



Burrowes State School

"To meet the diverse needs of all students"

NEWSLETTER

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Burrowes continues to kick goals. Our sporting teams have made the semi-finals this week in interschool sport and our UNSW English results are some of the best we have had. Congratulations to the following students:

Luca	Year 6	Distinction
Emilia	Year 5	Distinction
Savannah	Year 5	Credit
Ali	Year 5	Credit
Kiana	Year 4	Credit
Ersa	Year 3	Credit
Zoe	Year 6	Merit
Elyssa	Year 3	Merit

This is a great result with another 20 participation certificates handed out.

The next five weeks is about finishing strong and celebrating our great achievements this year.

On Tuesday this week Mr Kearney, Mrs Appleton and I accompanied 47 Year 6 students to see the Spirit of the Outback spectacular to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the charge of the light horse at the battle of Beersheba. Our students looked great in their school uniform and represented our community with distinction. Our students are a credit to their parents, teachers and themselves and I am proud to be their Principal.



The School Captain process for 2018 has begun and a new group of aspiring leaders have put themselves forward to go through the challenging process. The original 17 students who presented their first speech to their peers has now been reduced to 10. These students will present their extended speeches on assembly on Monday at 2pm. Burrowes has many opportunities for students to demonstrate their leadership skills, Cultural Captains and Sporting Captains will be decided early next year.

Colour Run

The P and C are coordinating a Colour Run fund raiser on November 24. We would love all students to be involved. Please be aware that the permission form sent home is to opt out. Please do not send this form back unless you do not want your student involved on the day. Students will need to raise some money and wear a white t-shirt on the day. The fun run will be held in the morning. All money raised will go to the P and C to raise funds for a Year 3 and 4 playground.

Staffing and classes for next year

One of the biggest challenges each year is the construction and organisation of classes for the next year. To help us be as accurate as possible and minimise any changes at the start of next year please let the office know if you are moving next year and are anticipating not returning to Burrowes in 2018.

The staffing and class formation process continues right through until the first few weeks of the following year. Preparation and planning is designed to limit any changes and adjustments to classes. I anticipate at this stage starting 2018 with 32 classes. However this does not include a fifth Prep class which is possible. Also we have a new estate and several blocks of land in our catchment that may result in increased enrolments. There is also a strong chance of a Prep One class, this has been very successful over the past two years. Burrowes State School attempts to reduce the amount of composite classes where possible but staffing and enrolment numbers don't always permit this.

I would like to extend an opportunity to families to inform me, in writing, of any educational considerations that you would like me to be aware of when considering your child's placement for 2018. Where possible we will be doing all that we can to ensure that classes are balanced in both number and educational dynamics. With this in mind you can appreciate that it isn't possible to request a specific teacher, expect the same teacher who may have taught their sibling in the past, or want all your child's friends in the one class. Sometimes being best friends in the playground doesn't always equate to industrious work habits in the classroom, and often friendship groupings change during the course of the year. Your child's educational needs will be valued and taken into account, however the final class construction is ultimately a school decision made in consultation with this year's teachers. If you would like to write a letter please address it to the Principal and hand it into the office by Friday November 17.

At this stage our teachers do not know what year level they will be on next year and Education Queensland's transfer and staffing process remains active until the last day of the school year and in some cases staffing isn't finalized until after Day 8 2017, so needless to say that all of this is a work in progress. We also have a number of teachers on maternity leave at various times throughout 2018.

Attendance

The attendance target for Education Queensland is 95%, this means that students can only be away from school for 10 days in the school year. In 2015 we finished the year on 88.8%, last year we ended the year on 89.5%. Currently we are on 90.3%. With a concerted effort over the next five weeks we should be able to end the year above 90%. Can parents please ensure that students are at school every day?

10% of days off each year equals 20 days a year.

20 days a year is four weeks of schooling which equates to 1 and a half years of school missed over the child's 13 years of schooling.

School Uniform

With the summer fast approaching it is essential that students have the appropriate school hat. We have a NO hat, No Play policy at Burrowes. Students without a hat will be directed to sit during their play time. Students are encouraged to drink plenty of water. Non-school jumpers need to stay home. Next year during winter students will not be able to wear jumpers that are not endorsed by the school dress code.

Prep enrolments

We have 100 preps currently on our books for 2018, this is the most we have had for a while at this point in time. Positions are filling up fast. If you are a current family with prep age siblings for next year, please notify the office as soon as possible. Our prep enrolment process for 2018 has begun, if you know of any new families with prep aged children who live in our catchment could you please encourage them to make contact with the school as a matter of urgency.

Parents on the prep list have been booked in for an enrolment meeting. We will be offering families an orientation and information session in November.

P and C

The next P and C meeting is scheduled for 9am in the school resource centre on Monday November 13, all are welcome. The main focus for this meeting will be planning fundraising for 2018.

End of Term Key Dates

November 13 to 17	Year 5/6 Camp
November 20 to 24	Prep Orientation
November 24	Colour Run
November 30	Christmas Spectacular
December 5	Year 6 Graduation
December 7	Academic Parade
December 8	Last Day of the year.

Deputy Principal, Neil Ewing, Year 5 And 6

Year 5 and 6 Camp



Year 5 and 6 students have the bi-annual camp from the 13th – 17th November and its only 1 weeks away. All attending students will receive more information as we draw closer to the camp date.

Inter school sports

Inter school sport will resume this term as part of the winter season. We still have our interschool sports on the Friday afternoon.

Kingston State College Orientation Day.



On Wednesday the 29th of November, Kingston State College is having an

orientation day for all year 6 students who have enrolled for 2018.

This is a chance to get to know your teachers, find out who your classmates will be and to learn about our school and all of the exciting things you will be doing next year.

Students who have enrolled will be getting their invites soon. So if you have not enrolled yet but you would like to attend or if you have any questions please contact Kingston State College office or visit our website.

Phone: (07) 3826 1333

Email: enrolments@kingstonsc.eq.edu.au

Web site: <https://kingstonsc.eq.edu.au/Enrolments/Pages/Enrolments.aspx>

Student Leadership Nominations

Students had a Year 5 meeting on Monday (week 5) for nominations for school captains for 2018. This was a great opportunity for students to announce their participation in the program and start to enhance their leadership skills and become a great role model for younger students. This process will start to prepare nominated participants for future endeavours in Year 6, 2018.

Graduation and Academic Parades

Year 6 students have the opportunity to participate in a graduation dinner towards the end of this term. Letters have been handed out to students explaining dates, times and expectations for dress attire. The letters need to be signed and returned to the office as soon as possible. Students will be reminded about graduation later in the term. We also have our academic parade on Thursday 7th December it recognises the great work our students have completed throughout semester two. Parents are most welcome on the day and we encourage as much support for students as they receive their certificates.

Deputy Principal Jacqui Jones - Years 3 And 4



School Rules

As we move towards the end of the school year it is important that students remember the 4 school rules and act accordingly.

The 4 school rules: I am a Learner, I am Safe, I am Responsible, and I am Respectful reflect the behaviour expected at school. This provides a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students, where students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing.

Report Cards



This term report cards will go home via email only. If we don't have your email on record please drop in and update those details.

Deputy Principal Karen Lemon - Prep To Year 2

Reading at home

Burrowes State School subscribes to an online reading program called Sunshine books. This resource is used at school but can also be accessed at home. The site is easy to navigate and there are interactive games to play as well as readings at all different levels. If you are unsure about the approximate level your child can manage, please contact your class teacher before the holidays so the right section can be accessed.

Log onto the site using the address below.

<http://www.sunshineonline.com.au/schools.php>

The website will ask for the user name and password at the top of the screen.

The user name and password are the same- burrowes.

If you have a reluctant reader, sometimes reading on the computer can be more engaging and students might be willing to have a try.

This can also be a way of keeping up with the reading practice during the school holidays.

Reading practice is very important during this long break. For early readers, who don't read at home, there is sometimes a decline in their skills.



Head Of Curriculum - Leslie Ward

Hello Everyone,

I am new to Burrows so I wanted to introduce myself.

Who am I?

My name is Leslie Ward and I'm currently the Acting Head of Curriculum at your beautiful school. Over the years I have worked in both private and state schools in a multitude of states, settings and contexts and I have taught all year levels from P – Year 6, whilst holding various leadership roles along my journey.

What is my Role?

My primary responsibility is assisting in leading and coordinating the maintenance, review and implementation of curriculum frameworks, pedagogy, programs assessment and reporting. I will be working closely with teachers on what and how to implement the Australian Curriculum. As a team we work on our professional development to enhance our skills, as we continually strive towards the success of all student's learning.

What is my philosophy of learning?

I have a strong belief that differentiation, through frequent evidenced based data is the key to moving students forward as an effective strategy. This coupled with goal setting and feedback is very powerful and it's truly exciting when students choose to take responsibility for their own learning. It still gives me a buzz after all these years!

I am passionate about Reading and the joy that books bring to not only our children, but to adults as well. It's particularly exciting when a student's reading ability begins to shift from learning to Read to Reading to learn. If you are looking for ways to help your child with reading, please contact your child's classroom teacher, as they have a wealth of knowledge surrounding this.

I believe being a parent is one of the most demanding and difficult jobs, nevertheless it is also one of the most important! I believe teaching is the 2nd most important, as we work together with you to guide our future.

If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me via the ladies at admin. We can then arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. I am excited to be here and be a part of your team!

Yours in Education,

Leslie Ward

Head of Curriculum

Business Manager

P & C MEETING

The next P&C meeting is on Monday 13th November. These meetings are held monthly and we are always happy to see new faces. If you are interested in attending these meetings, they are held at 9am in the Resource Centre and generally go for about an hour.

OUTSTANDING INVOICES

If you have any money outstanding, please make sure your student accounts are finalised by the end of November. ALL outstanding funds need to be received by the year that the invoice was raised.



Payments can be made at the payment window or front office. EFTPOS is available also. If paying on-line, please use the BPOINT information to ensure your payment is applied to the correct invoice.

UNIFORM SHOP

Don't miss out - all shorts and skorts are currently \$10. BE QUICK!!

P & C News

Burrowes School Colour fun run

Sponsorship forms have been sent home, this is shaping up to be a very colourful event. All children participating in this event will need to wear a white shirt on the day. Please note that the powder used in this event is non toxic and bio degradable. The event will be split into 3 time slots throughout the day.

Date:- 24th November 2017

Times:-

Prep - Year 2 - 9:10am - 9:55am

Year 3 - Year 4 - 10am - 11am

Year 5 - Year 6 - 11:30am - 12:30pm



We are encouraging all children to be a part of this event, all they need to do is raise a minimum of \$2 to participate.

All monies raised will be used to help build a new playground. All money and forms need to be returned to the tuckshop. There are some great prizes to be claimed

Keep an eye out for a flyer coming home soon, with all of the information.

For more information or to have a look at the powder being used please call Karen from KDK on 0402421570.

KDK Kids First News

The school holidays are fast approaching; our vacation care program is now available and is jam packed with lots of amazing activities to keep your children entertained these school holidays. With some exciting excursions thrown in there, we are looking forward to taking the children on an amazing journey over the school holidays.

KDK are located in the school hall, we are open from 6am - 6pm, and we provide Breakfast and Afternoon tea daily.

If you would like a free quote please call our office on 3803 7717 or pop down to the hall and speak to one of our friendly staff.



Senior Parade 24th October

Star Awards.

Bronze Star Awards

3H – Gabe , Taj , Austin , Tia , Dwayne , Rose , Foad , Tahlia

3P – Liam ,

3R – Matilda , Xavier , Fatimah

4C – Lillyann ,

4D – Ruth

6W – Zarah

6P – Emily



Silver Star Awards

3/4K – Jake , Sarah

3HY – Hassan

4A – Martin , Jessie , Llewellyn , Sas i, Morgan, William , Tane ,

4D – Morgan

6W – Tahlia , Chloe , Tiare , Fern

6JW – Ethan , Tayla , Theresa



Gold Star Award

3/4K – Maioha , Jari

3HY – Phillip

3K – Blake , Batoul , Madison , Ronan ,

4D – Se Rium

5B – Murdoch , Kameel

5K – Reyanna

6W – Randy



Principal and Your Can Do It Awards

Class	Student	Comment
3K	Umaiza	Principals Award
3K	Myrah	Principals Award
3K	Jesi	Resilience Award - bouncing back after being upset
3K	Taylor	Confidence Award - Having a red hot go at dancing.
3/4K	Cruze	Getting Along Award by working well with others.
3/4K	Amber	Demonstrating Organisation by being prepared for all lessons
3/4K	Anonah	Persistence Award by attempting all class work
3/4K	Maioha	Confidence Award by sharing his answers with the class
3/4K	Jari	Confidence Award by assisting others
4A	Jessie	Not giving up when work is difficult
4A	Montanna	Trying hard at all tasks
4A	Xavier	A big improvement in behaviour choices
4B	Harley	Persistence Award by attempting all class work
4B	Morgan	Organization Award
4B	Tahlia	Getting Along Award by working well with others.
4B	Isaac	Resilience Award - bouncing back after being upset
4B	Brian	Confidence Award
4B	Se Rium	Principals Award
5B	Manaia	Working well with others.
5B	Jayme	Sharing answers in class.
6AB	Nikki	Always listening and taken notes
6AB	Byron	Attempting all of his work.

Junior Parade 30th October, 2017

Star Awards

Bronze Star Award

PJ – Zedric, Zeinab, Shylah, Laureesa, Axel, Kyron, Razia, Mariana, Reagan

PI – Kavahn, Willow, Beewunet

PL – Adah, Ariella, Sophie, Fayth, Destiny

PH – Skyla, Achilles, Cooper, Rangl,

1B – Rahmatulloh, Cooper, Tia

1KO – Adem, Lilly

P/1M – Tilia, Essence, Semisi, Diamond, Mia-Angel

1S – Leo

1T – Reece

2W – Maison

2C - Melodee

2R – Quade



Silver Star Awards

1B –Maxwell, Kyson

1T – Tobias

P/1M – Charlie

1KO – Kurtis, Second Gift.

2R – Isaac

2C – Genaya Matamua

2J – David Tavita



Gold Star Awards

1B – Hannan, Dyana

P/1M – Amazing Graze, Merlin

2J – David, Sophavika



Junior Principal's and You Can Do It Awards

Class	Name	Comments
PH	Aaliyah	Principal's Award - Improvements in hearing sounds in words
PH	Lucas	Never giving up when things get difficult
1KO	Bella	Principal's Award - Fantastic improvement in writing a procedure
1KO	Joel	Ignoring others around him who are doing the wrong thing
2R	Marily	Principal's Award
2R	Kiera	Principal's Award
2R	Leon	Principal's Award
2J	Shaylin	Getting Along Award - Always working well with others
2W	TeKauri	Contiuing to try even when work is hard
2C	Anthony	Persistence Award
2C	Tali	Persistence Award
2B	Jayden	Academic Award
2B	Bree	Persistence Award - Organisation
2B	Cody	Academic Award

School Watch 13 17 88



We need everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our school. No one can access the school grounds after hours without written permission from the Principal.

If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene.

Call the School Watch number - 131 788.