

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to Vio, Muneera, Dixie and Stephanie who received recognition at the 2022 Western Australian Education Support Principal's and Administrator's Association (WAESPAA) Awards Night for their dedication and commitment to the quality education to students at Burbridge School. Such worthy recipients. Well done ladies.



It is hard to believe that it's the end of Term 3 already. We have had a super busy term with Book Week celebrations, PJ Day, Fathers Day stall, Bunnings Incursion and chickens. The theme Book Week this year, of 'Curious Creatures and Wild Minds', saw staff and students showing their creativity and willingness to get involved in the week's activities. In weeks 7 and 8 we had the privilege of watching eggs turn into chickens. A highlight was Miss Naomi's visit to the school with her pet lamb.



Those who have visited the school in the past week will have noticed that work has commenced on the refurbishment of the Junior Playground. The contractors have made swift progress already and we are seeing it take shape. Students are very excited to see the new equipment coming in and are very keen to try it out at the beginning of next term.

Joanne Gordon—Principal

## SourceKids Expo

**When:** 15-16 October 2022 – 10am to 4pm Saturday and 10am -3pm Sunday

**Where:** Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre

**Cost:** FREE to attend, tickets essential

Tickets are FREE, but essential. Check their website at [www.sourcekids.com.au/disability-expo/](http://www.sourcekids.com.au/disability-expo/)

Over 130 disability product and service providers under one roof for two days in a COVID safe environment: you'll find information and be able to speak to providers supporting families of children with a range of disabilities including Autism (ASD) and sensory issues such as sensory processing disorder, Down syndrome, Cerebral palsy, vision and hearing impairments, and neurodevelopmental disorders such as dyspraxia.



## IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

- **Monday 10th October:-** Day 1 of Term 4 for students
- **Friday 14th October:-** Newsletter
- **Friday 21st October:-** P&C Meeting @ 9am
- **Friday 28th October:-** Assembly Area C
- **Thursday 3rd November:-** Parent Morning Tea
- **Friday 11th November:-** Board Meeting
- **Friday 21st October:-** P&C Meeting @ 9am
- **Friday 25th November:-** Assembly Area E
- **Monday 28th November:-** Pupil Free Day
- **Friday 2nd December:-** P&C Meeting
- **Friday 2nd December:-** Enterprise Christmas Stall
- **Monday 5th December:-** Graduation Dinner
- **Friday 9th December:-** End of Year Awards Ceremony and Concert
- **Wednesday 14th December:-** Student Fun Day.
- **Thursday 15th December:-** Last day of term for Students.

## C2 Celebrates Book Week



We had a great time dressing up, talking about our favourite books and walking in the parade!

We also spent time in the library where we practiced selecting our own books and putting them back in the right spot.

Jenni Doubikin—C2 Class Teacher

## Library Display for Book Week



## NMERO Art Competition

The North Metropolitan Education Regional Office (NMERO) is moving to a new home at Tuart College. NMERO has asked students from the North Metro schools to submit an artwork to be selected to be permanently displayed in their new office space.

The students from K-12 at Burbridge School have created a multimedia artwork that celebrates the six Noongar seasons. The students have used the colours, the flora and the fauna that features prominently in each season. To create the artwork the students have used paint, collage, natural materials and digital artwork made through eye gaze and a Tap It Table.

Firman, Heaven, Declan and Connor from Area GH are showing off the completed artwork.

Colette Bailey

Enterprise Teacher





## Protective Behaviours Incursion



On the 14th of September Shae Baxter came and presented an interactive Protective Behaviours session to students.

Students learned that “They all have the right to feel safe at all times” and talked about feelings. Students identified that they have a range of feelings and that their bodies warn them when they feel Unsafe (Early Warning signs). They identified chosen ‘safe’ people to talk to (our helping hand network).

Major messages that were reinforced were:- we all have a personal space bubble and can defend our personal and private space. We learned that we all have Public and Private; body parts, behaviours and places we can go. Sometimes we can have ‘good touch’ like a hug with family or a ‘high 5’ with a friend. Students did extremely well in sorting pictures of “good” and “bad” touch and were able to practice how to respond to touch they do not like. All students enjoyed singing to the catchy tune “I know that my body belongs to me”.

Shae Baxter—Protective Behaviours Incursion Presenter





## Burbridge School Website: Parent Resources

Have you looked at the **For Parents** tab on the Burbridge School website?

More website links have been added in various new sections in the **For Parents - Resources** tab. Here are a few examples:

### [New App for people with Down Syndrome](#)

**Did you know there is a new digital web app which aims to support better health outcomes for people living with Down syndrome?**

The My Voice My Health app was designed by Down Syndrome Western Australia, using funding provided by the Department of Communities through the Independent Advocacy grants program. The app is a resource hub that provides information about the health considerations of people with Down syndrome. My Voice My Health provides:

- information sourced from Australia and around the world on health topics that are relevant to people with Down syndrome;
- lists of public health providers, peak bodies and not-for-profit organisations in Western Australia that may provide support for a variety of these health conditions; and
- resources specifically developed for health professionals to consider when a person with Down syndrome is a patient, such as health checklists, and communication tips for people who are working with a person with Down syndrome or developmental disability.

Are you looking for information regarding your child who has a decision-making disability who is about to turn 18? Parents and carers often want to make plans for the future care and support of their child once they become an adult. Have a look under the [Transitions](#) section or under the [Western Australian Government Website-Disability Information/Services](#) section for the **Planning Ahead** weblink to find out if any of the information there might be just right for you.

Looking for some ideas for the holidays? Check out the Roseworth Child and Parent Centre Flyer in the newsletter, you might find something interesting.

Wishing you all an enjoyable school holiday.



Melissa Morgan

Senior School Psychologist

## P&C NEWS - Wheelchairs for Kids



Burbridge School P&C are conducting a soft toy drive to support Wheelchairs for Kids. Wheelchairs for Kids is a volunteer-based not-for-profit organisation providing the transformative gift of mobility to children in impoverished and under resourced communities both in Australia and around the globe. In September 2021, Wheelchairs for Kids produced their 50,000th Wheelchair, since commencing production in 1998. Each wheelchair that is donated through Wheelchairs for Kids is coupled with a soft toy and knitted blanket.

**Burbridge P&C will be collecting unwanted soft toys in Term 4 from week 1 — week 4. Donations of soft toys can be placed in the collection bin in the front office.**

Thank you for your support

Debbie Petkovic — P&C President

NEXT P&C Meeting 21st October at 9am