

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Issue Number 1. Week 6.

Hi all.

I'm pleased to say we have had a smooth start to the year and its hard to believe we are half way through term 1 already.

Our first whole school event will be Harmony Day on Tuesday 21st March. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Held every year on 21 March. The Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. This year the teachers will be doing some activities in class during the week to celebrate this, and we are asking for all students to join our staff in wearing orange on Tuesday 21st March.



Area G

On the 16th of February, Area G went to Edith Cowan University to have a look at two art exhibits that were part of the Perth Fringe Festival. The students had a wonderful day, interacting with pre-service teachers from Edith Cowan University who volunteered their time to show us around the campus. Cooper was our photographer for the day and took most of the photos that are in this article.















IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

- Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 March: MOVE International Training at Burbridge School
- Friday 10 March: Model MOVE Site Dedication Ceremony at Burbridge School
- Friday 17th March: Assembly Area A and St Patrick's Day
- Amended date for School Photos:

Wednesday 22 March: School Photo Day.

 Tuesday 21st March: Harmony Day and Public School Review

- Monday 27th March: Wear Purple for Epilepsy Aware Day
- Monday 3rd April: Wear Blue for Autism Awareness Day
 - Thursday 6th April: Easter Hat Parade 9:30am
- Friday 7th April: Good Friday and start of school Holidays
- Monday 24th April: School Development Day/Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday 25th April: ANZAC Day Public Holiday
 - Wednesday 26th April: Term 3 commences



Area ILC

The students in Area ILC have settled well into their new area. We call our area the ILC House as students are beginning their transition from school to post-school options. We have been very lucky on these hot days to be able to relax in the pool almost every afternoon! We also spend our time working on Independent Living skills ready for when the students finish school. Our focus for this term is communicating our wants and needs and to build up a bank of appropriate coping strategies for each student so that when they do finish school, they can use these in their wider community activities.

Teacher: —Naomi McComish







Area C2

The students in C2 have had a fantastic start to the new school year! They have settled into classroom routines and are engaging well in independent work and classroom activities. We performed the Wanjoo (The Welcome Song) in traditional Aboriginal Noongar language and Auslan (Australian Sign Language) at our first whole school assembly. We thoroughly enjoy participating in our weekly cooking program. So far, we have made and decorated love heart cookies for Valentine's Day and sliced fruit to make delicious fruit kebabs.

Teachers:- Michelle Paull and Sarah Sansom











Burbridge School Photo Day

Wednesday 22 March 2023

School photo day is fast approaching, make sure you place your order.



Visit www.msp.com.au



Select the "Download Portrait or Order Online" portal



Use your child's unique shootkey

Stay Tuned Shootkeys will be sent out soon :)

Voluntary Charges and P & C Contributions for 2023

The school relies on your contributions to purchase resource materials, services and facilities (eg: pool and gym) directly used or consumed by your children. Resources, services and support for facilities

Voluntary Contributions

Approved P & C Contribution

\$20.00

\$100.00

TOTAL PAYABLE FOR 2023 - DUE 1ST TERM 2023 \$120.00

Preferred payment method is to our bank account:

Please state the student's name when transferring funds direct to the school bank account.

BSB: 016-353 ACC: 340823003

Thank you Burbridge School and Burbridge School P & C.

Secondary Assistance Scheme

The Western Australian Department of Education and Training provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs.

This allowance is available for holders of Centrelink Family Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Veterans' Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family, with children born on or after 1 January 2001. Claims can only be made for students up to and including the year they turn 18 years of age. Card must be current in first term 2023.

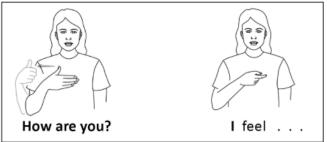
The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115.00 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent / guardian or the school
- \$235.00 Education Program Allowance paid directly to the school

To claim this allowance application forms must be completed at the school prior to the end of term 1 2023

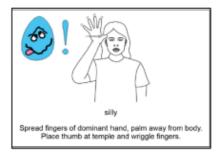
Key Word Sign

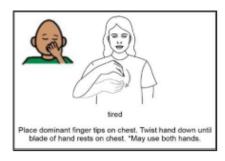
Burbridge School staff are focusing on developing their learning of Key Word Sign (KWS). Key word sign is a tool or strategy which can be used to support children and adults with communication difficulties to understand and get their message across to others. KWS adds signs to spoken words. The key words in a mes-

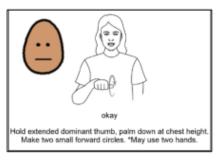


sage are signed. KWS is not a sign language, but it borrows the signs from the sign language of the country it is used in. In Australia this is Auslan. Key Word Sign Australia acknowledges the Deaf community for the use of Auslan signs.

Look out for more words or phrases in upcoming newsletters.







WADSA BELONG COMPETITIONS

IT'S ALMOST TIME!

ACT BELONG COMMIT WADSA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 6th May 2023 9.00am start

ERN CLARK ATHLETICS CENTRE WHARF STREET, CANNINGTON

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20 per Athlete

Play on Members FREE



ALL ABILITIES AND SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Kate O'Mara, ph: 9470 1442 or email: katie@wadsa.org.au

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 2023

