Dear Parents

We have had a very smooth start to the 2015 school year and day one at Burrendah has been a happy and productive time for staff and students. It is wonderful to see staff and students looking so rested and relaxed after the summer break and keen to get back to school.

I would like to welcome all the families who join us here at Burrendah for the very first time. I trust you will feel welcome and I encourage you to ask your class teachers if you are unsure of any of our school routines and practices. I am always happy to talk to parents, so if you wish to make an appointment please make a time to see me through the front office.

I would like to invite all new families to a parent meeting this Thursday 5th February at 8:45am in the school hall. This will be a chance for me to talk with you about our school and the programs we offer. We will also discuss our school Business Plan and give you plenty of time to ask questions. We will also do a tour of the school.

Classroom teachers will hold parent teacher meetings in Week 2 of term at the following times:

- Tuesday 10th February
  - 4:00pm Kindergarten and PP
  - 4:45pm Year One
  - 5:30pm Year Two
- Wednesday 11th February
  - 4:45pm Year Three
  - 5:30pm Year Four
- Thursday 12th February
  - 4:45pm Year Five
  - 5:30pm Year Six

May I encourage you to make every effort to attend these class meetings as it is important that parents form a strong working relationship with the class teacher and have a good understanding of class routines and practices. We are keen for parents to work in partnership with their classroom teacher to ensure your child has a positive learning experience.

I also commend to you the EAL (English as an Additional Language) Parent Meeting Wednesday 11th February - all parents whose children speak a language other than English at home are invited to attend a meeting and morning tea in the school hall at 8:45am on Wednesday 11th February. This meeting is for both old and new families to Burrendah Primary School. A talk will be given by the EAL team about how to support your child at Burrendah Primary School while maintaining a strong home language. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn, see old friends and welcome new families to the Burrendah Primary School community. Please bring a plate of your food to share with the group.

School newsletters will go home fortnightly on a Thursday starting from next week Thursday 12th February. These will be emailed home so please make sure we have an up to date email address. If you don’t receive your newsletter next week please contact the front office to confirm your email. This communication is very important and I do ask that you take the time to read the newsletters.

You will find the newsletters available on our new website along with other valuable information. We welcome your feedback about our website and encourage you to visit this site regularly to ensure you have up to date information. The website address is http://www.burrendahps.wa.edu.au/

Could you please ensure your child has a hat and a water bottle during this very warm weather. We encourage all students to wear a school uniform hat available through the front office. Please name your hats and all articles of clothing, lunch boxes and drink boxes.

I look forward to working with you in 2015.

Jayne Ebsworthy
Principal