



# Burnside Public School

## Newsletter

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

**TERM 1 Week 2**

**Friday, 5 February 2021**

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

Tuesday	9 February	Band Commences
Friday	12 February	Uniform Shop open
Monday	15 February	Meet the Teacher commences
Wednesday	17 February	P&C Meeting – 7:30pm in the Staff Room
Wednesday	24 February	Ethics and Scripture Classes commence

### **Principal's Report**

Welcome back to Burnside, the staff and I are extremely excited to begin another fantastic year of learning with your children. A special welcome to our new families, in particular our new kindergarten students who begun their Burnside journey on Wednesday.

The following is from our new Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024. Please familiarise yourself with our priorities for the students of Burnside.

### **School Vision**

At Burnside Public School we aim to deliver high quality education within an inclusive environment to prepare responsible, and engaged young people. Every student, every teacher and every leader will work in partnership with families and the educational community to maintain high expectations to be challenged to learn and improve each year. Every student will be known, valued and cared for in order to connect, succeed and thrive.

### **Student Growth and Attainment**

In order to maximise student learning outcomes in reading and numeracy we will develop and sustain whole school processes for collecting and analysing data to ensure all staff use data to understand the learning needs of individual students underpinned by evidence informed strategies and embedded in evaluative practice. Students will become self-directed learners who are aware of their own progress and work with teachers to direct their future learning

### **Improvement, Innovation and Collaboration**

Our teachers will evaluate their effectiveness and reflectively adapt their practice through quality, targeted professional learning, and collaborative practices, such as QTR rounds, as well as collaborative programming reflective of the analysis of student data. Researched-informed teaching practice will result in innovative lessons.

### **Learning, Identity and Wellbeing**

To ensure that all students are able to connect, succeed, thrive and learn, there will be a planned approach to whole school wellbeing programs, strong links with the parent community and engagement with the broader educational community.

Thank you to all parents who filled in surveys and our School Council for their consultation as we developed our plan. Your ongoing support as we adapt to the needs of our community is appreciated.

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School Leaders 2021



House Leaders 2021

Burns & Murdoch





## Media Team



## Gardening Team



## Technology



## Librarians



## SRC – Student Nominations

Next week students will be asked to nominate themselves for class SRC. Students will be asked to tell the class why they want to be a SRC representative. Classes vote for 1 boy and 1 girl representative.

## Lunch Orders

Students may order lunch on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays ONLY** through Spar Supermarket at North Parramatta by on-line ordering and lunches will be delivered to school by approximately 1pm.

**Orders need to be in by 9:30am the day of deliver.**

To set up your login details and order:

1. Google sparlunches and click on the website [sparlunches.com.au](http://sparlunches.com.au)
2. Go to 'My Account'
3. Register your child's **name and class**. If you have more than one child simply 'Add child' again.
4. Click on **categories** to order your lunch, located on the left hand side.
5. Once your order is complete continue to **Checkout**, located at the bottom of the shopping cart.
6. Click on continue, read and agree to privacy policy and click on continue once more.
7. Confirm order then proceed to PayPal. **Option 1** pay by your PayPal account or **Option 2** pay by credit card.
8. You will receive an email to confirm order. (Please ensure you have your confirmation email)

Spar Supermarket, 51-53 Albert Street, North Parramatta,

Phone: 02 9330 8595

## Stage 3 Canberra Camp

We are very excited to announce that Year 5 and 6 students will be going on an excursion to Canberra from Wednesday 17 March to Friday 19 March 2021 to support the HSIE unit Australia as A Nation. The students will be attending many venues during their excursion such as National Capital Exhibition at Regatta Point, Electoral Education Centre, Parliament House and Parliamentary Education Office, House of Representatives and The Senate, Black Mountain Tower, War Memorial, Questacon, Institute of Sport, National Museum, CSIRO Discovery and the Royal Mint. Please ensure you have read this note and return the payment and medical forms.

## Swimming Carnival

We are currently waiting on approval from the King's School for the swimming carnival. We will inform parents and have a permission note sent home as soon as it is confirmed.

## Class Construction 2021

As you are aware this year the school has many staged classes and some across stage classes due to student numbers in each stage group e.g K/1, 2/3, 4/5/6. Within our junior school this year we do not have enough kindergarten students to make 2 classes therefore we must form a K/1. In doing so this rolls our numbers. As our school is small we do end up with a situation where we often have 6-10 students too many for a stage group therefore across stage classes form. This type of class formation occurs within our school every year. Our decision to stage e.g 3/4 and 5/6 classes was based on ensuring an even number of students between classes as well as catering for behavioural/ social and academic requirements of the students.

All staff are involved in the planning and formation of classes and place students in groups to help develop their academic growth. A variety of criteria is considered when forming classes including but not limited to academic levels, behavioural/social needs, resilience of the student, student work habits etc.

All staff at the school are trained in syllabus implementation K-6 and are capable of meeting the needs of all our students. Each and every year, the staff at Burnside work hard to meet the needs of all students. As always, excursions, sport etc will be within stage groups.

The teachers are excited to develop rapport with their new classes but require time to do this. If you have concerns regarding your child's placement please make an appointment via the office to discuss the matter further.

Our Assistant Principals are also happy to meet with parents of their stage.

Kindergarten/Stage 1 Mrs Bennett

Stage 2 Mrs Frost (Relieving)

Stage 3 Mrs Barrett

## Meet the Teacher Afternoon

This year we are permitted to hold meet the teacher afternoons however we have a limit of 30 adults per class. I therefore ask that **only 1** representative per household attend the meeting. Where possible we ask that students do not attend. Students are not permitted to be left unattended in the school grounds.

To enable parents to attend all their children's information sessions we have them spread across week 4&5.

Monday 15 February	1/2 Mrs Bennett	&	Year 1 Mrs Ong
Tuesday 16 February	4/5/6 Mrs Barrett	&	5/6K Miss Kendall-Kelly
Wednesday 17 February	3/4A Mrs Attard		
Thursday 18 February	5/6T Mrs Thornton	&	KB Miss Bea
Monday 1 March	3/4S Miss Sobco	&	2/3 Mrs Frost
Tuesday 2 March	K/1W Miss Wyson		

## School Counsellor

We would like to welcome our new school counsellor Djcynta Middleton to Burnside. School counsellors can assist teaching staff to understand the students' learning and behaviour. Counsellors can provide direct counselling to individuals or groups of students. They also help access additional community support and, where appropriate, make referrals to specialist services. If you would like to contact the school counsellor please call the school office. The school counsellor works with the schools learning and support team to cater for the individual needs of our students.



## Attendance

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day from 8.55am – 3pm. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

Please refer to the **Compulsory School Attendance – Parent Information** for more details on attendance.

## Drop Off and Pick Up

School time is from 8.55am – 3pm daily.

Please ensure that your child is on time for school and you are on time at the end of the day for pick up.

The school has onsite OSHC. Please phone 0418411636 if you require care before or after school.

## Parking and Road Safety

While we understand the parking concerns on Masons Drive, I ask that all parents park safely. No parent should be doubled parked or asking a child to enter or exit a car that is double parked. I ask that when picking up students of an afternoon that we exit as safely as possible. The vacant land at the end of Mason's Drive is private property and we are unable to access it. The newly marked off block, is for construction workers only at our neighbouring schools.

The overhead crossing bridge is a safe way for our students to cross Pennant Hills Road. Please remind your child of the safe use of this pedestrian bridge and the correct use of the lift. This includes the importance of ensuring nothing is thrown off the bridge.

Crossing Mason's Drive should only be done at the pedestrian crossing with Reggie for our students or at the lights for students with their parents. I ask that all families are respectful to Reggie as she works hard to continue to assist in keeping our students safe.

I thank you for supporting the safe movement of our students to and from school.

## Birthdays

Student safety is important to us during all formal and informal activities at school. When it is your child's birthday we allow the students to come to school dressed in mufti if they wish to – remembering they must have a pair of enclosed shoes on their feet e.g sneakers.

Students are not permitted to bring in any food to share. Please keep this at home for your family and friends' celebrations. Please do not send 'party' bags. Please also keep these at home for birthday party celebrations.

## Book Club – Issue No 1 to be returned by Monday, 15 February 2021

Book Club forms go home twice a term. Orders may be placed using the Loop online payment system or by completing and retuning the order form and money to the office letterbox. Orders need to be returned the following Monday after forms have been handed to the students. We encourage families to support Bookclub as **every dollar spent enables the school to obtain resources for the Library and Classrooms at no cost.** Issue 1 will be sent home on Monday, 8 February.

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## Communication with Teachers

We all live in a busy changing world. At times we are busy but need to be in contact with school staff. If you are wanting to contact a staff member we recommend the following communication methods.

**Low level issues** or concerns e.g. not coming in for reading groups, student away, message re homework etc Call the office or email the message to [burnside-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:burnside-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) – attention to the staff member.

**Moderate Issues** – requiring attention within the next few days. Call the office for an appointment or email the concern attention to the staff member [burnside-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:burnside-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Please be aware that during school hours staff are not always on emails as they are engaged with teaching and learning activities. Staff will attend to emails after hours and will respond within a 24-48hour period. Parents are welcome to come into the office if they require a teacher of a morning. If available the teacher will come to speak to the parent. For longer matters an appointment time will be set.

**High Level of Concern** – requiring urgent attention. Please call or come into the office before school. Office staff will find the staff member or an executive to assist you.

All staff are involved in meetings on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Staff also engaged in professional development courses after school throughout the year.

Please remember to update your contact numbers with the office if these change so we can readily access parents and emergency contacts.

## Mobile Phones/ Devices/ Smart Watches

Our school Mobile Phone and Device policy states that all devices that can message, take photos or connect to the internet cannot be carried by the child or be in their bag during the day. At Burnside Public School students may only bring mobile phones/devices/ SMART Watches to school if there is a need for them to be able to contact their parents either before arriving at school or in the afternoon after leaving school. Upon arrival at school the phone/ device/ SMART Watch is to be checked in at the school office where it will be turned off and kept securely for the day. It is the child's responsibility to collect the phone/ device/ SMART Watch at the end of the day. Parents with an urgent need to be in contact with their child during the day should contact the school office and appropriate steps will be taken to pass on the message or arrangements will be made for the child to return the call on the school phone.

## P&C NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday, 18th February at 7.30pm in the staff room. All positions will be declared vacant and nominations called for. Please consider attending and volunteering for one of these important positions. Our P&C work tirelessly to assist the school in providing the very best resources for all students throughout the school.

## School Council

Our School Council enables formal school community participation in planning and governance of Burnside Public School and fosters closer links between the school and its community for the benefit of all its students. Tenure on the School Council is for 2 years – 4 meetings a year.

Parent nominations are invited for election to the vacant position for a period of two years. If we receive more than one nomination a formal vote will occur.

Completed nomination forms are to be returned to Mrs Bromwich (Executive Member) by 3:00pm on Friday, 19 February 2021. (Voting, if required, will be on Friday, 26 February.)

2019-2020 Mrs Vicki Radford served on the School Council. I would like to thank Vicki for her valuable input into school policies throughout this time, helping to ensure our school remains current and reflective of community and department values.

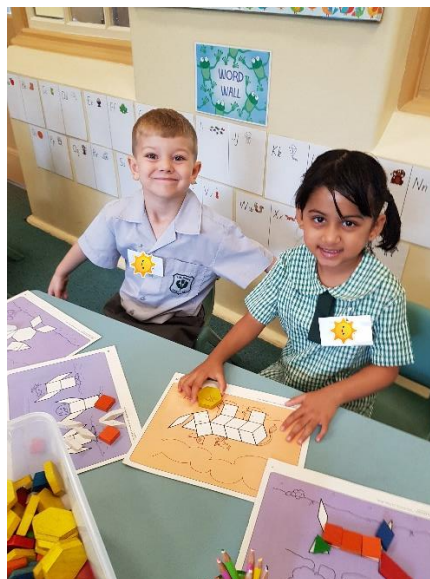


## Kindergarten

On Wednesday we welcomed our new Kindergarten students to Burnside Public School. The students have shown great resilience in their approach to school and have arrived happily each morning. Thank you to the P&C for organising an alternative to Tea and Tissues for kindy parents.







**We look forward to getting to know all of our new kindergarten students. Our Year 6 students will meet their kindergarten buddy next week.**

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## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Burnside Public School is held on Tuesdays from 1:10pm to 2:00pm, starting on 2 February 2021.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

### NSW Government – Health Western Sydney Local Health District

#### Keeping families and children well – COVID-19 bulletin

#### Issue 28: Monday 1 February 2021

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# CARLINGFORD COUGARS

## Junior Rugby League Football Club

### Come and Play Junior League for the mighty Cougars!

**2019 NSWRL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER!**  
**2018 NSWRL "RESPECT" AWARD WINNER!**  
**2017 NSWRL GRASSROOTS CLUB OF THE YEAR!**

**"Come & Try" Day Rugby League & League Tag**  
 Sunday, December 6, 2020  
 9.00-10.30am at Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve, Dundas.

**"Come & Try" Night Rugby League & League Tag**  
 Friday, February 5, 2021  
 5.30-6.30pm at Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve, Dundas.

**Mini Footy (Ages 4-8)**  
**Mod Footy (Ages 9-12)**  
 Safe Play modified rules used for boys and girls from U6-U12 age groups.

**League Tag - Girls Teams (Ages 10-Opens)**  
 Come play "Non-Contact" League Tag. Open to girls aged 10 and above.

**Rugby League (Ages 13-17)**  
 Safe Play Rugby League rules used for U13s and above.

**We are an accredited Active Kids Provider**

**To register online today, visit [CarlingfordCougars.com.au](http://CarlingfordCougars.com.au) and click the 'Register Online' link.**  
**For more info contact us on**  
**0418 158 027**  
**[info@carlingfordcougars.com.au](mailto:info@carlingfordcougars.com.au)**

**Our games are played on SUNDAYS as part of the Balmain JRL.**  
**All players receive jersey, shorts, socks, training shirt and NRL passcode. (Mouth-guard, headgear and boots not included)**  
**Contact us for further information about the Active Child rebate.**  
**U6 First Year Free Rego**  
 Contact us for your discount code

**Discipline • Team Work • Fair Play**

**Season Kicks Off in April**

**Facebook:** @CougarsJRLFC  
**Twitter:** @CougarsJRLFC  
**Instagram:** @CarlingfordCougars

# COME & PLAY WITH US!

North Rocks Soccer Club invites girls and boys, to come and play soccer for their local club which plays in the Hills Football Association. All age groups and standards accommodated. To be eligible, players must be turning at least five years old during the calendar year of the playing season (i.e 1 Jan-31 Dec). The Club also has a Football-4-All program which we call "Rockerball".

**AGE GROUPS AND PLAYING DAYS**

- 5-7 year old boys and girls play in-house on Saturday mornings in a small-sided format. Their fun skills training is provided by a professional training academy.
- 8-12 year old boys and girls play other Hills Football Association clubs on Saturday mornings in a small-sided format.
- Boys/mixed under 13 to 18 play Saturday mornings. All Age Men, Premier League, Over 35 and Over 45s play Saturday afternoons.
- Ladies and girls teams, Under 9 to All Age, play Sundays.
- Over 35 Ladies play Friday nights.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

**\$100 Active Kids rebate voucher available\***

**Rego includes a FREE JERSEY to keep 6 & 7S ONLY**

## JOIN OUR TEAM

### REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

[www.nrsfc.com.au](http://www.nrsfc.com.au)

\*For more information on how to receive the Active Kids Program Rebate go to <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

# PARENTS AGAIN

## KINSHIP AND FOSTER CARERS

### Parents Again Social Support Group

Parents Again is a monthly social support group for grandparent, kinship and foster carers who have full custody or care of children.

Join us and meet people in similar circumstances in a friendly, relaxed and non-judgmental environment.

**Contact [belindam@hca.org.au](mailto:belindam@hca.org.au) or 96398620 for more information and to register.**

**Meetings: 1st Wednesday each month, 10.30AM-12.30PM**  
**Castle Towers Community Hub - Old Castle Hill Road Castle Hill**

**Hills Community Aid**  
 Empowering Communities to Thrive