I’m looking forward to meeting the Little Burkies this week. It’s an exciting time and it’s a great opportunity for existing and new parents to become involved in our wonderful school. Let’s all make the next generation of Burkies feel welcome!

I was in Morwell, Victoria last week with the NSW PSSA boys touch football team at the School Sport Australia national exchange. We had a great week and defeated Queensland 5-3 in the final. NSW are national champions! I am reminded constantly about the wonderful opportunities and pathways our students (and staff) are exposed to. I’m thankful every day to be part of an education system that promotes excellence in every avenue.

Can you believe that we have around 7 weeks of school left? I’m sure it will go by very quickly. I’m sure we’ll see you at one of the many school events planned for this term.

Have a wonderful week.

Brad Lyne
Principal

“Life can only be understood backwards; but must be lived forwards.”
**Library News**

**Book Club**
Orders for Book Club No 7 were due in today. Late orders will be accepted as long as they are handed in at 9:00am Tuesday.

**Overdue Library Books**
There are many library books out which are now overdue. Overdue notes will be sent home with the children this week. Please keep an eye out for any notes that may come home on your child’s library day.

**Burke Ward P&C Shopping Spree**
**Thursday 20th November**
Ladies, would you like to do your Christmas shopping and take advantage of up to 20% discount?

Our P&C “Shopping Spree” is on again!

**Thursday, 20th November.** Starting time is **6:15pm** sharp.

The event is a shopping spree with a difference. Thirteen stores in the CBD are participating, with teams of shoppers visiting each store. The teams will spend thirteen minutes in a store, then move on to the next one, visiting all thirteen stores. The P&C will be offering refreshments at each store and after we are all shopped out we will all enjoy each other’s company at the Workingmen’s Club for hot nibbles and raffles.

Tickets are $25 each ($30 if purchased on the night). Get a team together or join a team for a night of fun. Tickets can be purchased from Kerri Johnstone by phoning 0428 857 342.

**Canteen Helpers Needed**
The canteen is in need of more helpers. If you are able to help out in any way please contact Sam on 8087 8403.
Canteen Lunch Special  
Tuesday, 28th October
Order forms were sent home last week for this week’s canteen pizza special. Ham and cheese or ham, cheese and pineapple pizza’s along with either a bottle of water or a fruit box is available for only $5. Money and orders need to be placed at the canteen by 9:00am tomorrow.

Lost Property
As we approach the end of the year please come in to the front office and check through the lost property box for any of your child’s belongings. At the end of the year ALL items of lost property will be donated to Lifeline. Please remember how important it is to clearly label your child’s belongings with their name. This includes lunch boxes, water bottles, hats and anything else that is brought to school.

Swim School
Notes were sent home last week for our 2014 swim school. Burke Ward Swim School is offered to students in years 2, 3 and 4 who are unable to swim 25 metres using a recognised stroke. Swim School takes place at the Silver City Swim Club Pool in Newton Street. Available places in Swim School have been limited to 100 students. The cost is $30 for ten days, which covers the cost of entry to the pool. Swim School commences on Monday, 17th November and will conclude on Friday, 28th November.

Contact Details for 2015
Please ensure all your current details are up to date. If you have changed any of the following please contact the school on 8088 4700 to enable us to update your child’s records.

- Address
- Phone Number
- Mobile Number
- Emergency Contact details
- Medical Details
- Other Parent Details if they require copies of correspondence, reports etc.
Dates to Remember!

Thursday 13th Nov – PRIDE Assembly
Monday 17th to Friday 28th Nov – Swim School
   Monday 17th Nov – P&C AGM
Thursday 20th Nov – P&C Shopping Spree
Thursday 20th to Thursday 27th Nov – Life Ed Van
   Monday 24th Nov – Prefect Elections
Friday 28th Nov – Year 6 Picnic Day
Wednesday 3rd Dec – Presentation Night
Friday 5th Dec – Teddy Bear’s Picnic (K to 2)
   Tuesday 9th Dec – Infants Concert
Thursday 11th Dec – 5/6 Dinner
   Friday 12th Dec – PRIDE Party
Monday 15th Dec – Talent Quest
Tuesday 16th Dec – Class Party Day
Wednesday 17th Dec – Last day of School for 2014

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