Dear Parents / Caregivers

We hosted our inaugural Open Day today for parents who are looking at enrolment for their child at Burpengary State School in 2014. We were able to showcase to new families the excellent learning edge that this school gives its students from Prep to Year 7. Thanks to Mrs Leanne Odorico who ably led the occasion with her co-Deputies Mr Dan Ball and Mrs Michelle Fraser, the many staff who opened their rooms up to show quality learning, Mrs Michelle Jones (Strings) and Ms Elisha Edwards (Concert Band) for the music showcase, the tireless Mr Ross Tattersall for the great morning tea and the band of volunteers who always help in the kitchen!

Yesterday, our visitors from West Japan arrived in our school, and will stay until next Wednesday morning. Please make them welcome as they come to school each day with the children from our host families and engage in a week of learning English in Australia. Much of the learning happens through play and social interaction with host families and the children at school, so please take the opportunity to engage with our guests.

I flag for families the second instalment for the Schoolkids Bonus which is a payment for eligible families to receive up to $410 for primary school students and up to $820 for secondary school students. Those eligible families will have some extra money on hand to help cover the cost of things like winter uniforms, school excursions, new stationery and school shoes. It is a perfect opportunity to make the $25 voluntary contribution to the school to support our rollout of technology. For more information, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

A small number of brochures are available in the school office for those without internet access.

I take the opportunity to advertise for a small role in school promotions and marketing of approximately 8 hours per week. Our school has won a small grant, and we are seeking a person who can assist to market and promote the school. Strong interpersonal skills, excellent organisational skills and a good knowledge of social media will be an advantage. Salary will be equivalent to a teacher aide level. Please submit a one page application outlining your skills and experience in the three areas above, including the contact numbers of two referees, no later than the close of business on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. It is anticipated that the role would commence on August 05, 2013.

Our Fete committee has been extremely busy and tireless in their efforts to make this an amazing event for the children, and a strong income earner to support student learning in the school. I ask that all parents consider contributing to the volunteer effort that is needed for the day, even if it is for only an hour or two. For those who could convene a stall, they would love to hear from you as well! For those who are working or away from home on the day, you can contribute by purchasing and donating items to support individual stalls — a comprehensive list appears in an accompanying newsletter.

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.

Coming up:

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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. A periodic reminder that the QSchools app is available for parents to download FREE via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play. Once you have added our school as a favourite, the app will display school location, contact information, news, calendar events and newsletters. This information will feed directly from our website, so that when content is updated and published to our website, the app will also be automatically updated. You can
also add other state schools as favourites. To assist you we have added a quicklink on our school’s homepage to the DETE website. For more information, go to [DETE website](http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/apps/education/qschools.html).

3. We now have 110 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. In year 2 children will demonstrate their understanding of why Burpengary Creek is significant. They will need to pose questions to write a historical narrative. To gain the information the year 2 students will be given opportunity through history lessons, an indigenous talk to Ms Christine Stuart and a trip to the Caboolture Region Environmental Education Centre. At the centre they will gather information about the Gubbi Gubbi people and both historical and today’s uses of plants Native Fauna and Flora.

5. **Whole School Weekly Behaviour/Learning Focus**

   Each week our school identifies a particular whole school student behaviour focus. The strategies that students need to use are shared on parades and discussed in classes. These are based on our Burpengary State School Student Behaviour Expectations. Gotchas are given to students each week when they are identified as demonstrating positive behaviours including our focus behaviour. Gotchas are then drawn each week on parade for lucky draw prizes. For Week 4 our focus will be As a Responsible Learner, I am independent, punctual and organised (arriving to class on time and following the bells focus). We ask that you remind your children of our school rules and support the school in continuing to provide a safe and supportive school environment for students to learn at their best.

6. **Next P&C Meeting** is Monday night, August 19, at 7.00pm in the Staff Lounge. Lock it in your diary.

7. **Library News: Scholastic Book Club – Our Bookweek Celebrations continue**

   Here is a short explanation of what Book Week is all about...Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia awards prizes to books published in Australia in the previous year by Australian authors/illustrators. There are a number of categories and for each category a Winner and Honour prize is given. The shortlisted books for each category are announced in April and the awards will be announced on Friday August 15. This gives schools and libraries a chance to read the shortlisted books. This competition has been running for over 65 years and is eagerly awaited each year by book lovers all over Australia.

   In the Junior School, we read the Early Childhood Picture Book category shortlisted books and run competitions to encourage students to read read read!!! Our first Junior Library Competition winner was 1B who was lucky enough to have their name drawn. They received a book on assembly. There will be class competitions for the next 5 weeks at least. Your child may become a Junior Library Star if they are spotted using the library and following the rules and routines. We will hand out ‘You’re a Star’ ticket for them to put in our special tin. Two names will be drawn at the end of each week and the winners will be able to choose a prize from our prize box. Their photos will also go up on our special ‘Constellation’ noticeboard.

   **Prep Parents:**

   Please remember that you are able to bring up your child to borrow before school on any day except the day that they borrow with their class and on Tuesday when the Junior Library is closed. In Term 4, they will be able to come up and borrow at specified afternoon tea times.

8. **Whole School Weekly Behaviour Focus**

   The tuckshop ladies would like to thank all staff and families for their support in celebrating Canteen Week.

   **Tuckshop Roster:**

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   Until next week,

   Brad Fox
   A/Principal

   **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

   3rd August 2013
   Sino Gymnastics and Dance Academy
   "Gymnastics & Dance for Girls & Boys"
   10-11yrs ($450 incl. dietary) 12-13yrs ($550 incl. dietary)
   6 weeks & over 1.30pm-3.30pm

   2-5 year olds 11.00am-1.00pm

   50% joining fees

   2013-2014 Term Dates
   6/1/2013 to 30/6/2013

   7/7/2013 to 31/12/2013

   For more info call 0429 263 554 or email info@sgd.com.au

   **END COMMUNITY NOTICES**