*

**Principal**

## Life Education Incursion

The students have enjoyed visiting Life Education Van this week and saying hi to Harold. The students will complete an activity book based around the concepts their year group covered. These books will come home at the end of the year.



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## Major light rail construction on Parramatta's 'Eat Street'

Major light rail construction on Parramatta's 'Eat Street' dining strip will be fast-tracked for completion in mid-2021, returning the precinct to sophisticated outdoor dining as quickly as possible, the NSW Government has announced today. Transport for NSW consulted with the PLR Business Reference Group and the Eat Street businesses on whether to postpone a three-month construction grace period scheduled to begin on November 1. Of those who voted, 90 per cent were in favour of the postponement and fast-tracking the work.

Due to the disruption of COVID-19, it is clear that the foot-traffic is not there to sustain a long break in construction when these works could be fast-tracked. Transport for NSW supports the decision of local businesses to progress construction works during this time. An activation known as 'Eat Street Uncovered' will now take place from August 2021 before the second phase of light rail works, including the installation of light rail stops, testing and commissioning, begins. You can read more about the announcement [here](#).

## Assembly Awards and Aussie of the Month

















### **Entertainment Book Year 6 Fundraising**

Entertainment Digital Memberships are now available. Burnside Public School Year 6 Fundraising will receive a percentage from every Entertainment Digital Membership sold.

To order please go to: <https://www.entbook.com.au/21430k3> \ .

### **NSW Government – Health Western Sydney Local Health District – COVID-19 Bulletin Issue 17**

Please go to the link for Issue 18:

<https://cdn-au.mailsnd.com/75119/kbrq2DclLFzq5HwD5TO0T6bAYm5Kv0ryOq1kPhdHLAc/3333974.pdf>