Dear Parents / Caregivers

Thank you to parents, students and staff for a good, productive start to Semester 2. It is pleasing to see students return safely from holidays and ready for the work and enriching experiences that Term 3 brings. It is a full calendar already, and add to that our first school Fete for quite a few years on September 07, it is very busy for all.

We welcome new families and staff to our school this week, and we know that you will all settle in to Burpengary very quickly.

On Monday night at our P&C Meeting, I will be commencing discussions with our parents exploring the possibility of Burpengary State School becoming an Independent Public School when the second round of Expressions of Interest come out some time during Semester 2, 2013. Independent Public Schools give high performing schools the opportunity to:

- Increase autonomy in decision-making
- Remove layers of management and cut red tape
- Receive a $50,000 start-up and transition grant in Year 1
- Receive a $50,000 annually as an extra budget allocation following review
- Plan and manage infrastructure and capital works programs directly with Central Office
- Ability to advertise during recruitment for vacancies

Accountabilities include:

- Entering a performance agreement with the Director-General
- Principal performance reviews annually by the Director-General, or delegate
- Participating in an independent review every four years
- Participating in all system audits
- Operating in accordance with all Legislation and Policy

Continuing benefits from EQ include:

- All liability insurance and Workcover support
- Advice on financial purchasing, industrial relations, legal and media issues
- Central and Regional Office support, including OneSchool
- C2C – Curriculum into the Classroom materials

To answer a frequently asked question by parents, please note that there is no change to the fee-paying structure for State Schools – it is business as usual. All parents are invited to come along and participate in the discussion.

On July 25, our visitors from West Japan arrive in the school. Our guests will come to school with the children and engage with a week of learning English in Australia. I thank all those kind families who are hosting a student, and from past experience it has been incredibly rewarding for all concerned.

An Orientation Night for host families will take place on Tuesday, July 15 in the Staff Lounge commencing at 6.00pm.

To other news …

1. Payments

Parents are reminded **all payments** are to be made directly to the Office via the payment window at the front of the school where payments can be receipted immediately. This process avoids children being responsible for large sums of money or payments being lost. Payment envelopes are not to be given to the class teacher.

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Eftpos is available at the Cashier window on the carpark side of the Admin Office each morning from 8.00 to 11.00am. We encourage families to make use of the electronic payment systems we have operational here at Burpengary (Direct banking, Bpay) so that we minimise the risk of children carrying large sums of money, and you can perform the payment task from the convenience of home. Please note that due to Education Queensland Policy, **credit card payments cannot be made over the phone**. Please keep in mind that we do not carry change for large sums of money.
2. The School’s Annual Report for the 2012 year has been posted on the school website. It contains information of the school’s achievements as outlined in the School Strategic Plan 2010-2012, you can link to the children’s learning outcomes for 2012, and find a host of other data. I encourage parents/carers to peruse the document to gain a greater insight and knowledge of our school.

3. We now have **100 Prep enrolments for 2014**. Please assist us to have these 2014 numbers early, by parents notifying the office and arranging an enrolment interview, as if these numbers surpass 150 students I will need to commence advocating for an extra Prep teaching space as soon as possible.

4. 151 families and staff have now signed on for the Flexischools online tuckshop ordering system, and enjoying the ease of daily/weekly lunch orders, and knowing exactly what their children are purchasing and eating through our healthy schools tuckshop!! Thanks to the P&C for commencing this service.

5. **P&C Meeting** for July takes place this **Monday night, July 15, at 7.00pm in the Staff Lounge**. Parents are also invited to the **Parent-Admin Chat** on **Wednesday afternoon, July 17, from 2-2.45pm**, also in the Staff Lounge. All welcome.

6. **Library News: Scholastic Book Club**

   The current brochures have been given to students during the week. **Keep a look out for Red Label Specials – Great books for $2.**

   We regret that we are unable to accept cash payments for Book Club orders. Payments need to be made by credit card or cheque only. If paying by credit card, follow the instructions at the bottom of the order form. When ordering from several brochures and paying by credit card, it is fine to make one payment for the total amount. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia Orders are due in **no later than 9am on Monday 22 July, 2013**.

7. Donations of **secondhand uniforms, socks** and **underwear** would be greatly appreciated as stocks are running very low in the health room.

**Green Garden News:**

**Tuckshop Roster:**

Until next week,

**Brad Fox**  
A/Principal

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Caboolture SHS LearnIT Program**

If you are choosing a secondary school for your child, you might like to consider Caboolture State High School and come along to their information night on the LearnIT Program on the 23rd July at 7pm at Caboolture State High School Assembly Hall on Lee Street.

**Asthma Foundation Queensland** invites you to join us for a free one hour Live Well with Asthma workshop at Caboolture Library (4 Hasking Street, Caboolture), Tuesday 30th July, 2013 from 1.30pm – 2.30pm. To register please call Asthma Assist on 1800 645 130 or visit [http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/QLD/Courses_for_the_community.aspx](http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/QLD/Courses_for_the_community.aspx)

**AFL Auskick Program** Burpengary State School Oval, Friday after school starting 26th July 2013 from 3.20pm – 4.20pm running 8 weeks, cost $60. Simply register and pay online before Sunday 28th July 2013 to receive 4 FREE TICKETS (2 adults, 2 children) for a selected match to see the Brisbane Lions in action at the Gabba. For more information visit aflauskick.com.au or call 38658700

Blue Light Disco 19th July 2013 at Caboolture Memorial Hall 60-65 King Street from 6.00pm – 8.30pm, Cost $5 and fully police supervised, for more information please call the Caboolture PCYC on 5495 7143.