

# Burton Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this school year, it is a time for celebration, reflection, goodbyes and thankyou.

It has been a challenging and difficult year.

To our 50 year 7 students.... congratulations on completing your Burton experience. Burton has no doubt been an important part of your life for some years. I would like to thank you for your contributions to our school as our student leaders, and our best wishes go with you as you move onto high school.

To our teaching staff, who make everything possible, well done and thank you. Sincere thanks also to our hardworking non-teaching staff, who keep Burton functioning smoothly and support the learning program. They have been able to keep everything ticking over nicely despite COVID.

The Department for Education has started a new program to recognise the work of schools, teachers and non-teaching staff. The program is called **#ThankED**. It saddens me that school staff do not get the thanks they deserve for the great work that they do. Through the **#ThankED** program, you can now thank any school staff member by going to [education.sa.gov.au/ThankED](http://education.sa.gov.au/ThankED)

Your child has brought home a **#ThankED** bookmark today. This bookmark has the **#ThankED** contact details on it.

We have many improvements planned for Burton next year. Some of these improvements include:

- Introduction of daily Literacy Block for all students Reception to Year 7
- Increased focus on Phonics and spelling for all students Reception to Year 7
- Increased focus on Guided and Modelled Reading for all students Reception to Year 7
- Digital device rollout for students in Module 4 and Rooms 20-24. A new community playground next to the library

We are looking forward to 2021 with a sense of excitement.

## Farewells

There are some members of staff who are leaving us today. Farewell and thank you to:

- Melinda Cox (year 4/5 teacher)
- Simone Garrard (year 5/6 teacher)
- Karina Taylor (year 1/2 teacher)
- Ali McMullen (class teacher)
- John Schumacher (groundsperson)

Some other staff members are leaving us for a year or so:

- Amanda Batten (year 6/7 teacher)
- Kim Ranieri (year 1 teacher)
- Kiah Jenkin (year 1 teacher)

We wish Kim and Kiah all the very best as they welcome their first babies.

In closing, we wish you a safe, healthy and happy holiday. Hopefully, 2021 will be COVID free, and life can return to something like normal.

Regards and Best Wishes,

Michael Hosking



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Department for Education

## Congratulations

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College is pleased to advise a former student of Burton Primary School was recognised at the College's recent 2020 Academic Assembly.

### Eman Alaboody received the 2020 Domina Nostra Award - Year 8

The Domina Nostra Award, from the Latin translation of "Our Lady", is awarded to students who most demonstrate our motto in their daily actions and interactions. This is a significant honour and indicates that in all aspects of OLSH College life students are role models for all in our community.



## Girls Wellness School Holiday Activity Program

Do you want your daughter to build skills in confidence, self-love and independence? During the January school holidays Girl Guides SA is hosting a Girls Wellness Activity Day aimed at helping young women develop confidence, resilience and independence. The event is open to all girls aged 8 - 12 years old.

During this fun, uplifting and action-packed day, your daughter will:

- Build her confidence, gratitude and self-love
- Learn about the importance of protecting the environment
- Learn to cook healthy and delicious snacks
- Relax with yoga and meditation on the beach
- Make DIY face masks and lip scrubs using natural ingredients
- Create vision boards, affirmation boards and mindfulness jars to help her relieve anxiety and develop mindfulness strategies
- Contribute to the community through community engagement initiatives

**Date:** 12 January 2021

**Time:** 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Location:** Dolphin Campsite  
(43 George Robertson Drive, Largs North SA 5016)



**Price:** \$54.95

**Booking Link:** <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/girls-wellness-activity-day-tickets-131427375819?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>

Our Girls Wellness Activity Day is the perfect holiday activity for young women looking to spend time outside with their friends, make new friends and develop invaluable life long skills.