



# BURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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LEARNING COOPERATION RESPECT TEAMWORK SAFETY FUN HONESTY FRIENDSHIP

### Term 2, Week 2

Thursday, May 11th, 2017

Dear Families,

Welcome back to another term—a little cooler than before. Once again we are in for an exciting and busy term.

### Pupil Free Day—Monday May 22nd

Our second Pupil Free Day will be held on Monday, May 22nd. All teachers will be attending a conference with international presenters. The focus of the sessions will be on embedding formative assessment in the classroom to improve teaching and learning, creating safe learning environments and ensuring student behaviour success.

OSHC will be available for those families needing supervision of their children on this day.

### External Review

During the week beginning June 5th we will be involved in an external review of our school. The main focus is on: “How well does the school improve achievement, growth, challenge, engagement and equity? Analysis of extensive data sets, a presentation by leadership, interviews with students, staff and parents, a staff meeting and Governing Council meeting, question and answer sessions etc will provide the review team with information to comment on our processes and practice and make recommendations for further improvement.

### School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day. This includes NO HOODIES, plain black, navy, grey, maroon or turquoise ‘bottoms.’ Donations of 2nd hand uniforms would be appreciated.

### Pre- Service teachers

Last week we welcomed 20 first year pre-service teachers to our school. We also have 4 3rd year UniSA students at our school. They will be teaching small groups and whole classes under the class teacher’s supervision. This will provide classes with an extra person to support students’ learning. They will be working at Burton during this term.

A further 26 PE pre-service teachers will also be working with some classes on Thursday afternoons for several weeks.

### Drop Off Zone—No Parking

Many thanks to the parents who are using the drop off zone at the front of the school correctly. By not leaving your car, other parents have the opportunity to drop off and pick up their children quickly and safely. Your consideration is appreciated by all and reduces the likelihood of accidents.

### What’s happening?

|  |                                 |
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| May 9 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> | NAPLAN Testing—Years 3, 5 and 7 |
| May 12th                               | Catch up day for NAPLAN testing |
| May 12th                               | Mother’s Day stall              |
| 16th May                               | Governing Council               |
| May 19th                               | Boys’ football—12.30pm @BPS     |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup>                   | Student Free Day                |
| June 16th                              | Disco                           |

# In Room 9, we have been learning and having fun with Maths.

We collected data and put it onto picture graphs. We found the number of coloured skittles in a bag. Then we got to eat them!



We have been learning different mental strategies to help us add numbers together.



2D shapes are everywhere. We enjoyed making them.



Learning about Place Value is fun and it helps us to make big numbers.



## Athletics Wrap 2017

On Friday the 7/4 38 students from years 4-7 participated in the Para Districts Athletics Carnival. The carnival is made up of 10 schools in the surrounding areas in which we competed against in various athletic events. For many it was their first opportunity to represent Burton PS, which brought nerves and a great deal of excitement. Mr. Mac and I were very pleased with the effort, determination and behaviour from all the students displayed on the day and were proud of all students' achievements. Special mentions to the following students for their efforts and achievements on the day:

| Name:  | Gender/Age Level | Result  |
|--|------------------|---|
| Blake Boaden-Smith   | Boys 2005        | 1 <sup>st</sup> 100m and 200m                 |
| Lem Ajith  | Boys 2006        | 1 <sup>st</sup> 100m and 200m                 |
| Picky Sopharra   | Girls 2005       | 1 <sup>st</sup> 200m and 2nd 200m             |
| Cooper Taylor  | Boys 2005        | 1 <sup>st</sup> in 800m                       |
| Makayla Camm   | Girls 2006       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 100m and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 200m |
| Peter Tran   | Boys 2004        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Long Jump                     |
| Katelin Webster  | Girls 2007       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shot-put                      |
| 2005 Boys relay team 1 <sup>st</sup> place:<br>Blake Boaden-Smith, Kenan Sahinovic, Lem Ajith and Cooper Taylor  |                  |   |
| 2005 Girls relay team 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:<br>Bella Danjko, Jessica Sampson, Picky Sopharra and Krystal Newman |                  |   |

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers that helped out and supported this successful event.

### STEM Learning

During the school holidays a challenge was set for the students of Room 17. The task was to develop a gutter cleaner that the person could use from ground level. Students created a prototype and presented their ideas. Congratulations to the 5 inventors that completed the task and brilliantly answered the rigorous questioning from students. The winner was Katelyn Webster. She included a telescope connected to a mirror so she could see if she had cleaned the gutter successfully.



Inventors: Hannah Ruf, Ella Litchfield, Katelyn Webster, Teagan Harris and Panayioti Pasmatis



Our heartfelt condolences go to the Short family on the passing of baby Alaya Rose as a result

of SIDS. The family would appreciate any donations to support the cost of the funeral. Donations can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/funeral-4-our-baby-girl-rest-4-sids>



### Kiwanis TERRIFIC Kid awards

Congratulations to Blake Boaden-Smith and Picky Sopharra who were awarded the Kiwanis TERRIFIC Kid awards for Term 1.

| Room | School Value Certificates - Cooperation | Classroom Certificates |
|------|---|------------------------|
| 1    | Lilianna McKessor                       | Rhys Weaver            |
| 2    | Mia Crisp                               | Tyson Lehmann          |
| 3    | Chloe Olister                           | Leon Diep              |
| 4    | Abour Ajith                             | Ella Starick           |
| 5    | Leyna Nguyen                            | Grace Adam-Birg        |
| 6    | Amber Sykes                             | Ricky Troung           |
| 7    | Chloe Field                             | Tyson Coombs           |
| 8    | Izayah Caddies                          | Charlotte Dean         |
| 9    | Joshua Graham                           | Vonta Reth             |
| 10   | Eli Jennings                            | Chanel Jordan          |
| 11   | Tina Nguyen                             | Rithymony Mak          |
| 12   | Payton Neal                             | Anyieth Ajith          |
| 14   | Thalia Carruthers                       | Brianah Jacobson       |
| 15   | Mikayla Hartmann                        | Amer Hodzic            |
| 16   | Tahnee Langham                          | Cooper Taylor          |
| 17   | Jashan Kaur                             | Teagan Harris          |
| 18   | Tamika Brady                            | Phoranon Bo            |
| 19   | Jasmine Weaver                          | Noah Jacobson          |
| 20   | Cori Marks                              | Nikolas Rush           |

## Mother's Day Stall

Our 'famous' Mother's Day stall will be happening TOMORROW—Friday, May 12th.

Children will be able to purchase gifts for mum and/or grandma with prices ranging from 50 cents to \$7.00.

This is a major fundraiser for the school. Many thanks to the families that have donated gifts.



We wish all mothers and carers a very happy day.

### NAPLAN Tests

Students in Year 3, 5 & 7 have been sitting the NAPLAN tests in Language Conventions, Reading, Writing and Numeracy this week. Teachers have been working with their classes to familiarise the students with the type of questions asked. Most are multiple choice questions.

These tests provide families and schools with a snapshot of a child's learning. Our school provides a number of ways and opportunities to inform parents about their child's learning. This includes 3 way interviews, written reports, phone conversations and meetings as required by either parents or teachers. Many parents also 'catch up' when dropping off or picking up in the afternoons.

Results from these tests come to the school late in Term 3. They will then be forwarded to families.

# 8 WAYS KIDS CAN CALM DOWN ANYWHERE



All kids can have a hard time regulating their emotions. Some have a tougher time than others. For those that need a bit of extra help, these calming tools that they can do ANYWHERE, will provide them with the skills necessary to calm down in any situation.

1

### COUNT TO 5.

Counting is a great way to help kids learn how to stop and think before reacting to their anger. Impulse control is difficult to come by for young kids. This simple tactic gives them a chance to think before they act.



2

### TAKE A DEEP BREATH.

Deep breathing is such a great relaxation technique. Despite how they are feeling, taking a deep breath (or two) can help them calm their bodies quickly.



3

### BLOW INTO YOUR HANDS.

This is another technique for promoting deep breathing. By blowing directly into their hands rather than the air, the child receives feedback and can feel the strength of their breaths.



4

### PLACE HANDS IN POCKETS.

This act provides kids with some deep pressure and physical restraint. An alternative to this would be to sit on hands or clasp them tightly.



5

### ACKNOWLEDGE ANTECEDENTS TO ANGER.

It is so important that kids begin to notice and realize what happens to their bodies when they become angry. What does their face feel like? Is there tension in their body?



6

### MAKE A FIST, THEN RELAX THE HAND.

Squeezing hands into fists and then releasing is a great way to remove some of the tension built up in the body. Often kids do not realize how much tension they are holding in their bodies when becoming upset.



7

### DO A BODY SCAN.

Start at the head, working down the body, notice areas of tension and relax those muscles.

8

### ASK FOR A HUG.

Hugs make everything better. Find someone you love and hug it out.

