From the Principal’s Desk

We have nearly completed the parent meetings classroom teachers are hosting with a pleasing number of families attending these after school events. Great to see so many dads coming along as well. Today will be the final day for these meetings. Parents of Year 6 students are reminded there is a camp meeting following the last parent meeting around 6:00pm in Room 3.

Families, particularly with a number of children across the school, will notice a commonality of the key messages teachers are giving during the parent meetings especially with like year levels. This has meant a great deal of time both whole school and cohort group planning by staff to ensure this interconnection can occur. I have been told by numerous parents/carers following these meetings of how pleased they are to have their child/children attending Burrendah and what a great place it is to be apart of. As someone who has adult children your child’s school is where a number of lifelong friendships start so make the most of this opportunity by getting to know other parents.

I attended the EALD parent meeting today and met a number of parents who have been part of Burrendah for a long time as well as those who have just joined our school community. We have an exceptional EALD team who are there to support our wonderful families whose first language is not English. Together the parents and staff add an important piece to our rich heritage as a school of excellence.

Enrolment numbers are slightly higher than planned. We will be finalising classrooms once the Census is completed on Friday 17th February. While I do not expect this to impact families there may be a slight adjustment for one or two families across the school. I have already had preliminary meetings if this is the case with those involved.

The P & C are hopeful that the weather will allow the Barnyard Boogie to be held tomorrow evening. A decision will be made by Friday lunchtime (1pm) if we need to cancel. If this is the case we will send out an SMS text message. We will send an email if the event is being held as planned.

Janine Kinniment
9th February 2017
News from the Science Lab

Term 1 focus in Science will be on Earth and Space Sciences. Students will also be working on developing their inquiry skills.

Using observation skills
– what sound does a chocolate frog make?

Parents can assist with their child’s knowledge of science by nurturing their natural curiosity and being willing to help find answers to questions they may have about the world around them. Science happens all around us. Parents can look for opportunity to initiate science conversations – Why do some dishes float in the sink while others sink? How do ingredients change when you are cooking? Look for news about science such as the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) project to discuss. This term we will begin two clubs – Garden Club and STEM club. Our Garden club with be in the school vegetable garden on Wednesdays at lunch time.

Our STEM club will operate on Tuesdays at lunch time in the science lab. Our first project will need some careful engineering as groups will be constructing domes large enough to house their whole group using only newspaper and masking tape as building materials.

Students who wish to join these clubs need to speak to Mrs Crouch.

Starting next week will be the “Science Question of the Week”. Each Monday morning a question will be placed on the Science lab door. The first person to answer the question correctly will earn 2 points. All other students who answer the question correctly earn 1 point. All students who choose to be in the competition will have a star in the lab for the collection of their points. A prize will be given out at the end of each term. The student who has the most points at the end of the year will win a family pass to Scitech. There will be two end of year prizes – one for PP – Year 3 and one for Year 4 -6.

Sherryl Crouch
Science Specialist

Burrendah P&C Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Monday 20th February, 2017 at 7pm in the School Hall and all parents and carers are invited to attend.

If you've ever thought you'd like to help our school but weren’t sure how, here's your chance! No special skills are necessary; just a passion for Burrendah Primary School. A $1 membership fee will entitle you to vote at any P&C meeting throughout the year, or you can simply come along to observe.

At the AGM all Office Holder and Committee positions will be open for nomination.

Our current Secretary, Luana Gilman, does not intend to renominate for the position in 2017. This creates a wonderful opportunity for someone else to step into this very rewarding role.

If you're interested in finding out more, talk to any of the current P&C members or contact P&C President David Cherry on 0457 545 912 or president@burrendahpandc.org.au
Welcome back to school and 2017! It’s lovely to see so many friendly faces again.

Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) instrumental lessons have all started this week. All students should have received a copy of the IMSS Music Lesson Timetable. If you didn’t receive one or you have misplaced yours, please see me to collect another copy.

All Ensemble rehearsals and Choirs will begin in Week 4 this term.

Students learning an instrument through the IMSS program are expected to join the following ensembles at the beginning of their second year of playing unless invited to join earlier (Year 4 Violin and Viola students will be invited to join the String orchestra when they are ready).

Students learning a string or wind instrument privately are also most welcome to join the ensembles if they have been learning for at least one year. Please see me if you are interested in joining.

- **String Orchestra** with Mrs Treen will rehearse on **Monday mornings at 7:30am** (starting Monday 20th February) in the School Hall.
- **Wind Band** will rehearse on **Monday afternoons from 3:15pm – 4:15pm** (starting on Monday 20th February) in the Music room.
- **Senior Choir (Years 4 – 6)** will rehearse on **Tuesday mornings at 7:45am** (starting Tuesday 21st February) in the Music room. Everyone is welcome to join.
- **Chamber Strings** will rehearse on **Wednesday mornings at 7:45am** in the Music room and will begin in Week 5 (Wednesday 1st March) due to the Year 6 Camp. This group will mainly involve the Year 6 String Students.
- **Junior Choir (Years 1 – 3)** will rehearse on **Thursday mornings at 7:45am** (starting Thursday 23rd February) in the Music room. Everyone is welcome to join.

I will be holding **auditions for piano players and drum kit players** to join the ensembles. If you are interested in auditioning please see me to collect the audition music for these instruments. You must be having regular private lessons on the piano and drum kit in order to be considered for these positions as they are very important roles.

I look forward to hearing some wonderful sounds and making beautiful music throughout the year with such talented students here at Burrendah PS.

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**Community Health Nurses**

Welcome to the new school year from Robyn, Fiona, Lily, Pauline & Kellie. We are the Community Health Nurses who will be visiting your school this year.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact us on 9258 8053.
Mobile Phones
If mobile phones are sent to school it should be understood the school takes NO RESPONSIBILITY for lost, stolen or damaged phones.

All mobile phones are to be handed in to the office for the duration of the school day. Mobile phones must NOT be left in school bags. It is the responsibility of the child to pick up the phone from the office at the end of the day.

Children have access to the school phone should they need to contact parents.

Lost Property
Lost property is kept in the school hall. Lost jewellery and glasses are kept in school office. Your help is needed to encourage your children to be accountable for their property. Please name EVERYTHING that is sent to school i.e..

- Hats
- Jackets
- Water bottles
- Lunch Boxes

Unnamed lost property still in the boxes at the end of the term will be donated to the second hand uniform shop or a charity.

Kiss and Drop Zone
In an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone, Officers from the City of Canning patrol school parking in the mornings and afternoons throughout the school term. It is imperative that drivers are aware of the road rules and understand signage around schools to ensure the safety of children, road users and pedestrians in general. Unlawful parking in school areas is a major safety hazard and parking infringement notices may be issued for incorrect, unlawful or dangerous parking.

Pick Up and Set Down Areas are designed to allow large numbers of vehicles/parents to pick up or set down their children in a short length of time. This kiss and drop is located adjacent to the main school entrance along Pinetree Gully Road. When using this area, kiss your child, say goodbye, allow them to get out safely and drive away as soon as possible. When using the designated Pick Up and Set Down Areas around schools never leave your car unattended.

Drop off and Pick Up
Parents please note that we request that all parents and PP-6 students who arrive at school before 8.30 am wait in the undercover area rather than outside classrooms until a hand bell rings. This is to ensure students are safe and staff are free to prepare for the day.

At the end of the day students are asked to leave the site promptly if walking or riding their bike. Please note there is no supervision of students after school. To ensure your child’s safety please pick your children up in a timely manner, notifying the school if you are unexpectedly detained. Please note all Kindergarten and Pre Primary students must be picked up from the classroom by a parent or another designated adult. Parents must inform class teachers if they are requesting someone else to pick up their child from Kindergarten and Pre Primary.

Please note Willetton Senior High School (WSHS) students are asked to wait on the grassed area on Pinetree Gully Road or around our school library until the siren rings at 3:00pm. Parents of WSHS students please remind your children of this.

Computer Club
.....join in the fun!

The Computer Club will be running in the mornings before school on Wednesdays and Thursdays this year from 8am to 8:30am for any students from Year 2 to Year 6 who are keen to join the club.

Students work on the computers in the Library on a variety of game based educational computer programs that support learning and social interaction. They are supervised and are dismissed at 8:30am to go to their classrooms. There is no computer club in the first or last week of each term. If you have any concerns or queries, please see Mrs Nichols or Mrs Clark.
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Dates To Be Confirmed - Swimming Trials and Swimming Carnival Yrs 4-6
Barnyard Boogie

Burrendah Primary School P&C would like to invite you all to our 2017 Welcoming Event – ‘Barnyard Boogie.’ Parents, grandparents, carers, students and teachers are all welcome to join us for this annual family event.

Dress up in your favourite cowboy outfit and join us for a fun night of boot-scooting!
Food for sale or bring your own picnic.
Cowgirl & Cowboy Competition. Dress your best and be in the chance to win a prize!

**Date:** Friday 10th February 2017

**Time:** 5:30pm to 7:45pm (Access through Castlereagh Close gates)

**Featuring:** Twice Shy Band and Animal Petting Zoo

**Tickets:** $10.00 per family. Please return slip and money to the P&C Box in the School Office by Tue 7th Feb 2017. Tickets will be distributed to the youngest child in your family. [Note: Tickets also available at the door.]

**How you can help:** We are looking for volunteers to help with setting up, cooking and selling. Please contact me if you would like to help on 0403 545 714 or nicole.hon109@gmail.com.

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**Term dates for students 2017**

**Term 1**
School resumes - **Wednesday** 1st February 2017
Labour Day Holiday - Monday 6th March 2017
Last day of term - Friday 7th April 2017 (TBC)

**Term 2**
School resumes - **Wednesday** 26th April 2017
Western Australia Day Holiday - Monday 5th June 2017
School Closure - Wednesday 28th June (PM) (Parent/Teacher Meetings) (TBC)
Last day of term - Friday 30th June 2017

**Term 3**
School resumes - **Tuesday** 18th July 2017 (TBC)
Last day of term - Friday 22nd September 2017

**Term 4**
School resumes - **Tuesday** 10th October 2017
Last day of term - Thursday 14th December 2017

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**P&C Second Hand Uniform Shop**
Open Tuesday afternoon in the Undercover area 2:45 pm - 3:15pm
Contact Clare Wood 0400 724 535

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