Dear Parents / Caregivers

At our last meeting on Monday night, the P&C unanimously passed a motion endorsing the school’s lodgement of an application to become an Independent Public School. This was a significant step in the consultation process, which continues with other groups over the next few weeks.

I sat with our **Fete Working Party Chairman** this week and we literally had to measure up the oval and make sure that we had enough space to accommodate all of the stalls, outdoor stage, food vendors and amusement rides on September 7th next week!! The event is going to be huge, and something to be very proud of with over 100 different stalls and renowned artists featuring on our outdoor stage. **Don’t forget to support our hardworking students and spend big on the school stalls from each grade level!!**

Right now, this is what is needed to ensure a brilliant day for our children: Number 1 is **VOLUNTEERS** to man the P&C stalls – volunteer sign-up forms are available in all classrooms, at the front office, and from the website. If **many people give us just one hour of their time, our kids will have an event to remember.** Secondly, the P&C need your support to bring in specific donated items, namely **SOFT DRINK CANS** (but not Coke as we have enough, and no Homebrand, please), **No more cake mixes needed**, but we do need SUGAR, SUGAR, and more SUGAR for the Fairy Floss, please! Pop a 2kg bag for next to nothing in the shopping trolley this weekend!!

As there will be **large crowds on Fete Day**, compounded by an Electoral Commission voting booth, I ask that we are very careful and considerate community-minded citizens, maybe even take a walk to the fete and consider these factors:

- As the school is State Government property, I remind parents there is definitely **NO SMOKING**.
- **Take care where we park**, as our neighbours should not have to tolerate cars parked up on their footpaths or in driveways.
- Both the Prep Oval and the Junior 3&4 Oval will be parking lots, so please fill these first and make a gold coin donation to the SES for the privilege. **The Jill Street car park will be closed for emergency services vehicles use only.**
- Be safe, patient and smile away the day to ensure everybody has a great time!

See the accompanying **Fete Newsletter** for details. **Thanks in anticipation of our usual Burpengary commitment to the school and our students to make it a truly wonderful community event!**

School photographs have been approved for printing and will be about three weeks away. The change from Pixi Photos to MSP Photography has been seamless. I can inform our community that all incentives provided by Pixi Photos will be honoured by MSP, including the Graduation Photos and photo sittings.

I am pleased to report that the school **Out of School Hours Care** service is going along strongly and **averages 60 students per day**. There is an **average of 22 students** in the morning and **38 students in the afternoon** (with Wednesday and Thursday being the bigger days). It is a great service and a brilliant asset to the school community.

We have a strong **Chaplaincy program** here at Burpengary, due to the support of the people of our community. We have a vacancy for a parent representative on our Local Consultative Committee that oversees the program, so if there is a parent out there who values the Chaplaincy service, has some time for one afternoon meeting each term, and is prepared to support the school to continue this valuable service, please let me know.

The **Dental Van on site at Burpengary** will be temporarily out of action until next Wednesday, while a smaller van is placed on the site. The service will resume normal duties in the smaller van next Wednesday. **Qld Health apologises** for any inconvenience.

The feedback regarding the 2013 **Junior Sports Carnival** for Prep to Year 3 held last Friday has been astonishing – **congratulations to Ms Amanda Heathwood and Mrs Angela Dennis** for their brilliant organisation of the carnival, and the **Prep to Year 3 Staff** for their dedication to making it all work. I just love seeing kids active and having fun – well done too, **students!**

To support families in the busy part of the day, and to support the busy office staff to manage their time during peak periods, I encourage families to take note of our **Absence Line**, which is a defined mailbox where families may leave a message about their child’s absence at any time of the morning. **The Absence Line number to stick on your fridge is: 3491 0366.**

I would like to flag a change to the Father’s Day Stall. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Father’s Day stall will be held the week before Father’s Day from Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th August, with gifts available for $5 each.

To other news …

1. **Chappy Chat** - The September school holidays are coming up fast and if you are still looking for activities for your child, SU QLD will be running a camp for Grade 5 - 7 students from the 30th Sept - 4th October. These camps are a safe, fun environment for children. If you would like further information, please see Marie Wright (Chaplain).
2. **Parents of pre-school age children commencing Prep in 2014** are reminded to undertake an enrolment interview for Prep, **even if you currently have older siblings enrolled at Burpengary SS**. Please assist us to have these 2014 numbers early, by notifying the office and arranging an enrolment interview.

3. **Reminder about the EOI for the School Uniform Working Party** - it **opened on 16th August 2013 and closes 30th August 2013**. All Expressions of Interest are to be submitted **directly to the School Principal marked ‘Private and confidential’**. The information and Expression of Interest application is available to be printed directly from the website, [www.burpengass.eq.edu.au](http://www.burpengass.eq.edu.au) or a small number of paper copies are available at the front office.

4. **Library News** Book Week

   A big thank you to all the children, parents and staff who visited us this week to help us celebrate this special week in libraries all over Australia.

   The Rocket Photo Booth was very popular as was the ‘Guess the Character’ competition. We took the opportunity to dress up and it certainly created a festive spirit!! Luckily we don’t mind people laughing at us either!!

   The winners and honour prizes for all categories can be found at the following website: [http://cbca.org.au/winners2013.htm](http://cbca.org.au/winners2013.htm) but here are some of them…

   Early Childhood Book of the Year: The Terrible Suitcase

   Picture Book of the Year – The Coat

   Younger Reader’s Book of the Year


   Advanced Group – Melinda, Kyle, Siobhan, Nia, Miranda, Tahnee, Kira, Jack, Ella, Nicholas, Callaghan & Denver

   **Band and Lessons Week 8** – Ms Edwards is attending the Intermediate and Advanced Workshops next week. Please note that there will be no lessons or band rehearsals for the week.

5. **Intermediate & Advanced Music Workshops** are being held next week with Intermediate on Monday & Tuesday and Advanced work shop on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

   **Intermediate Group** – Rhylee, Madison, Mark, Jayden, Robert, Leah, Jasmine, Keira, Andrew, Brad, Brendan, Christina, Murdo, Ethan, Zara, Nikita, Jordan, Ella-Jade, Xantia, Rebekah, Denver & Chloe.

   **Advance Group** – Melinda, Kyle, Siobhan, Nia, Miranda, Tahnee, Kira, Jack, Ella, Nicholas, Callaghan & Denver

   **Are you good at recognising faces?**

   The Year 2 teaching team has set you a challenge for the upcoming school fete. If you think you could recognise Burpengary State School staff from their baby photographs, then this competition is for you! From **Tuesday 27th August the 15 photographs will be on show every day**, outside the school office block. There are 3 competitions for you to enter (5 photographs in each) with a chance to win a **$30 cupcakes voucher** for each competition. Pay a **gold coin donation to enter each competition …only $3.00 to enter all 3!**

   Competition entry forms are on the photo boards or from the front office. You can enter at the school fete on September 7th or pay the P&C outside the ‘Tuck shop’ on Monday 2nd September.

   **Until next week,**

   **Brad Fox**

   **A/Principal**

   **Tuckshop Roster:** I have planned out the **tuckshop roster** a little bit differently from now on **to highlight just how many volunteers are needed** to make our wonderful tuckshop work at its best for children. Sometimes just seeing a name there means we might think everything is OK and we have volunteers every day. **The reality is**, Wednesday, Thursday and particularly **Friday** are bigger days – we **need more helpers, please !!!**

   **Monday 26/8**

   1. Karen

   2.

   **Tuesday 27/8**

   1. Sandra

   2.

   **Wednesday 28/8**

   1. Shaun

   2.

   **Thursday 29/8**

   1. Sandra

   2.

   **Friday 30/8**

   1. Sandra

   2.

   3.

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