

Hi all,

Thank you for all for your support during this challenging time. It has been refreshing to see classes continuing to engage with the regular class programs with minimal of disruption.

A few calendar items have had to be postponed or tweaked, however these have been minimal and new dates and methods will be forth coming. The assembly on the 18th March will go ahead however at this stage it will be without a parent audience. If this changes we will inform you.

Communications

Our Parent Message Service OutReach 0488 911 892 has greatly assisted in the efficient distribution of information to parents and families. This is a web based text message system that is also used to inform school of any absences for your child. It is imperative that we have all your contact details correct and updated with the front office.

COVID-19 news

As you may be aware, WA Health has updated the rules for close contacts of COVID-19 cases linked to schools, based on public health advice.

Effective immediately, household members are no longer required to quarantine with a child who is identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case. Students are still required to quarantine if in close contact with a positive COVID-19 family member and the student unable to independently care for themselves.

We understand that a parent or carer may still need to stay home to care for a child quarantining, but the rest of the household, including siblings who have not been identified as close contacts, are not required to stay home.

As a household member of a close contact, it is important to take extra precautions, where possible, including:

- minimise physical contact with the close contact
- sleep separately from the close contact
- use a separate bathroom from the close contact if possible, or maintain routine cleaning after each use
- wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- cover coughs and sneezes
- Regularly clean all surfaces (such as tabletops, doorknobs and bathroom fixtures) by using household disinfectant or diluted bleach solution
- wear a mask in shared areas or when caring for other members of the household.

It is important that members of the household monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, and if symptoms develop, get tested immediately. If a person living in the house tests positive to COVID-19, all household members are close contacts and must self-isolate.

Joanne Gordon—Principal

IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

- **Friday 11 March 2022:** Year 7 & 10 Immunisations.
- **Thursday 17 March:** St Patricks Day.
- **Friday 18 March:** Assembly Area G/H—due to Covid-19 restrictions parents are not permitted to attend.
- **Friday 18 March:** National Close the Gap Day.
- **Monday 21 March 2022:** Harmony Day.
- **Wednesday 23 March 2022:** Maths Day.
- **Friday 25 March 2022:** Epilepsy Day: Wear Purple.
- **Wednesday 6 April 2022:** Easter Hat Parade.
- **Term 3 Reminder: Friday 30 August 2022:** Photo Day.



STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



Hi Burbridge family,

I'd like to introduce myself (virtual handshake).

My name is Shae Baxter and I will be helping out as Jo's sidekick (Deputy Principal), until the end of term 1.

A bit of background... I first started at Burbridge School as a volunteer in 1998, by 2000 I was employed as a relief teacher and EA across the school. I worked full time here as a teacher from 2001-2009. In that time, I taught most age groups; 3 year old kindy (running ABA and Lilli Nelson programs), Post-compulsory, C2 satellite classes and almost everything in between.

I have such fond memories of those times and have déjà vu seeing so many of the same faces around the school (Martin, Sandy, Georgina, Michelle and Raelene to mention a few).

I went on to teach at Dianella SCESC up until last year, when I began at Durham Road School. My belief is that 'kids come first,' and my passion is in keeping kids safe. I have taught and consulted in Protective Behaviours for the last 10 years. I aim to share my skills and knowledge with teachers at Burbridge and assist wherever I can.

I am already so impressed taking in all of the colourful play, communication techniques, MOVE and independent living skills taking place in and around the school. It's an honour to be back at 'home' here. Looking forward to meeting you all.



In our current environment of mask wearing, I thought it would be nice to show you all a photo of what I look like minus the mask!

I am so pleased to be working with the Burbridge School community and look forward to slowly meeting you all over time.

This year I am at school on Mondays and Tuesdays, working as part of the school team.

Melissa Morgan

Senior School Psychologist

**Happy Birthday to these students who will be celebrating their birthday in
March and April.**

Dema Al Janabi Rema Al Janabi Declan Collier Kate Montgomery Kieran Parsons Abbie Treanor
Malual Akot Harrison Dunn Tase Petrou Noah Robins

TRANSITION TO POST SCHOOL OPTIONS

During the end of Year 10 and throughout Yr 11 and 12 students at Burbridge School focus on skills needed for their post school life. Parents, Therapists, Teachers, School Psychologist and Student themselves, meet to explore ideas for life after school. This includes support for NDIS planning, support in applying for the pension when they turn 16, Disability Employment Services and access to employed employment. For those that are not headed for employment we explore microbusiness conducted at home with the support of NDIS and various social and leisure activities that may suit.

AREA GH

The students in Area GH for 2022 have settled into their routines very well and are developing their independence in daily life skills. We start the week off with swimming lessons on Mondays and finish the week with cooking on Thursdays and gardening on Fridays. Colette takes the class on Tuesdays and spends time on enterprise activities and developing work skills. We are exploring recreation and leisure time for ASDAN certificates and finding out what we enjoy. Rayhan, Heaven, Firman and Yasmin love music and dance. Kieran and Kaiden really enjoy exploring nature. Connor and Declan have a competitive streak in sport. Kate and Abbie are very active in their MOVE activities and enjoy cooking and gardening when out of their chairs. Anthony adores swimming and water play. On hot days we have had some fun water fights together and with Area C2.



GH CLASS OF 22 GRADUATING STUDENTS

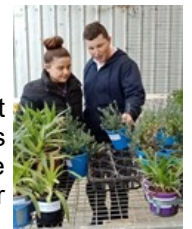
Yasmin loves coming to school and will miss spending time with her favourite staff and friends. She's planning to work at a packaging centre as she has excellent skills in sorting and packing. Yasmin is also looking forward to developing new friends by joining social activities.



Declan has completed work experience at a nursery and at a packaging centre. He is a dedicated worker and able to complete complex tasks. He is a keen gardener and hopes to gain employment in two different workplaces, gardening and packaging. Declan likes to help his peers and will miss being around them next year.



Connor is very interested in buses and rubbish trucks. He completed work experience at Balcatta Recycling Centre and will be doing work experience at Good Sammy's recycling this year. Connor is our social butterfly and says hello to everyone, especially any new faces he sees. He will miss his favourite staff member and friends that have been at school with him for many years.



Firman is looking forward to spending time socialising and following his interest in dance. He has completed work placement at a packaging centre and love going there every week. He hopes to find employment in a similar role.

Suzette Irvine—Area GH class teacher

AREA D

Area D has had a fantastic start to 2022 with students welcoming old and new classmates into the room, for those who were already in Area D last year. We have been doing lots of work-skill based activities in class and a lot of MOVE-ing around the school as well whether it be on the Rifton Bike or in their walker. On Tuesday the 14th of February, a former student Miss Kaitlin Hammond paid a visit to her classmates from last year and gave out Valentine's gifts to the now all-boys class, and enjoyed chatting and catching up on the gossip with everyone during our Morning Tea session. Every Friday morning, we have swimming with Ms Daniela. The students who are not swimming, are next door exploring the delights the Ball Pit and MSE room has to offer where many of the students enjoy spending time out of their chairs and exploring the two rooms with their senses.

Annabel Lindsay— Smith—Area D class Teacher



C2 STARS

We have had a fantastic start to the year!
Students and staff have settled in well and we have enjoyed learning together.



In maths we have been practicing our addition and subtraction skills. We have also been learning about length and have used cubes to measure our hands, feet and bodies. We have been on mini beast hunts in the garden for science and are now learning about different insects.



We also held the very first assembly for the year! The students spoke well and performed to a song called "Wake Up"

Jenni Doubikin—C2 class teacher

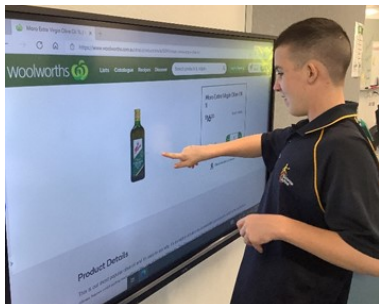


ENTERPRISE

The high school students in Area D have been busy making lip balms to sell at our market stalls. The students used the lip balm recipe to create a shopping list and purchase the ingredients online. Once our ingredients arrived we used the kitchen to create our first batch of lip balm for 2022.

Well done Area D!

Miss Colette Bailey
Enterprise Teacher



SCHOOL PHOTOS HAVE BEEN RE-SCHEDULED

School photos for 2022 have been re-scheduled to Term 3, Week 7: **Tuesday 30 August 2022.**

At the beginning of Term 3, you will be re-sent information on how to order, the cost of photos and packages, and the cut-off-dates for ordering (without having to pay additional archive costs).

The on-line ordering system with MSP Photography is still open for Burbridge School, so you can place your order at anytime. The ShootKey that you were provided for ordering remains the same.

If you have already paid for your photo's, the order will be transferred over to the new photo date in Term 3. You will not need to do anything further.