Dear Families,

Swimming:
This week has seen students in Reception to Year 5 enjoy a week of swimming lessons. There has been great support from parents coming along to watch and help with changing.

New staff member:
We welcome Doretta Weston who will be working at our school this year as an ACEO (Aboriginal Community Education Officer). She will be in contact with families of students of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island background. Doretta is working on Thursdays and Fridays, supporting students’ learning and their families. She can be contacted at school (82806277) on these days.

Pupil Free Day:
Please remember that school will be closed for students on Thursday April 2nd. Staff will be involved in planning and writing our Site Improvement Plan to include a focus on reading and numeracy. OSHC is available for those families requiring supervision for their child/children. Please book ASAP to secure a place.

Responding to Abuse & Neglect training:
The next session will be held on Wednesday May 6th from 1.00—3.00pm. This is necessary for all volunteers. No cost involved.

Governing Council:
At our recent Governing Council meeting the following parents were elected to office bearer positions:

Chairperson: James Somerville
Deputy Chairperson: Kelly Jacobson
Secretary: Lee Woodman (Julie Pickles to do the minutes)

Thursday, March 19th, 2015

Governing Council discussion included:

Children’s University—students in Years 4 – 7 have attended and information session

Aussie Hoops—waiting on interest from students

Parking—improvements at the front of the school but some parents are still parking illegally around the corner on Barton crescent. Police will be targeting this area.

Budget—presented and approved

Debt Collection—approval to take OSHC families to debt collectors for non payment of fees

Changes in the school day—To comply with the enterprise bargaining agreement, we have needed to make a slight change to the school day. Beginning in Term 2, the first siren will go at 8.47am and lunch play will be shortened by 5 minutes. The end of the day will remain at 3.05pm. Lessons will generally be in 54 minute periods rather than 50 minutes.

Supervision before school will be provided from 8.30am from term 2. No child should be on the school grounds prior to this time unless they are booked in to OSHC.

Fundraising—No Easter raffle this year but asking for donations for our Mother’s Day stall. Please send to the office.

Alison Lynch,
Principal

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We have been studying the arrival of Europeans in Australia. We have looked at the first explorers that arrived before the First Fleet 1788. We made dioramas of Willem Janszoon’s ship The Duyfken that explored the North Western Coast of Australia in 1606. We worked in small groups to help each other construct our models, which were quite difficult to glue together.

By Lalita

Room 19

Year 4/5’s

Three of our class novels this term have been Tashi Books. Cooper brought in a whole set of books which we thoroughly enjoyed. Mr Ward thought it would be a great opportunity to write our own Tashi adventures. We wrote a draft version of our stories and focused on the use of speech. We then published our work as mini books. We have also written narratives about volcanoes and have published them as shaped books.

By Anysha and Jess S.
Children’s University is an exciting new program that aims to provide high quality out of hours activities for children. This voluntary program is currently offered to students in years 4-7, encouraging students to play an active role in their own learning. When signed up to Children’s University, students are issued a ‘Passport to Learning’ where they record learning activities they have undertaken out of class time. Burton Primary will offer some extra curricula activities before and after school, as well as at lunch, however, we encourage students to actively seek learning opportunities outside of the school grounds. The Salisbury Council and local sporting clubs offer opportunities for involvement. On November 26, students who have completed 30 hours of extra learning will be invited to attend a formal graduation ceremony at the University of Adelaide. The cost of the program including the passport and graduation ceremony is $10 payable to the front office. The school is subsidising the cost to enable all those interested to be able to participate.

If you would like more information regarding Children’s University, we will be running a short question and answer session on Wednesday 25th March at 3.15pm in the staffroom.

Children’s University 2015
Please return to Mr Neto by Friday 27th March

I would like my child .......................................................... from Room........ to participate in Children’s University.

I have enclosed $10 to cover the Children’s University Passport.

Parent’s Signature ..............................................

Can You Help?
One of our students, Braedon, has been recently diagnosed with non-hodgkins lymphoma. One of our parents is running a fundraiser to support Braedon and his family. If you would like to purchase some cookie dough—available in triple choc, caramel fudge, ANZACs, choc chunk, white choc macadamia & raspberry white choc—for $13.00 per 1 kg tub, please see the office by tomorrow. Dough is also available for gluten free choc chunk ($15) and dog biscuits ($14). The dough can be re-frozen or kept in the fridge for 4 weeks—if it lasts that long!

More help needed!

Last year our breakfast club was operating 3 times per week. Unfortunately we have not been able to open as often this term as we do not have sufficient volunteers. If you are able to help—from 8.30–8.45am in the morning, making toast and serving yoghurt, cereal, fruit etc., please see office staff.

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Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia’s official junior game development program for 5-12 year olds and their families. Aussie Hoops is a national program which provides an environment where children of all abilities can achieve on the court - and reap the rewards of skill development, enhanced self-esteem, social co-operation and grassroots sports participation. Put simply, Aussie Hoops introduces children to basketball in a structured and accredited environment that connects our game at the grassroots through to the elite level. Our national coaching curriculum and sequentially-developed program consists of warm-up games, skill activities and modified games all delivered by accredited coaches.

We are hoping to hold Aussie Hoops at our school in term 2 for 1 hour each week on a Monday or Tuesday afternoon for 10 weeks. This is dependent on sufficient interest being shown.

Costs: Registration Fee – $31.70 – includes registration, reversible singlet, ball and a backpack (This is a once only fee)

Term Fee – this is added on and is based on $5 per week. The SA Government’s Sports Vouchers ($50) can be used towards payment once a year. Registrations are processed online.

Please complete the form below to register your interest in your child participating in this program. More details are available from the school or from www.aussiehoops.com.au

____________________________________________________________________________

My child _______________________________________ in Room _______________ would like to participate in the Aussie Hoops program during Term 2 at Burton Primary School.

__________________________________________________________  Parent’s signature

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

In March 2014, the Premier, Hon Jay Weatherill MP, announced an election commitment to provide a sport voucher to the value of $50 for every primary school student in South Australia.

I am delighted to invite you to take part in the Sports Vouchers Program for 2015. The Sports Vouchers Program aims to reduce the cost of living for South Australian families by providing all primary school-aged children (Reception to Year 7) with a subsidy towards the cost of sport fees or sporting club memberships.

Every child wishing to participate in organised sport should have the opportunity to do so. Organised sport is a great way for children to be active and stay healthy. The Sports Vouchers can be used to encourage your child to try a new sport or to keep your child playing the sport they are already involved with.

The vouchers can be used to subsidise membership or participation fees for a sporting activity or program which involves a weekly match or training opportunity for at least 10 weeks. If the cost of the activity you select exceeds the value of the Sports Vouchers, you will still be responsible for payment of the difference.

To redeem the Sports Vouchers you can complete the voucher enclosed and present it at a Sports Vouchers registered club. You can use one voucher per child, per calendar year. Vouchers can be used at any time from March, through to 31 December 2015. Some registered clubs require online registration and many have already incorporated the redemption of the Sports Voucher into their online systems.

From March 2015, you can go to the Sports Vouchers website: www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au to search for a registered club in your local area which will accept the Sports Voucher toward club fees. A fact sheet and short video explaining the program can be found on the Sports Vouchers website.

If you don’t have access to a computer at home, your local library provides computer use and free access to the internet. If you require any additional information or assistance please email: sportsvouchers@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Leon Bignell MP
Minister for Recreation and Sport

12 February 2015

Sports Vouchers

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