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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Greetings" to all.

My warmest welcome to each of you. This 2012 school year has begun on a very positive note. It is always a pleasure to welcome new families and also to greet again the many families of previous years. 22 "new" children started at our school in the first week and several more are due to start over the next month. Our school roll is almost 200 today and we have 10 classes open and busy. There are no "new faces" on our staff. Our 2012 teachers and support staff all supported students through the challenges of 2011. I warmly welcome back our staff also.

The "holiday-break" allowed time for detailed inspections of the school buildings following the significant quakes of 23rd December. Some minor repair work was completed in early January. Our site and our buildings are as safe as your Board of Trustees, and the Ministry of Education, has been able to make them.

Also, during January, a new hard-surface cricket pitch was constructed on our sports fields. This facility will give our school children some extra opportunities. The pitch will also be available for lower-grade cricket competition games during the summer weekends.

Our main "learning focus" throughout 2012 is to be on "Reading". Developing a love of reading is so important and rewarding. This skill forms the basis of many aspects of Learning, and we want to assist families as much as we can to help you support your child to read well.

A number of events are on our school timetable during the first few weeks of this Term, starting with a "School Picnic" this Thursday 9th February (tonight). Thanks to the PTA for assisting in organising this opportunity. Please feel warmly invited to attend, relax and chat with others in our school community. Next week there will be an opportunity parents to meet teaching staff (classroom teachers of the Senior school on Tuesday evening and Junior school on Wednesday evening). Each teacher will share aspects of their programme, information on upcoming 2012 events and information on how we can best work together to support a really positive learning-year for children.

I look forward to meeting with as many parents as I can over the next few weeks and thank you in advance for your support of our school.

Thanks, Matt Bateman, Principal.

2012 Staff

Matt Bateman	-	Principal					
Ann Dark	-	Deputy Principal					
Matt Fiebig	-	Year 6	-	Room 14	Gerardine Jones	-	E.S.O.L. Teacher
Nic Rickard	-	Year 6	-	Room 13	Angela O'Connell	-	Reading Recovery
Ben Drury	-	Year 5 / 4	-	Room 12	Emma Clark	-	Release Teacher
Tineke Schat	-	Year 5 / 4	-	Room 11	Rosemary Hensley	-	RT Literacy
Sharon Wilson	-	Year 5 / 4	-	Room 10	Lea Keen	-	Executive Officer
Joe Allert	-	Year 3	-	Room 7	Justine Everson	-	Office Assistant
Viola Kalauta	-	Year 3 / 2	-	Room 6	Krista Hastings	-	Teacher Aide
Bridget Kenny	-	Year 2	-	Room 3	Jasna Rimbovska	-	Teacher Aide
Debbie-Lee Barrett	-	Year 1	-	Room 2	Linda Stagg	-	Teacher Aide
Trudi Browne	-	Year 1	-	Room 1	Alan Bell	-	Caretaker

School Newsletters

Welcome to our first School Newsletter for 2012. Our newsletters are published once every 2 weeks. This week we have sent the newsletter home with every child, but from February 23rd it will only be sent home with the eldest child in each family.

Please check your child's bag each fortnight - as it is a great way for families to keep up to date with school news and information. Spare copies are available from the office.

We are often asked to include in our newsletters, items from various community groups - which we will do if we have space available. This is a service we provide but please note the information comes directly from each organisation / group / person and is not endorsed by the school.

Student Absences

It is very important that the school knows every child is safe and accounted for each day.

Please contact the school if your child is going to be absent - either

- email the office on office@burnsideprimary.school.nz,
- text 021 104 0800,
- call 3519-407 and leave an answer-phone message before 8.30am,
- phone between 8.30am and before 9.00am to personally inform the office staff,
- or send a letter to school - if you know in advance.

Please ensure the school has the most "Up-to-Date" contact phone numbers for you and your nominated emergency contacts (using any of the above ways) - in case we need to get in touch with you.

Starting Times

There is a bell at 8:30am which signals to the children that they are able to go into class. We prefer that they do not arrive at school before this time.

The bell to begin lessons rings at 8:55am. Please ensure the children are at school and ready to start class by this time. Children are often very embarrassed when they arrive late and late arrivals can be very disruptive for the rest of the class.



Assemblies

We have a whole school assembly every Friday at 9.00am in the school hall. Parents and caregivers are always welcome to attend.

Assemblies usually last approximately 40 minutes and are designed as a positive and informative opportunity for the whole school to be together.

Kool Kids Show & Senior School Swimming Lessons

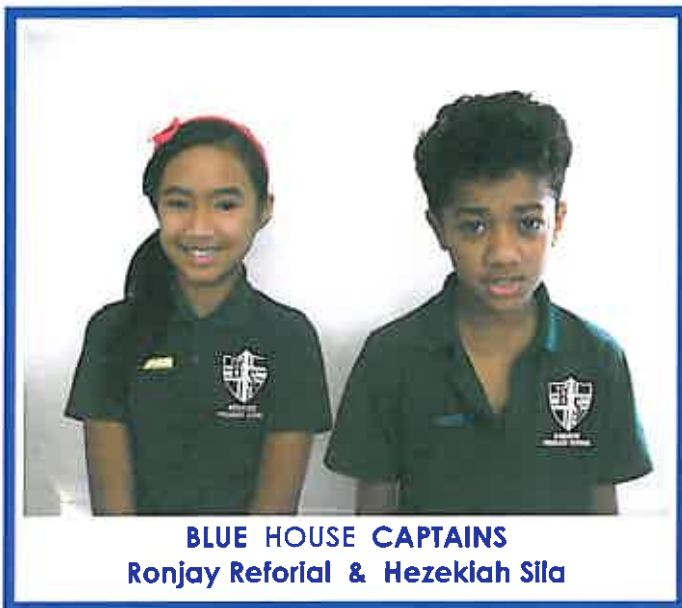
REMINDER - The \$4.00 Kool Kids Anti-bullying Show and \$5.50 Senior School Swimming fee is due to be paid, to the office, by Wednesday 15th February.

Thank you for all the payments already received 😊

School House Groups

All children, when they start at Burnside Primary School, are put into one of our "House Groups" - **Blue, Green, Red** or **Yellow**. Throughout the year many school activities are based around the children participating together in these groups.

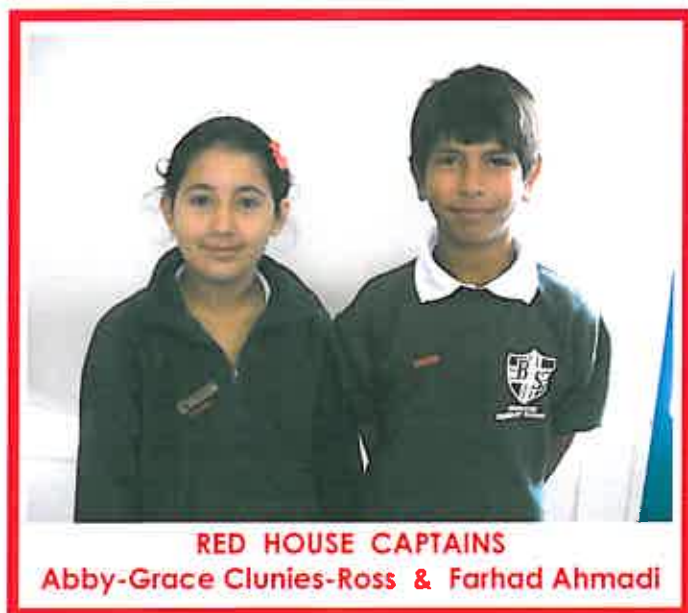
Each year staff and senior students vote to select House Captains from the Year 6 students - below are photos of our 2012 House Captains.



BLUE HOUSE CAPTAINS
Ronjay Reforial & Hezekiah Sila



GREEN HOUSE CAPTAINS
Jakob Strange & Nifimal Cakau



RED HOUSE CAPTAINS
Abby-Grace Clunies-Ross & Farhad Ahmadi



YELLOW HOUSE CAPTAINS
Boyu Feng & Belle Baynon

Lunches

It is wonderful to see so many children with healthy, nutritious lunches at school. To help all the children have a happy and healthy lunchtime could parents please note:

- We are unable to heat up food or provide boiling water for noodles etc.
- On a hot day Yoghurt becomes very soft by lunchtime & is often thrown away by children.
- Please remember to supply spoons, forks etc if they are needed to eat food with.
- Oranges etc need to be peeled or at least opened for children - it takes a long time to peel fruit and lunchtime is often over before it is ready to eat!

School Uniform Logo

The new Logo is now on our uniforms being sold at the Postie Plus Shop in the Bush Inn Shopping Centre. Please note that both the new and the old logos can still be worn - there is no 'cut off' date for wearing uniforms with the old logo on them.

Korean Newsletter

We need someone to translate some parts of our school newsletter into Korean each fortnight. If you can help or know of someone else who can do it please contact the school office.

Thank you, Gerardine Jones

School Picnic

- When** ~ Tonight - 9th February
What Time ~ 5.30pm - 7.00pm
Where ~ Our School Grounds
What to Bring ~ A picnic tea or buy a sausage or cupcake from the PTA

Come along and meet your friends and make some new ones. Games and activities provided for the children.

Cancelled If Wet / Bad Weather



School Calendar

February

- 9 - School Picnic - 5.30pm
- 14 - Parents Evening (Senior) 6.30pm
- 15 - Parents Evening (Junior) 6.30pm
- 28 - School Swimming Sports

March

- 19 - 23 - School Swimming Lessons x 5

April

- 5 - Grandparents Event. Rms 1 - 7
- 5 - Last Day Term 1
- 23 - First Day Term 2

June

- 29 - Last Day Term 2

July

- 16 - First Day Term 3

September

- 28 - Last Day Term 3

October

- 15 - First Day Term 4



After School / Weekend Activities

The school office is currently holding information on the following children's activities from local community organisations. Please call in and collect any information you may be interested in

- Children's Art Classes
- Dance classes (Ballet / Modern / Jazz / Hip Hop.
- Monday Kids Club at St Stephens Church.
- Gymnastics
- Karate for Kidz
- Piano Lessons
- Rugby (Marist Albion)
- Rugby League (Riccarton)

