

# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we come to the end of Term 2, wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday. It is great to be back at Burbridge School after being away for all of Term 1. Joanne Gordon, our Principal is away at the moment and I am filling in her big shoes until her return, beginning of Term 3. For a start, I would like to share some amazing news about a program that our school delivers which is quite unique for Special Needs Education in Western Australia.

Before I get to the exciting news, just a bit of background about our school. Since 2015, Burbridge School has been delivering a research based, explicit movement and mobility program called MOVE (Movement Opportunities Via Education/Experience). The Director General's message to schools is that "students experience success at whatever level they tackle their learning". In line with that message, our highly skilled staff have been working on developing the mobility and functional movement skills of our students with physical needs. As a result, we have seen amazing progress with our students independence, health and well-being, and educational outcomes.

I now get to the celebratory news: On 26 May, Julie Sues-Delaney the U.S. based MOVE International Coordinator conducted a MOVE site inspection of our school. Julie was very impressed with the very high standard of professional practice within our school and noted the progress being made by all our MOVE students. In a nutshell, we passed the international test with flying colours and have been recognised as a MODEL MOVE Site—\*the only on in Western Australia. We are now is the process of formalising this recognition as a 'School of Excellence' for this program and the official dedication ceremony is tentatively scheduled for early 2023.

So, watch this space for further developments

Selvarani Bird Acting Principal

#### **IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS**

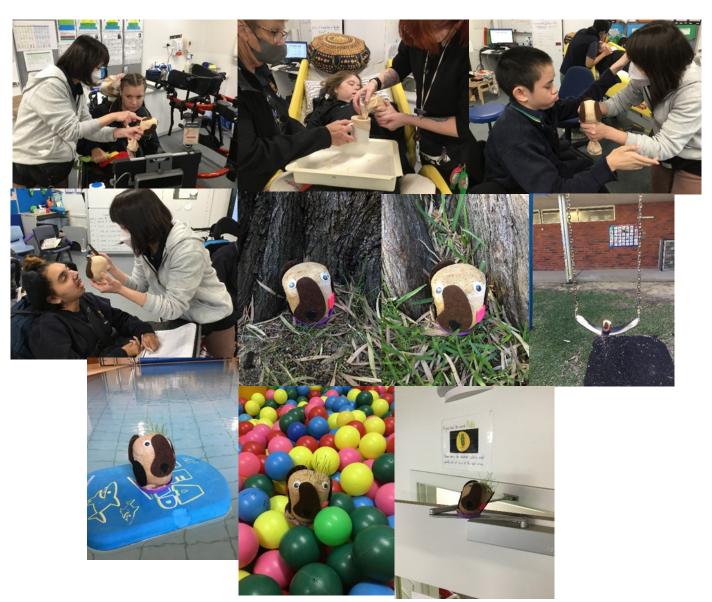
- Monday 18 July: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS. STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Tuesday 19 July: First day term 3. All students back to school.
- Friday 5 August: Assembly: Area A/B. Parents ARE able to attend.
- Friday 5 August: Year 12 Parent Morning Tea 9.45am.
- Friday 19 August: Newsletter due

- Friday 19 August: School Board Meeting 9.00am—10.00am
- Wednesday 24 August: Book Week Parade 11.00am. Parents ARE able to attend,
- Tuesday 30 August: Whole School Photo Day
- Thursday 1st September: Parent Morning Tea 9.00am, - 10.00am TBC
- Friday 2nd September: Assembly Area E/F.
  Parents ARE able to attend.



### **Area F—Class Project**

In term 2, the students in Area F participated in a class project. Together the students created a grass head dog named 'Munchkin' named by Sophie. Every few days the students had to water Munchkin and take her on adventures. A few of the students took Munchkin home for the weekend for a home visit. The students measured the grass growth over the month and recorded on a growth chart. At the end of the term, the students took Munchkin to our garden to live her life pretending to be a potato. Well done Area F.



#### **Wear it Yellow Day**



On Friday the 27 May, staff and students at Burbridge wore—yellow to mark the beginning of Reconciliation Week. It provided us with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate First Nations culture and take action to brighten the future for First Nations children and their families. A big thank you to all the parents and—students for supporting the day.

By Colette Bailey







## **West Coast Eagles Visit**

On Wednesday 22 June, the West Coast Eagles players and Rosie the Mascot came to visit the junior school. The students enjoyed interacting with Rosie and kicking the footballs with the players.

Many students had a lot of fun with Rosie and playing with the footballs. It was great to see students engaging with the sporting equipment, Rosie and the players.







#### Burbridge School Website: Parent Resources

Have you had a look in the For Parents tab on the Burbridge School website lately?

A variety of new website links have been added in various new sections in the *For Parents* - Resources tab. Here are just two examples:

• Does your family speak a language other than English, and does a young person in your family have Autism?

Have a look under the Autism section for the Positive Parenting link to see if information is there in your main home language!

 Have you been to the local Child and Parent Centre? Have a look under the Early Childhood Supports section for the links to the Roseworth Child and Parent Centre.

Here is their Term 2 Timetable to give you an idea about what they run and where:



Please contact the Child and Parent Centre Roseworth on 9342 6363 to register or for more information. Crèche facilities are available at workshops – registration are essential.

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you all

a great remainder of Term 2.



Melissa Morgan Senior School Psychologist

