Dear Parents / Caregivers

Thank you for making the Fete such a special community event!

I would personally like to thank the 2013 Fete Working Party for a hard job exceptionally well done on September 07. The success of the day can only be attributed to the careful and detailed planning, followed by truck loads of dedication and hard work to see it through – Burpengary State School students, parents, staff and community groups thank you immensely! As a Principal looking for our Burpengary State School community spirit to be on show, it was everything that I hoped it would be, and demonstrated what can be achieved by a connected community working together.

Wayne Summersford (Chair) was ably assisted by Jodie Stieper, Maree Neelend, Petrina Ollard and Jenny Hayman (the Fete Fairy) – the community is in awe of your work and thank you for making it such a special event, of which you should all be very proud. Thanks to Sammie Ayre for Sammie, and staff and students, along with the P&C Executive members Lyn Roberts and Fran Stocker, worked together before, during and after the event to see it through. For the record, the net profit for the Fete is upwards of $20,000.

A special “thank you” must go to the volunteer Convenors who stepped up to coordinate the stalls – Maree Neeland (Hot Food), Richelle Kenner (Cakes & Strawberries), Nicole Harrison-McRae (Tickets & Raffles), Mel Elliott & Sue Laurens (Wristbands), Sue Slorach (Books), Michelle Clayton (Trash & Treasure), Helena Major (Cent Auction) and the staff of ANZ Bank Burpengary (Sausage Sizzle near the Election Booth).

The convenors were beautifully assisted by the multitude of volunteers who really made the difference on the day!! I will be making email contact to personally thank each volunteer. Names went in to a draw for a dinner-for-two package – see below!

The winner of the Talent Quest was Nia! Congratulations, Nia, the competition was fierce!

ATTENDANCE: I would like to reinforce my strong messages in previous newsletters about ensuring student attendance. In the Australian Curriculum framework of C2C, classes will still be undertaking important assessment tasks all through next week. It is vital that all students are in full attendance right up until 3.00pm Friday September 20, 2013. Did you know that even one day off every two weeks means 20 days per year, which is the equivalent of four weeks, and if this happens every year it adds up to nearly 1.5 years of schooling – it would be like finishing school at the end of Semester 1 in year 11 and competing for jobs with Year 12 school leavers. If you want your child to be successful at school, then they need to be in attendance, and every day counts!!

CITIZENSHIP PARADES OCCUR NEXT WEEK: Congratulations to the students on the accompanying list who have earned their Citizenship Awards for this term. Our school will celebrate the presentation these Awards to eligible students in Years 1-5 next week. Students in Year 6 and 7 are more mature and expected to be able to maintain their citizenship standards for the whole semester. Parents are invited to share these important parades with their child(ren):

- Years 1-2 Tuesday September 17, 2013
- Years 3-4 Wednesday September 18, 2013
- Year 5 Friday September 20, 2013

<<Special acknowledgements will be made for students with strong attendance records.>>

NAPLAN: The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has acknowledged it made errors in an aspect of the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN student reports for Language conventions that it provided to states and territories. This means individual student reports for these year levels have to be reprinted with a consequent delay in distribution of all student reports for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. There is no error related to the NAPLAN test data or student results. The QSA had originally planned to deliver hard copy student reports to Queensland schools by Friday 13 September. They remain committed to sending individual student reports as soon as possible, although it is now likely that many schools will not receive them until early in Term 4.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: School photos arrived this week and were distributed promptly by our magnificent office staff. I take this opportunity to clarify one important point for our community – in our discussions with MSP Photography regarding the transition from PixiFotos, MSP have honoured all school incentives made by PixiFotos to Burpengary State School, including our Year 7 Graduation Folios at the end of the year. One thing that they cannot honour, however, is the studio sitting package deal that PixiFotos offered. MSP purchased only the school photo arm of PixiFotos, and as a company has no facility for studio shots. Indeed MSP has no obligation to honour the studio sitting as they did not purchase the studio arm of PixiFotos – it went into receivership as a separate entity. I would like to thank MSP for making this transition an easy one for Burpengary State School.

SPELL-A-THON: A Spell-a-thon permission note accompanied this newsletter, and I encourage all of our families to return the form and get behind this fundraiser just like the Fete. P&C funds contributed hugely to data projectors for every child’s classroom in 2013.

To other news …

1. Future Dates: School finishes for Term 3 at 3.00pm on Friday, September 20, 2013. Monday October 07 is a Public Holiday, and Tuesday October 08, 2013, is the first day of Term 4.

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2. On the first Saturday of the holidays Mrs Swan, Mr Tattersall and Mrs Perren will be taking 11 Year 6 & 7 students to Japan, “The Land of the Rising Sun” for two weeks. Mrs Swan would first like to acknowledge the hard work of the families of the students travelling and also thank the P & C for their support in all other fundraising events to make this International Study Tour more affordable for staff and students alike. A special mention is also in order to the Durston Family, owners of Brumby’s Bakery at Burpengary, for their generous contributions, particularly for the Hot Cross Bun Drive in Term 1.

The winners of the major raffle we have been conducting over the past two terms are:
1st prize of a $400 Woolworths voucher is Sonia Ainge;
2nd prize - $200 Woolworths voucher is Reuben Phillips;
3rd prize - $100 Woolworths voucher is Garry Hankins; and
4th prize bonus draw of $100 Woolworths voucher is V. King.
Thank you everyone and Sayonara!

3. FETE Cent Auction Results Winning tickets are 1095129, 1109402, 11094222, 1095449, 1109022, 1095298, 1109445, 1095282, 1095313, 1109378, 1095294, 1109470, 1109183, 1109022, 1095444, 1095148, 1109436, 1095306, 1095385 & 1095328 these prizes can be collected from the office Also if you have received a photocopied voucher prize from the cent auction on Fete day we have the original vouchers at the office ready for collection.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the convenors, volunteers, admin staff, teachers and families who made the fete a fantastic and successful day. Without your help the day would not have happened. To say thank you to the volunteers we held a dinner for a dinner voucher to Burpengary Tavern and the winner is MEL ELLIOTT. Thank you all from the Fete Committee and the Fete Fairy!

4. Library News - Last Competition Winners for the Term:
Congratulations to 4C who won the last Shortlisted Book Question draw. A book came their way on assembly this week.
Most Junior School classes voted for the best Shortlisted book and the winner was (by unanimous vote): ‘Too Many Elephants in This House’! Year 1E was the lucky winner of the voting draw. We will purchase that book for them to have in their classroom and it will then end up going to someone in the class once it has been enjoyed by all.
Yr 3 Reading hits the spot winner for August is Hayden of 3B and Yr 4 Enjoy your library winner for August is Joshua 4E. They have both chosen a book for their prize.

Picture Books!
Here is our first quote in a series to show that picture books have more to give than we sometimes give them credit. “The interplay of text and pictures is a very unique form of communication enabling the narrative to have many layers. The best picture books, either by design or accident, do this so that children and adults of all ages find something special in them.” Bruce Whatley (Author) To see full article visit http://picturebookmonth.com/2012/11/why-picture-books-are-important-by-bruce-whatley/

5. Active After-School Sport Program has another free 7-week program commencing in Term 4. Tuesday afternoon is Basketball coaching, and Wednesday afternoon is Netball coaching. The application forms are available on the Website at the above address listed on the top of the page, and a small number are available at the office.

6. On the 19th October, The Coffee Club at Burpengary will be holding a special event in support of Chaplaincy in Burpengary. From 5 - 8.30pm. 20% of all profits will be donated to Chaplaincy at Burpengary State School and Burpengary Meadows State School. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to raise some money for our Chaplaincy program and also have a great night out. Bookings are essential so please call them on 3888 0533 or let me know to reserve your place.

The Coffee Club has also offered another opportunity to raise money for Chaplaincy. If you visit the Coffee Club, you will notice a bin on the counter that you can put your receipt into. Coffee Club are offering 10% of all profits from the receipts (Receipts must be from the Burpengary Store only) towards our two Chapppy services. This is fantastic. Now you have an excuse to enjoy great coffee with a friend. Just leave your receipt in the bin provided at the store, or bring it to school and there will be a bin provided at school also. Thank you so much Coffee Club for your wonderful support. These fundraisers are not to be used conjunction with any other offer. It truly is a blessing.

Marie

7. 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).

8. Keep a watch on our school during the school holidays Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our schools. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call School Watch on 13 17 88 and let the local police or State Government Protective Service Police deal with the matter.

Until next week,

Brad Fox
A/Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Softball Old Sunshine Coast Holiday Clinic – 129 Mooloolah Connection Rd, Mooloolah 9.00am – 3.00pm, Tuesday 24th September 2013. $40 per participant and participants receive activities, morning tea & lunch & A Softball Old giveaway pack. Places are limited. Register online at qld.softball.org.au or call John Butterworth on 3391 2447.

Urgent Sale - John Deere L100 Ride on mower, reconditioned motor & steering complete with large trailer $1,500 ono Ph 042549943

Tuckshop: Wednesday, Thursday and particularly Friday are bigger days in the tuckshop – we need more helpers, please!

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