



Parent Guide – for new families to BPS

Parent & Friends Association (P&F)

Burnside Primary School has a strong and active Parent and Friend's Association and all parents are invited to be involved.

As part of the association you will gain an informed and educated insight into the running and overall future development of the school community. The aim of P & F is to promote friendly and cooperative relationships between the Association, parents, students and the wider community for the benefit of all students attending Burnside Primary.

When the child starts their schooling at Burnside Primary School, parents automatically become a member of the P & F Association. All parents are committee members and are always welcome to attend the meetings which are held twice a term. These meetings are generally held in the staff room.



Assembly

School assemblies are held on Friday mornings on odd weeks of term and are a great opportunity for classes to demonstrate their learning to the rest of the school. Whole school assemblies are held on weeks 1,3,5,7 & 9. At the end of each term there is a short assembly at the end of the day, just before dismissal.

Assemblies are held in the gym and start at 9am. Parents, families and carers are welcome and suitable seating is provided.

Each class hosts one assembly per year with their buddy class. Class teachers will let families know when their class is running the assembly. Children speak using a microphone and perform an item.

School Photo Day

Classrooms are allocated a time where their class will have an individual photo and a class photo with their teacher taken. Parents are also able to request a family photos (collect envelope from the front) if they have more than one child at the school. Students are required to wear the appropriate school uniform.

Each child needs to have their own photo envelope on the day (issued to families the week before photo day). Enclose correct money as no change is given – cash, cheques and money orders only. Credit card payments can only be made online. A code for credit card payment is on the photo envelope.

Each student takes their photo envelope to the photographers on photo day at the time of their class photo.



Sausage Sizzle

Sausage sizzle is an event held by the school on the last day of the term to celebrate the end of the term. The sausage sizzle will replace lunch orders for that day. Each class will have a timeslot for them to go and buy the sausage. The students can pay for the food that they want on the day or parents can pay for the food in advance.

Pupil Free Day

Several pupil free days are held across the year and students are not required to attend school. These are mandated by the Education Department (DECD) for curriculum development and there are usually four per year.

Teachers and staff will attend school and are required to attend training or staff development programs related to the curriculum.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) is open on these days from 7.15 am - 6.00 pm.

School Closure Day

The School Closure Day is the day after the school musical, which is generally held in November. Students are not required to attend school on that day.

Casual Clothes Day

Casual clothes day is a fundraising event when students are not required to wear school uniforms on casual clothes day. They can dress up in casual clothing in accordance to the theme for the casual clothes day. The theme for casual clothes day is normally related to an event such as Harmony Day or French Day. The last day of each term is also a casual clothes day, with money raised to support a charity chosen by the Student Representative Council. Students are asked to bring a gold coin to school as a donation.



Camps

Camps are offered for students in years 2, 4 and 7.

The year 2 camp is for one night and is held at Aldinga. The Year 4 camp runs for two nights and is held in regional South Australia. In the past it has been held at Victor Harbor, the Adelaide hills and the Murray river. The Year 7 camp is at Canberra for 3 nights.

There are strong learning and social links to the curriculum and all students are encouraged to attend.

Parents pay costs for travel, accommodation, food and activities.

Swimming Carnival

This event is held during Term 1 at the Burnside Swimming Centre (walking distance from the school). Years 3 – 7 students compete in team swimming and novelty events.

Students will need to bring their bathers to swim in and appropriate sun protection. For example, sun screen, hats and protective clothing.

Students will also be required to bring a towel, food and water.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to come along for all or part of the day.



Sports Day

This whole school event is held in Term 3.

The students are divided into four teams:

- Bradman (White)
- Stuart (Blue)
- Penfold (Green)
- Florey (Red)

Each team has an allocated colour and the students can dress up in their team colours. The day consists of classes competing in athletic and novelty sports. Parents and carers are encouraged to watch and cheer on their children. Students are required to wear comfortable clothing and sports shoes. Sun protection such as sunscreen and hats are also required as students will be outside all day. Food and water will need to be brought from home and there is also some for sale.

Junior primary children stay until lunchtime and participate in events with their class. Then they can either be collected by parents or return to school for the remainder of the day. Years 3-7 students stay all day.

After School Sports

Burnside Primary School offers a large and diverse range of after school sports which are available to your child throughout their schooling experience. After school sports are a great opportunity for students to be physically active and to develop relationships with classmates and other peers. They have the opportunity to develop their skills and attributes such as team work, resilience, self-confidence and leadership.

Reception to Year 2 students can participate in programs such as Auskick, Tiger Tennis, NetSetGo, Neils BPS Soccer, In2Cricket and Kelly Sports Coaching Clinics.

For Year 2-7's they have the opportunity to participate in many sports including:

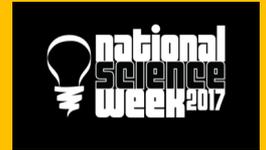
- Summer Sports (during terms 1 & 4) – Cricket and Softball
- Winter Sports (during terms 2 & 3) – Football, Soccer and Hockey
- All year round – Netball and Basketball



Burnside Primary School website has information regarding the registration process if your child wishes to participate.

Science Week

Science week is an annual celebration of science and technology across Australia. Each year there has a different theme for example, 2015 was 'Making Waves – The Science of Light'. Learning activities are planned throughout the week with a focus on Science.



Book Week Parade

Book week parade is one of the activities held during book week. Book week is usually in August of each year. The parade is usually held on Friday of Book week and students will dress up as their favourite character or in costume connected to the book week theme. The 'character' can be from books, comics, television shows, or Internet games or all of them.

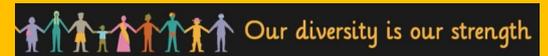
The students will come to the middle yard for the parade. The classes will sit around in a circle then each class and the buddy class will take turn to walk around the circle in a parade style.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is held in March.

The day represents cohesion and inclusion in Australia and promotes a tolerant and culturally diverse society.

It's a day where activities and celebrations help students to understand how Australians of different backgrounds live together. It provides a great opportunity for students to learn that not only do they share common ground with other cultures, but also that our differences make Australia a special place to live.



Adelaide Cup

Adelaide Cup is a state holiday in South Australia that falls on the second Monday of March. This horse racing event has been part of South Australia's sporting and social life since it was first run in 1864.

People who attend the event dress up in their best outfits, take part in fashion shows and listen to live music.

State government offices, schools and many businesses in South Australia are closed on this day. Adelaide Cup is part of a long weekend so it is also a time for many people to plan a short vacation or camping trip to other parts of the state or other states and territories.

Queen's Birthday

The Queen's Birthday is a public holiday that is celebrated by most states and territories on the second Monday of June (Including South Australia).

Australia celebrates this holiday because it is a constitutional monarchy, with the English monarch as head of state.

For many, the June long weekend is a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends or plan a short holiday nearby or interstate.



ANZAC Day

ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day is the anniversary of the landing of troops from Australia and New Zealand on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey, in World War I on **April 25, 1915**. It is a day we commemorate **all** Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in **all** wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of **all** those who have served".

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day) occurs on the 11th of November every year to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty.

Fun-run-a-thon

The Fun Run is the biggest fundraising event of the year at school organised by the Parents and Friends. It is a physical activity based fundraiser where students run or walk to raise money for their school. The money comes from family, friends and other community members who sponsor an individual to participate in the School Fun-Run.

Junior Primary Christmas Choir

Each year in term 4, our students in Reception to Year 2 wear colours of red, green and white and sing songs to celebrate the impending holiday period.

There are two concerts held in the Performing Arts Centre. Parents and relatives are invited to attend to hear their children sing. The children enjoy this time of year and the opportunity to perform for the first time in front of an audience.



Burnside's Got Talent

Is a variety performance where our Year 3, 4 and 5 students showcase their fabulous performing abilities over two nights. Each class provides a themed musical performance with individual students auditioning for an opportunity to perform a solo.

School Musical

The school musical is a great opportunity for budding actors and actresses to showcase their talents. Several hundred students sing, dance and act in this musical extravaganza.

Years 6 and 7 students and some year 2 students participate in solo parts, class items and the band. The school band provides the musical accompaniment.

It is held in the Norwood Town Hall which provides an ideal venue for a professional performance where families and friends are invited to attend. Tickets go on sale close to the event.



School Disco

The disco is a fun and exciting event that is held in the gym once a year. This event is run during the evening and is a great opportunity for students to have fun with friends, dress up, listen to music, take photos, dance and play games.

The evening is divided into 2 sessions. Receptions to Year 2's attend the first session and the Year 3-7's attend the second session. There is an entrance fee that the students need to pay and there is the option for them to buy water, snacks and decorative 'glow sticks'.

This is an optional event held out of school hours and is run by the Student Representative Council (SRC) and Parents & Friends (P&F).

End of Term Early Dismissal

On the last day of each term we have an early dismissal. An end of term assembly is held at 1.50pm in the gymnasium with children being dismissed at 2.10pm for parents to collect. OSHC is available for families who cannot collect their children at this time.

Term 1 - Dismissal at 2.10pm

Term 2 - Dismissal at 2.10pm

Term 3 - Dismissal at 2.10pm

Term 4 - End of term assembly at 12.50 with and Early Dismissal at 1.00pm

