Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. The school’s **enrolment on Day 8 was 976 children in thirty-nine (39) classes**. This enables us to keep our class structure the same as the year started for 2017.

The number represents growth of 21 students from last year. This growth enables us to keep a good economy of scale for staffing special programs like our unique intervention and support program, our Kitchen/Garden Program, and our very new Arts specialist in Dance and Drama, all enhanced by being one of Queensland’s 250 Independent Public Schools.

Having more than 950 students also ensures we retain the full complement of 3 Deputy Principals at Burpengary.

We have confirmation that MSP Photographers have been able to accommodate our request for a change of **school photo days**, which are now on **Thursday, March 23** and **Friday, March 24, 2017**.

Construction continues on the **Hall renovation**. Currently the construction noise has been very well-managed and is not interfering with classwork. There will be a few days in the coming weeks where jack-hammer noise will be fairly constant, and another few days where trucks will be regularly arriving and departing. The gate process is well managed, and I thank our parents for the care and attention that you are paying during this construction. These are the things that will keep the children safe.

Attached is our Buy-A-Brick campaign, which has reopened for a three week window to enable old and new families in the school to participate. Families can purchase a brick that is inscribed with students’ names and year(s) of attendance [or the family name and year(s)] to be placed on an inside wall in the Hall as a Burpengary and community supporter of this fantastic project for all history.

All families should have received their child’s **Classroom Management Plan** today. Please take time to read this through with your child to **support the partnership development of an effective classroom learning environment**. These Classroom Management Plans have been developed by each class teacher in collaboration with their students in each class and across year levels. These plans clearly state the processes for each class and support the whole school **Student Behaviour Expectations**.

Our whole school Student Behaviour Expectations have been simplified to three global rules:

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be a Responsible Learner**

I encourage you to share this with your child to support our school in furthering our high standards of student behaviour and **strengthening home school partnerships to create an outstanding learning environment for every child** across the whole school. Please remember to sign the sheet and return it to the class teacher if you have not already done so.

**Mr Tattersall** has undergone surgery late last week, and he has some more coming up on the weekend, after which he will be in recovery for a few weeks. Our thoughts are with him and his family for a speedy recovery. **Mrs Helen Canavan**, ably supported by **Mrs Kay Perren**, are keeping the great Kitchen/Garden Program ticking over during this time.

Some important date claimers for the coming weeks: 1) **Our Student Leaders’ Investiture** coming up on Friday, February 10, 2017, at the **Burpengary State Secondary College** Hall, commencing at 10.00am. Parents and family guests are welcome to help celebrate this important occasion for our Year 6 leaders. 2) **Our Parent Welcome afternoon and Sausage Sizzle** is on Thursday, February 09 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. All Families are encouraged to take this opportunity to **talk with your teacher about your child**, their likes and dislikes, and what makes them the wonderfully unique human beings that they are, so as a partnership team we can get the best possible year of learning happening for them at Burpengary!!

If there are any families whose post-Christmas and back-to-school expenses are making it a difficult time ensuring that your children have the correct uniform and books and resources for learning, please do not hesitate to meet with myself or our BSM, Mrs Paula Connolly, and we can work out a solution immediately.

**Prep** and **Year 1 Parents** have been congregating near classrooms sometimes as early as 2.00pm onwards. This becomes a distraction for the children, and at Burpengary we value learning time all the way to 3.00pm. If you do happen to arrive early, there are seats under the Jacaranda tree and a shade shelter for Prep, and seats under A Block and near the Tuckshop area for Year 1. Please do not congregate on the verandas or near classrooms, and keep noise to a minimum, as this distracts the children and impacts on learning time.

**To clarify formal uniforms for Year 4’s**…the students must be in their formal uniforms for when they go to the Senior Assembly later in **Term 2**. This is to alleviate the start of year budget pressures for families. Until then, the students do not require the formal uniform for Term 1. If students do have the formal uniform already, they can wear it on any day of the week they choose, but they MUST wear it on the Senior Parade when they commence in our Hall some time in Term 2.

The P&C received two nominations for a vacant **Parent Representative** on our **School Council**, and it is with great pleasure I announce that **Mrs Catherine Harvey** won the ballot. I thank all those parents who nominated, or even thought about nominating, and had discussions with me about the role. Catherine works part time as an Entomologist Technician
with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, has three children currently attending BSS, and is a past-student of the school herself! She brings some great skills, and importantly, a passion for making our great school even better – the School Council is looking forward to working with her over the next three years.

We have processed over 80 new Facebook applications from new and existing parents in the school. We have streamlined the process to make it easier for families to connect with our Facebook page, while still maintaining security for our children. The entry rules will only permit parents and family on our OneSchool system, or key local community people like our local members of government, to join. This helps keep our site a safe, bon-ﬁde school community site.

To other news...

1. **Coming up:**

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2. **Homestay Families Needed:** After the huge success of the 2016 visit, Hakata Girls’ School are bringing a new group of 10 girls this term; all 14 years of age. We are looking for families interested in hosting these girls from Monday night March 20 to Saturday morning March 25th. They will require collection from the school at 3pm on the Monday and depart from school 9:30am on the Saturday. Please email admin@burpengass.qld.edu.au with ‘Hakata Homestay Application’ in the subject line, detailing both your name and your child’s name and class so we can forward an application form to you. Or please see the lovely Office Staff, and they can pass your name on to our Japanese teacher, Sensei McDonald.

3. The next P&C Meeting for 2017 will be on Monday, February 13, commencing at 6.30pm in the Staff Lounge. All welcome. Important date claimer: notice is given for the P&C Annual General Meeting that will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017, commencing at 6.30pm in the Staff Lounge.

4. **Please Note:** School Photos – Thursday 23 and Friday 24 March, 2017.

5. **Get Started vouchers** worth $150 are available now for kids to participate in Sport and Recreation activities e.g. Cricket, Soccer, Dance and Netball. There are 4 rounds of funding this year and the first round is open now. Go to the website www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame to get started. To be eligible you need to hold a Centrelink Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card. If you don’t have one of these cards you can still apply under certain conditions.

6. **Library News:**

   February is, ‘Love Your Library’ month. As temperatures are starting to soar again, many children have enjoyed visiting the library during their lunch breaks this week!

   Borrowing starts for Years 4 – 6 next week. Just a reminder that Year 4 students require a **waterproof Library bag in order to borrow**. Our preferred bag is sold at the uniform shop or the office for $5.50.

   Years 2 and 3 will begin borrowing from Monday 13 February.

   Year 1 will borrow from Monday 20 February.

   Once students have borrowed with their classes, they are able to borrow in their own time.

   We look forward to another great year of reading with your children.

   Prep students will start visiting the library from Monday 13 February to learn our procedures before they start to borrow Monday 6 March. From Term 2, they will be able to start borrowing before school. They will need to have an older sibling or parent with them to assist them at this time.

   **Scholastic Book Club** – Just a reminder that all orders need to be placed by Wednesday 8 February. Please call into the library if you need help placing your order.

7. **Tuckshop News:**

   Current tuckshop menu and price list have been handed to all families this week. Please refer to special items and healthy meal deals options available on Flexischools website only. In accordance with current smart choices healthy food and drink supply strategy for Old schools flavoured spring water, up & go and packet potato chips have been deleted from last year’s menu. We look forward to you, if you have available time between 9am – 11am to roster on at the Tuckshop. If you have any specific dietary requirements for your child, please do not hesitate to discuss menu items with us.

   Our tuckshop is open and fully operational 5-days per week for your convenience. Please note that the Tuckshop is a cash only facility – EFTPOS is not available. However, families can order online using Flexischools Online Ordering www.flexischools.com.au (which is the preferred option for ordering). Free to register, quick, easy and convenient.

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Until next week,

**COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

- PT WITH SAM - BOXING FOR FITNESS (ALL LEVELS) MON & WED 5.30PM- PH. 0474366494 FOR INFORMATION
- KNOLL MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY - TAEKWON-DO BASED, FREESTYLE (ALL AGES & ABILITIES) TUE & THUR 4PM TO 7.30PM - PH. 0400776779 FOR INFORMATION
- ULTIMI MU HEALTH & FITNESS - BOOT CAMP (ALL LEVELS) - FRI 5PM PH. 0402482799 FOR INFORMATION
- BURPENGARY COMMUNITY MARKETS - ADMIN. CAR PARK SATURDAY, 8AM TO 2PM- PH. 0415335698 FOR INFORMATION

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