

## Burwood Public School

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THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2015

TERM 4 | WEEK 2

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last Friday night the school community enjoyed the wonderful Spring Concert presented by the Dream Choir. In addition to the wonderful musical items, an exciting addition was the talented Bollywood dance group who performed a number of exciting dances.

Thank you to all the families who supported this great event. I would also like to acknowledge the very talented Mrs Kwon, who is the inspiration and talent behind the dream choir. Thank you to Mrs Badgel who trained the fantastic dance group, Mrs Lim for her assistance with the choir and for all the parents and high school musicians who assisted.

Last week we sadly farewelled two of our long serving teachers, Mrs Beach and Ms Forward. Mrs Beach began teaching at Burwood PS in 1999 and has made a significant contribution to the school. She is an outstanding teacher and educational leader and she will be greatly missed by the school community. Mrs Beach is moving with her family to northern NSW. We wish her well.

Ms Forward was successful in gaining a well-deserved promotion to the position of assistant principal at Erskineville PS. Ms Forward is a talented and dedicated teacher and we wish her well with the next stage of her career.

As you may also be aware our canteen manager, Aarhi has had to resign from her position to attend to family matters in India. We thank Aarhi for her years of service at Burwood and wish her well.

This week some building works have begun to investigate the cracking to the facade of the administration building. Temporary fencing has been erected to section off this area. This work is expected to take some time to complete. There is still access along the path at the front of the school but we ask that you take care when walking along the path.

On Tuesday we welcomed kindergarten 2016 students and their families to the school at the first kindergarten transition day. We are currently expecting there to be four kindergarten classes next year. If you know of any children who intend enrolling and live in our catchment zone please ask them to call at the office as soon as possible as we are in the process of organising classes for 2016 now.

In the interests of safety we ask that parents and students do not enter the staff car park.

All Department of Education premises are no smoking zones. I respectfully remind parents that smoking is not permitted on school grounds at any time.

Thank you to Mr Wratten who relieved so capably as principal while I was on leave, visiting schools in Canada at the end of the term. Thank you to Mrs Thuell who relieved as deputy principal.

### TERM 4 2015

#### WEEK 2 - 2015

- October 16<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair Arrives (setup)
- Glee Club Rehearsal  
11:10 - 12pm  
1:10 - 3pm
- Collection of 2015 World's Biggest Classroom Footprint

#### WEEK 3 - 2015

- October 19<sup>th</sup> - Glee Club Rehearsal  
11:10 - 12pm
- SRC  
11:10 - 11:40am
- October 20<sup>th</sup> - Glee Club Rehearsal  
11:10 - 12pm
- Peer Support  
12 - 12:40pm
- October 21<sup>st</sup> - World's Biggest Classroom Footprint Free exhibition Begins @ Burwood Westfield until 18<sup>th</sup> November.
- Choir  
11:10 - 11:30am
- Glee Club Rehearsal  
11:10 - 12pm
- Book Fair Sales  
@3:10 in library
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Glee Club Rehearsal  
11:10 - 12pm
- Book Fair Sales  
@3:10 - 5pm
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Front Office to be relocated to the lower AP office near the Kindergarten rooms (carpet upgrade)
- Glee Club Rehearsal  
11:10 - 12pm  
1:10 - 3pm

#### WEEK 4 - 2015

- October 26<sup>th</sup> - World of Maths Incursion (four days)
- Glee Club Rehearsal  
11:10 - 12pm
- October 27<sup>th</sup> - Peer Support  
12 - 12:40pm

**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

Welcome back to Term 4 to all students and families, it certainly will be another busy, educational and enjoyable term for all the fantastic students of Burwood PS!

**State Dance Ensemble**

On the final Thursday of Term 3, I had the absolute pleasure of attending the evening performance of the NSW State Dance Ensemble. For the second year in a row our school was selected to perform at this prestigious event. It was a wonderful performance by our girls, who won the audience over with their dance: *Slumber Party*. A huge thank you to Ms Wayman for coordinating and choreographing this group and providing this memorable opportunity for the Burwood PS Dance Ensemble.



**School Attendance**

A reminder that Burwood PS is continuing to use an electronic roll marking system, this automatically puts all absences onto reports. The Semester 2 reports that will be handed out later in the term will have a student's total 2015 absences, including partial absences, on the report. I will be meeting soon with the Home School Liaison Officer to look at the attendance of Burwood PS students. Please remember to be on time to school and to provide class teachers with a letter explaining any absence, even partial absences.

**Moon Festival**

There is a detailed report included in this week's newsletter about the wonderful Moon Festival assembly and food fair. A huge thank you to all the amazing parent volunteers, organising teachers, sponsors and especially Ms Ko for organising this cultural celebration. Over \$1000 was raised which will be donated to the school to purchase resources for all our students.



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**Just a Jersey SRC Fundraising Day**

At the end of Term 3, our hard working SRC organised a fund raising day with students invited to wear sporting jerseys or uniforms and participate in a range of fun activities. The day was an outstanding success with \$1000 raised. The SRC have proudly agreed to donate this money to Westmead Children's Hospital – a most worthwhile cause! A HUGE thank you to all the SRC class representatives, school leaders and their amazing organising teacher, Ms Kypreos.



**Parent Survey**

The school is providing all our parents and carers the opportunity to participate in an online survey.

It would be fantastic if as many of our parents/carers completed this as it will provide the school with future planning and direction. **(SO FAR THERE HAS ONLY BEEN 47 RESPONSES!)**

All responses are confidential.

The survey generally takes 15 minutes to complete.

How can I participate?

You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 23 October 2015.

Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

- STEP 1.** Go to the website: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com>
- STEP 2.** Login using your school's parent username : **parent16887**
- STEP 3.** Type in your school's parent password: **Bur1455**
- STEP 4.** Complete the online survey!  
Please contact the school if you require assistance.

## FROM THE P&amp;C

**P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS****P&C ASSOCIATION RAFFLE**

There will be a P&C Association raffle in the first two weeks of Term 4. Details will be informed soon.

**P&C ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING**

The next P&C Association meeting is on this Tuesday 20 October, 9am in the staff room - all welcome!  
The meeting will include some planning for the Burwood Public School Festival.  
Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 September are attached

**BOOK FAIR**

The annual Book Fair is in the week starting 19 October. There will be selling days after school on Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October from 3-4.30pm in the school library. P&C Association volunteers are required to help on these days.

**BURWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL FESTIVAL**

The Burwood Public School Festival is on Friday 20 November, 3.15 to 7.15pm. Save the date!  
Please complete a "Request for Assistance" form (attached) if you can help out.

**CANTEEN**

Volunteers are always welcome and encouraged to assist in the canteen on weekday mornings, including to help take orders. Please speak to the volunteers at the canteen if you are able to help, even for just an hour once a week. Your contribution as a volunteer in this activity will be greatly appreciated. Online ordering will also be introduced soon.

Arathi Elamurugan has resigned as Canteen Manager for family reasons. She commenced (part time) in Term 4, 2005, exactly ten years ago! We thank Arathi for her diligent service over this decade, and wish her well for the future.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Shop is usually open on Tuesday afternoons (2.30-3.15pm) and Thursday mornings (8.45-9.30am). Uniform orders can also be placed in the P&C Red Tin in the office foyer. If you would like to assist as a volunteer in the Uniform Shop, please speak to the shop's Manager, Anne Ho. New volunteers are most welcome.

**SOME OTHER DATES TO NOTE IN TERM 4:**

School Disco      Thursday 29 October (School hall)

Year 6 Farewell      Monday 7 December (Wests, Ashfield)

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## Words

Imagine yourself standing in front of an audience. Everything depends on you and then you open your mouth to speak. Words that make up a speech float everywhere. Suddenly, a bell rings.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, Ms Datt took a group of 6 students to Lewisham. What's more is that I was one of those 6 students and I was the one representing my school. After a short trip on the train, we arrived at Lewisham. Together, Ms Datt led us to the Lewisham Arts Unit. As we entered the school, a man greeted us. He told us that we could have our lunch in a quiet room and later proceed to a room where the speakers were going to speak.

So, the 7 of us walked up the stairs to a ballet room. When I finally finished my lunch, the pressure really got to me. I was nervous but excited. At last, the Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition Regionals finally began. Each speaker spoke and I did too. There were 3 adjudicators. One of them had adjudicated me in the Local Finals. Next, we had a short interval for a break. Ms Datt and the 5 other students gave me some great feedback. I felt confident and ready to tackle impromptu.

The impromptu topic was "Under Pressure". It was quite hard to get ideas but I didn't give up. I did my impromptu at my best and hoped for a good result. Unfortunately, I didn't win as they could only take the top speakers to State but I came 3<sup>rd</sup>! I was so close to making it but I didn't make it. Even though I might not have made it to State Public speaking, I felt proud because it was my first attempt in regionals public speaking and I absolutely nailed it. My mistakes have not let me down either. They have given me a real determination into making it to State next year.

I would like to say a big thank you to Ms Datt for giving me this amazing opportunity and a thank you to the students (Brianna, Jenna, Bosco and Thomas) who were cheering me on.

Written by Olivia  
Class 4/5E



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## 5 a Side Soccer Skills

### After School Program

**Wednesday 7 October - 16 December 2015**

4.00pm - 5.00pm  
Burwood Park Community Centre  
Cnr Burwood Rd & Comer St, Burwood  
\$12.00 for Annual Registrations  
& \$2.00 per game

- For children 6-12 years old
- 11 week program
- Parents **MUST** arrive to pick up their child by 5pm

Registration is essential. For more information, or to register call Burwood Council on 9911 9911.

In Partnership:

## (Tae Kwon Do)

Self Defence Classes

**When:** Mondays & Wednesdays  
**6:30 – 7:30pm**

**Where:** Burwood Public School Hall

**Contact: 0412 117 302**

**MASTER KO**  
7th Dan Black Belt



From Nina Ko

The last two days of Term 3 were full of excitement for our school community when we celebrated the Moon Festival. It was good to see the community working together to enable our students to know more about this Asian culture, and to allow our students to enjoy the fun. As this was the first time that the Moon Festival was celebrated at our school, doing something the first time is not always easy. Although our parent volunteers tried to make things as perfect as possible, and achieved a great deal of success, there is always room for improvement, and we can be certain that the second time we do a similar event it will only be better.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of many parents who cooked, donated and sold the food, and especially the festival committee which consisted of Mrs. Lili Ma, Mrs. Annika Wong, Mrs. Wendi Chen, Mrs. Vanessa Cho and Mrs. Serene Shum. These parents worked tirelessly for many weeks getting donations from local businesses such as food, prizes for the raffles etc. The success of the celebration relied heavily upon the diligence of this committee. I congratulate them for their enthusiasm and selflessness.

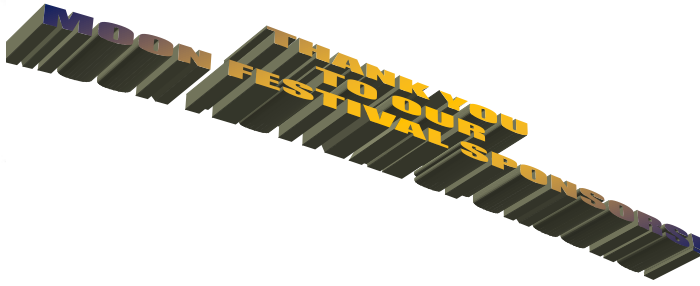
I would also like to give special thanks to our speaker Mrs. Wei Lynn Teo for giving us a very informative and interesting talk about the Moon Festival. Mrs. Vi Ly is also thanked for spending many hours training our Taichi performers. The assemblies were enhanced by the performances of our school band, choir and dancers, thanks to Mr. Randall, Mrs. Hewson and Ms. Wayman.

This celebration was initially intended as an enjoyment for our entire school community, however, a good amount of money was raised and it will go towards our school's funds for using on our students.

Finally, I look forward to assisting the school community in initiating new and exciting events.

我们的中秋庆祝会在欢乐的气氛中度过，它带给学校社区很多美好的回忆，把文化延续给下一代，亦趁机让学校社区亲密合作。感谢家长们的大力支持，特别委员们不遗余力的Ma, Mrs. Annika Wong, Mrs. Wendi Chen, Mrs. Vanessa Cho and Mrs. Serene Shum.我们非常感谢讲员 Mrs. Lynn Teo 的中秋信息，Vi Ly 的训练，还有乐器组老师和舞蹈组老师 Ms. Wayman。中秋活动原意是为学生欢乐，我们亦筹了一笔可观的款项合并在学校捐款内。我希望为学校社区效劳，更渴望家长为学生们更努力。





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