Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2016, the 140th year of Burpengary State School. Congratulations to our Graduating Year 6 class, and your achievements acknowledged at the Ceremony on Wednesday. The Aussie World fun day was a lovely way to finish primary school with your friends.

Yesterday, students in Prep to Year 6 received their reports to take home. For non-residential parents, copies of your child’s report will be posted home next week. Accompanying this is other important information, including a letter outlining your child’s class teacher for next year, current as of December 07. I advise parents that these allocations may be subject to change depending on enrolments. The full class lists will be placed on the Administration Office windows from 2:00pm to 6:00pm on Friday, January 20, 2017. The final class allocation is made on Day 8, Thursday February 2, 2017, and any consequential class changes would be made then, and commence on Monday, February 6, 2017.

The P&C ran a very successful “End of Year” gift stall last week, raising funds that are reinvested back into the school and its students. I’d like to thank students Chalice, Cassidy, Seth Isabella, Nikita, Amaya, Leigh, Chloe, Robert, Tayla & Hannah, Darcy and Jake, plus parents Donna Harrowell and Alesha Hadland.

The Student Council ran a very successful sausage sizzle and fairy floss fundraiser on Monday; and Chappy, Marie Wright, had her usual end of Term ice cream day today. The students loved these events!

I would like to remind families that the two year moratorium on the change over to the new school uniform ends at the end of this year. From January 2017, all uniforms need to be the new school uniform for all students, regardless of year level. Year 4 students will require the new formal uniform for parade days from Term 2 onwards. Our supplier has notified the P&C of a price rise of $1.00 per item for 2017, except hats.

Uniform Shop Extended Hours:
Before school starts in January, 2017: Monday 16 Jan – 8.30am–12.00noon; Tue 17– Fri 20 Jan – 12.00noon–2.00pm
Week 1 of school, 2017: Monday 23rd – Fri 27th Jan – 8.30am–9.30am (inclusive, but closed Australia Day on 26/1/17).
Year 4 families please note that your child will require a formal uniform from Term 2 onwards in 2017 for the Senior Parade (which is compulsory), but the formal uniform can also be worn on any other day during the week if desired.

The RACQ Lifeflight helicopter landed on the Senior Oval on Tuesday 6 December!! Our thanks to the awesome team who have been in the school for over week conducting quality road safety talks with our students.

Regarding 2017 bus passes: Kangaroo Buslines office is closing for the Christmas period from Friday 23rd December to Tuesday 3rd January 2017. Bus pass applications will be accepted for processing from Tuesday 3rd January, however, bus passes will only be available for collection from Monday 9th January 2017. This includes both new & renewal passes. We also have a handy blog on our website that outlines basic bus pass eligibility: http://www.kangaroobuslines.com.au/blog/your-quick-guide-bus-pass-eligibility

Ellie is in one of our Year 5 classes and has been caring for her Mum all year now with no complaints. Mum has had a series of strokes and now walks with the aid of a walker. She can no longer drive or walk long distances. We have linked Mum into support agencies, but it won’t include a mobility scooter, which Mum really needs. Please see the GoFundMe page that has been set up if you wish to donate. Any extra money given after the scooter is paid for will go to Ellie for clothes and school expenses. Please pass on this link to all your friends and contacts. https://www.gofundme.com/morgansscooter

To other news...
1. P&C News: The first P&C Meeting for the new year will be held on Monday, January 30, 2017, in the Staff Lounge, starting at 6.30pm. All Welcome. Reminder: nominations are open for a parent representative on the School Council.

I take this opportunity, on behalf of the staff and students of Burpengary State School, to wish our community the very best of wishes for the Christmas season, and a healthy, happy and productive New Year. Have a safe and happy holiday!


Until next year,

Chad Fox
Principal

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Hall Construction

Parents please note that there will be a temporary period of disruption to our regular entrances and exits from classrooms near our P&C Centre during Term 1, 2017, while the hall renovation takes place. The double-storey year 3&4 building, the Year 4 Expo Building and the two-classroom Prep demountable building will all have restricted access during the construction period. We apologise for the inconvenience, and remind everybody to take care when moving in and around the school near the construction site. The attached map shows the fenced-off restricted construction zone. The site manager will coordinate truck and machinery entrances and exits to the site to ensure they occur outside peak times when our children will be at play, or families arriving or departing school.