WHAT'S ON
(Please also refer to the School Calendar on the School Website and the Term Calendar further on in this E-Newsletter)

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to school and to what will be an exciting year full of opportunity and new experiences for our wonderful students. I hope your child(ren) have had a safe and relaxing break from school and have returned full of anticipation and energized and ready for what lies ahead. This newsletter is being sent home as a hard copy to all families. In future, the Newsletter will only be sent by email. Follow the instructions further on in this Newsletter on how to subscribe to the ‘Newsletter by Email’ list. I would like to encourage all families to join us in our attempts to reduce the amount of waste we create. This can be done easily by packing a ‘no waste lunch box’. You can read more about this further on in the Newsletter.

New students - I would like to give a special welcome to our new students, some of whom are returning from previous years
Congratulations to Otto (Yr 5) who has been successful at gaining entry to an Opportunity Classes over the break.

2015 Classes
In spite of the torrential rain this morning the children settled quickly with their friends in their last year’s class. The rain certainly did not dampen their excitement over beginning a new school year. Gradually throughout the day children were placed in their new classes.

Over the school break a number of students and their families relocated. The change in our actual enrolment number has affected the class organization and necessitated a number of changes across the school to the number of classes formed and the number of students in each class. Based on the number of students who have returned there will be twenty-six classes, not twenty-seven as in previous years. As a staff we have followed our School Policy in relation to class formation. I am very pleased that even though we have only been made aware over the last few days that some families were not returning we have been able to send our Years 1-6 students home knowing which classes they are in this year. Over the next day or two we will publish Stationery Requirements on the school website.

Over ninety students commencing Kindergarten will participate in their Best Start assessments over the next few days. Their Year 6 buddies, teachers and I are looking forward to welcoming them and their families when they commence school formally on Wednesday 4th February. I am certain they will have a smooth start to school and we all look forward to a very successful year.

It was great to return to school this year with a completely new turfed oval. This has been funded by the DEC. Additionally work has commenced on the basketball/netball court/cricket pitch. Welcome back and I look forward to working with you in 2015.

Thank you for your support
Greg Fitzgerald
Principal

School Communication – The School Website and E-Newsletter are the main forms of communication. The website can be accessed by following the link to http://www.burraneerb-p.schools.nsw.edu.au The content on the website changes daily. All Newsletters are uploaded (simply follow the ‘Newsletters’ tab on the website). The school calendar is also updated on the website regularly and includes information about school activities.

The school will no longer send hard copies of Newsletters to families. Spare hard copies are printed and are available from the school foyer. The Newsletter is sent out electronically to any one who requests it by completing the online subscription form. A separate information sheet is being sent with this E-Newsletter that explains how to subscribe and summarises the other options parents have for staying informed. The newsletter is sent out the first week of each term and then on a Thursday each fortnight in even weeks.

UNSUBSCRIBING FROM RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER
For families whose youngest child completed Year 6 in 2015 you will still receive the Newsletter by email, until you unsubscribe. You can do this by clicking "Unsubscribe" at the top and bottom of any email they receive from the school.

Student Arrival
The school’s supervision roster starts from 8.40 am. There are no adult staff available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to 8.40am (unless there is an excursion departing early or students are attending band rehearsals or associated tutorials). Children who arrive before 8.40am are not supervised and are not safe. Parents/carers are legally responsible for the care and welfare of their child/ren prior to 8.40am. Teachers are rostered to supervise students from 8.40am for the 30 minutes prior to classes commencing.
All classes line up in a designated area each morning when the bell goes at 9.10am. Music is played as a signal to parents it is time to leave the playground. So that the children can hear their teachers' instructions and commence classes quickly, all parents are requested to vacate the playground when the music starts. The teacher on playground duty wears a flouro jacket so they can be identified by children however this can be difficult when there are a large number of adults in the playground.

Bell Times and Supervision
Bell times are listed below.

School Office Hours:  8.30am - 3.15pm
8.40am   Playground supervision begins.
9.10am   Classes Commence
11.10am   Recess begins
11.40am   Classes commence
1.00pm   Lunch bell rings.
1.45pm   Classes commence
3.10pm   Home bell rings

School Security/Safety and Signing In
All parents, carers and visitors to the school are reminded that between the hours of 9.10 am and 3.10 pm all parents and visitors are required to enter the school through the pedestrian gate on Burraneer Bay Road. Parents/carers and visitors are not permitted to enter the playground between 9.15 am - 3.00 pm (from any of the school entrances) unless they report to the office on arrival and sign in using the book provided in the foyer. Canteen volunteers sign in at the canteen and parents assisting with Reading for Success sign in at the Reading Support Room.

Between the hours of 9.15 am and 3.00 pm the gates will be locked when it is practical to do so. If a parent wishes to speak to their child during the school day they need to go to the office first and speak to one of the office staff, the Deputy Principal or the Principal. If it is necessary, the parent must do so in the office. This also applies to morning tea and lunch times. All parents who are picking up their child/ren early (before 3.10 pm) or bringing them late to school (after 9.10 am) need to inform the office and complete a Partial Attendance Form. Explanations for arriving late or leaving early must be provided by an adult. For safety reason children who arrive after the 9.10am bell must be signed in by an adult. This is a DEC requirement.

The Burraneer Bay Road pedestrian gate will be opened in the afternoon at 3.10pm. In the morning parents are requested to quickly leave the playground after dropping off their child(ren). When the music plays, it is a signal for parents to vacate the playground, and for students to make their way to their class lines. This way students are not obstructed by adults and classes can commence promptly.

Working With Children Check Procedures and Volunteers
New Working With Children Check Procedures came into effect in June 2013. Anyone seeking to be employed or engaged in child-related work in the Department is required to meet one of the Working with Children Check requirements. Subject to conditions, existing child-related workers in the Department of Education and Communities are not required to apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance (WWCC) until the relevant compliance date as prescribed in the Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013.

At BBPS we are requesting that all volunteers who have direct contact with children complete a ‘Working With Children Check Declaration for Volunteers and Contractors (Appendix 5) and a Proof of Identity that meets the 100-point check (Appendix 6). Complete documents will be filed in secure storage. Teachers will be able to issue these forms, along with the 'Volunteers Policy 2015' when volunteers are being requested for class activities or assistance on excursions etc. The Volunteers Policy 2015 will be been sent electronically in a separate newsletter. Forms will also be available on the office counter.
The application process for a WWCC Clearance is as prescribed by the Children’s Guardian. For the full conditions, please visit the website at http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/

P&C Meeting
Tuesday 3rd February at 7.30pm in the Library.
All parents and carers are welcome to attend.
The Agenda will be sent separately by email.

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING & NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM STORE
The Pre-loved Clothing Store will be open from 8.45am until 10am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the first week of school and the Clothing Pool will be open on the same days from 8.30-9.30am. If parents/carers need items from Pre-Loved room or New Uniform shop at other times simply call/sms on 0407-491543. Alternatively you can email bbpsvolunteer@gmail.com The Pre-loved clothing store will be open 8:45am till 9:30am every Tuesdays for 2015 and the Clothing Pool will be open every Tuesday from 8.30am until 9.30am every Tuesday.

CANTEEN NEWS
The Summer Menu is available from the office or can be downloaded at http://www.burraneerb-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/11018902/11028275/Canteen%20Menu%202014%20Spring%20Summer.pdf It has been sent as a separate file.
Students are encouraged to drop off lunch orders to the canteen as soon as they arrive at school (before 9.10am). All lunch baskets are to be at morning assemblies and taken quickly to the canteen by 9.20am.
All lunch baskets are to be collected from the canteen by 12.50pm.
Once lunch baskets are collected the basket stays in the class room to be placed at morning assembly for delivery the following day.
Lunch orders: Lunch order bags must specify Students name, class, lunch order and drink slip with money enclosed. No IOU’S.
PSSA orders: PSSA orders must specify EARLY LUNCH PSSA, as they are collected at 12pm. If EARLY is not written on the order the student misses out on lunch.
Late Orders: Students who arrive to school late must take their order directly to the canteen.
Students that do not have lunch must have a written letter from their teacher and handed into the canteen.
Lunch orders that are processed after 1pm will only have the option of a cheese or vegemite sandwich with an apple.
The canteen runs on a very tight schedule to be able to function properly, so it would be greatly appreciated if the above could be adhered to. Please feel free to discuss any issue that you may have with the canteen to the canteen supervisors. All parents are encouraged to make themselves available to be a volunteer. The success of the school canteen is dependent on the number of volunteers available to be included on the roster.
The canteen is open every day and the majority of the food that is served is prepared and cooked onsite. We can’t continue to do this without the community’s support. If any parent or grandparent would like to volunteer for next year’s roster we would really appreciate it.
The canteen roster works on a four week cycle. That works out to be one day a month. We provide morning tea/lunch to our volunteers. Even as little as a few hours in the morning to help us process orders is a great help. We can roster friends on together on a day that suits.
If you are able to assist in any way please come and see us in the canteen.  
Thank you.  
Catherine and Debra - Canteen supervisors.

BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY… PERFECT THE NEXT
As you can see from the above photos, our oval is in good shape for the new school year. Over the last week of the holidays new turf was laid by the NSWDEC. Our school had new pumps installed to keep the water up to this substantial investment. It will take a few weeks before the students are able to use it, however this along with our Community Building Project we will have many more play options for our students.

WHAT’s NEW ON-LINE
2015 Year 6 Musical  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hi_i8UO5jxQ&featur](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hi_i8UO5jxQ&featur)
Reminder: The best ‘one-stop shop’ for back to school information is the Department’s award-winning School A to Z website: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/)
Attached to this newsletter is an information brochure from Sutherland Shire Council that has been created to assist in educating parents and carer’s in dropping off and picking up children each and every day. This information is to remind you that the parking rules around Schools are there to make things safer for all.

At the commencement of the school year Parking officers will visit each and every school throughout the Sutherland Shire, at drop off and pick up times, to assist in answering and queries that people may have about parking around schools and about the road rules that apply.

The bright yellow Drop Off Zone signs that are clearly visible in front of the school on Burraneer Bay Road and on Gannons Road will hopefully keep the children safe and reduce the congestion outside the school and allow parents to drop off their children in an efficient manner.

We have been asked to remind you that you need to move to the front of the zone (if possible) when dropping off your child.

We have also been asked to share the information below with our school community so that parents and carers are familiar with the correct procedures.

Smooth entry and exit

The School Drop-Off Zones provide parents and carers with a safe environment to drop off and collect-their children from school by car.

The Drop-off and Pick-up initiative uses existing No Parking areas at schools. The areas, always on the school side of the road, provide convenience for drivers and enhance children’s safety.

Parents and carers are able to legally drop off or pick up their children within a two-minute timeframe.

The Drop-off and Pick-up initiative allows:

- Drivers to drop off or pick up students legally at busy times at the beginning and end of the school day
- The driver to pull into the Drop-off and Pick-up zone and remain in control of the vehicle while the school student exits or enters the vehicle

AFTERNOON PICK UP – IMPORTANT REMINDER - CHILDREN ARE TO REMAIN WITHIN THE SCHOOL GATES

Many students are picked up by their parents after school. A reminder to all parents that all children are to remain within the school gates whilst waiting to be picked up. For safety reasons, they are not to wait outside the school fence on Gannons Road or Burraneer Bay Rd.

2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Please be aware the annual school Swimming Carnival will be held at Sans Souci Leisure Centre on Thursday 19th February. Notes should be going home in the first week to all primary students, along with the Year 2 students who will be turning 8 this year (born in 2007). Please fill out both the permission / swimming ability form (white form) and the registration form (coloured form) which indicates which events your child will be participating in and return to your child’s classroom teacher.

We will require parents to assist with time keeping on the day, so if you are experienced and/or willing to volunteer your help, please indicate on the slip provided with the notes (sent separately). Additional paperwork will need to be completed to ensure safety when working with children. Any further questions, please contact Mr. Fisher via the school office.
HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

Over the past few years, our school has made a commitment to sustainable living practices along with protecting our environment. This year we hope to make a big difference in the management of waste being generated at school and our local community. We strongly encourage NO WASTE LUNCHES and the use of RE-USEABLE water bottles every day.

Quick ideas for lunchboxes – try to include everyday:

- Some breads or cereals – sandwiches, wraps, bread rolls, rice cakes, corn cakes or wholegrain crackers.
- At least one fruit and one vegetable.
- Protein-rich foods – boiled eggs, lean meats or chicken, baked beans, chickpeas or legume salads or dairy foods.
- Pack foods with an iced water or ice brick to keep food cool and safe to eat.
- Plenty of tap water to drink – a better choice than cordials, soft drinks, fruit drinks or fruit juice.

Children often come home hungry after school. Have some healthy snacks ready. Some ideas include:

- toasted sandwich with baked beans and reduced-fat cheese.
- corn on the cob.
- low fat instant noodles with grated zucchini and reduced-fat cheese.
- ½ toasted English muffin with tomato and reduced-fat cheese.
- fruit and vegetable snack plate – cut up pieces of fresh fruit and vegetables.