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## **SCHOOL CLOSED – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**Next week - on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August the teacher-unions have signalled “Strike action”.**

**Your Board of Trustees has decided that on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August, Burnside Primary School WILL BE CLOSED. The Board of Trustees request that you make alternative arrangements for your child/children on this day.**

Negotiations are continuing, but if no agreement can be reached over the next few days, teachers across the country will be withdrawing their labour on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

The issues confronting teachers, Boards of Trustees, parents and schools are; underfunding of schools, an increasing reduction in numbers of teachers-in-training, teacher-salaries becoming relatively reduced which makes teaching less attractive, decreasing numbers of teachers available for day-to-day relieving, increasing work-load for teachers, increasing class-sizes, under-funding of children with special needs, reduced operations funding for schools.

All of these issues are having (and will continue to have) an impact on; our teachers, our schools and especially on the ability of schools to deliver the very best education to your children.

Your Board of Trustees, fully support the action teachers are proposing. Outcomes for your children will improve if teachers and schools are better funded and supported.

For those families that are unable to arrange alternative care for children on this day, MASH the private out-of-school provider, who uses our school hall daily, will be running a session that day. Please phone Craig, the MASH organiser 0800 420 520 if you are interested.

## **School Photographs**

**Class and Individual photos will be taken next week on - TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST.**

**All children are asked to wear their school polo shirts – either white or green, for the photos.**

**Please make sure your children are at school early that day, as the first classroom photo will be taken at 9.00am.**

Girls – please only wear green, black or white headbands (no bright ones).

Orders need to be returned, with payment, to the “Office Drop Box” before 9.00am tomorrow. The photographer will also be taking Family photos – if requested. Please collect a ‘Family’ envelope from the office if you want a photo of all your children together.





Congratulations to 2 of our teachers who have been recognised for designing an innovative oral language programme to help new entrant pupils with language skills.

Trudi Browne and Nic Rickard were one of five winners of The Education Hub's inaugural Bright Spots Awards.

The awards recognise innovative education initiatives to address challenges facing New Zealand schools. To help children starting at their school become confident learners in language skills, they teamed up with speech language therapist Sharne Quickenden to develop a bespoke oracy framework. It comprises specific tools to support pupils to build oral language skills and an accompanying professional development programme for teachers.

The school will receive a significant financial grant to help Trudi and Nic continue developing their programme. Well Done 😊😊

### Emergency Drill

Yesterday the school held another Emergency Drill practice to ensure our children know what to do in an emergency. The drill was an "Inside to Outside" drill, where the children left their classrooms, when the special bell/announcement sounded, and assembled on the courts near the senior school. This drill is used when the buildings need to be evacuated eg if there is a Fire. All of the children knew what to do and responded very well.

### Collecting children after school

Our bell rings at 3.00pm at the end of the school day for all children to go home. Another bell is rung at 3.15pm to let children, who go home by themselves, know that they need to leave the playground immediately. This 3.15pm bell also signals to any children who are still waiting to be collected to go to the office so that parents can be contacted and told that their children are still here – before our office staff leave at 3.30pm.



However, in recent weeks several children have come to the office at 3.15pm and our office staff have been unable to contact any family/friends whose phone numbers we have, or the parents have said someone is coming to collect their child and they do not arrive. Last week 3 different children were not collected until 3.50pm, 4.40pm & 4.50pm.

Our senior staff are now currently working on what procedures can be put in place if this continues to happen e.g. outside agencies (police, child welfare) phoned to possibly uplift these children.

Please ensure you have your children organised every day to leave the school site by 3.15pm – unless you are here supervising them. Thank you.

## New Orchard for Burnside Primary School

The Horticultural Society of Canterbury kindly donated to our school 14 fruit trees as part of their Orchards in Schools program.

On Tuesday Ella, Junior, Phoenix, Nathan, Zoe, Fer, Jhett and Bailey from the BPS Enviro Warriors team buddied up with Juliet, Jireh, Brooklyn, River-Jade, Belle, Falkon and Lauren from Piwakawaka Tui to plant the trees. Mary Tingey was on hand, from Orchards in Schools, to provide us with her expert knowledge. Students learnt where to plant the trees, how to dig the holes and planting tips. We successfully planted 12 trees including pears, apples and plums with 2 feijoa trees coming next week.

Mary will be coming to our school for the next few years to show us how to prune and properly care for our trees so they will be producing beautiful fruit in no time! A big thank you to Mary Tingey and the Horticultural Society for donating an orchard to our school!



*Carrying the tree*



*Digging the hole*



*Planting the tree*

## Children in the school carpark

Recently a parent contacted us to say they had nearly run over a child in our car-park - by the school hall. They had dropped off their own children in the 'round-about' area, when a child in another car got out of their door on the driver's side, and then ran across in front of her car and was nearly hit.

**Please remind your children to get out of your car on the passenger's side and walk along the foot-path, they should not run across the car-park.** Thanks



**Year 7 2019 - Cobham Intermediate School** Children in Year 6 wanting to attend Cobham Intermediate School next need to return their enrolment forms to Cobham by 31<sup>st</sup> August. These can be handed into our school office and we will deliver them on 29<sup>th</sup> August. **REMEMBER – you must provide a Birth Certificate for your child and an account/letter showing your address so that Cobham can see if you are living in their zone or not.**

### School Dates Confirmed

Following their recent meeting, our Board of Trustees have confirmed the following dates in accordance with the New Zealand Ministry of Education guidelines.

**Last Day of 2018, Term 4 - is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. School will finish at 3.00pm.**

**First Day of 2019, Term 1 - is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January. School will start at 8.55am.**

## 2018 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Burnside Primary School

<b>TERM 3</b>		
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>AUG</b>	
Friday	10	Assembly ~ Room 13 Winter Sport – Year 5 & 6
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>AUG</b>	
Tuesday	14	School Photos
Wednesday	15	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – TEACHERS STRIKE</b> Board of Trustees Meeting postponed.
Thursday	16	Pukeko Team performing in Te Honoga Festival at Aurora Centre @ 6.00pm
Friday	17	Assembly ~ Room 7, Duffy Books, Hip Hop Group Winter Sport – Year 5 & 6
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>AUG</b>	
Wednesday	22	School Science Fair Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7.15pm in the Staffroom.
Thursday	23	Kahu / Pukeko Speech Finals Newsletter
Friday	24	Assembly ~ Piwakawaka Team FINAL DAY of Winter Sport – Year 5 & 6
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>AUG</b>	
Tuesday	28	Zone Sports
Friday	31	Assembly ~ House Groups
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>SEP</b>	
Tuesday	4	Kapa Haka Cultural Festival Rehearsal
Wednesday	5	Kapa Haka Cultural Festival Performance @ Horncastle Arena – 6.30pm
Friday	7	Assembly ~ Around the World & School Orchestra
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>SEP</b>	
Thursday	13	Music Tuition Concert
Friday	14	Assembly ~
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>SEP</b>	
Wednesday	19	P.T.A. Meeting @ 7.00pm in the Staffroom
Friday	21	Assembly ~
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>SEP</b>	
Wednesday	26	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7.15pm in the Staffroom
Friday	28	Assembly ~ <b>LAST DAY OF TERM 3 - 2018</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 – 2018. School starts at 8.55am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED = LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
Dec 3 – Dec 5		School Camp at Wainui (near Akaroa) – Room 10 and Room 11
Dec 5 – Dec 7		School Camp at Wainui (near Akaroa) – Room 13 and Room 14