



BURPENGARY NEWSFLASH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF BURPENGARY STATE SCHOOL



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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. **150 of our children** performed at the **Pine Rivers Show** last Friday! Selected students from the **Year 4 Junior Choir**, and all **Senior Choir, Senior Strings Ensemble** and **Senior Concert Band** performed beautifully in front of a live audience. Our staff and parents alike commended the students on their engagement and conduct on the day. Special mention must be made of the **Senior Concert Band, who gained an honourable mention in their section** - they played like they were really enjoying themselves, but also with good balance and accuracy. Well done, students, and thanks to the staff and parent volunteers who made it such a great day!

I had the absolute pleasure of sitting in a meeting on Wednesday with the family of the wonderful **Amelia** (6D) and **Emma** (2E). They presented **Johnny's family** with a large box of donated community items, and a hand-crafted quilt painted by Johnny's Prep B class. It was incredibly moving that such young people could have so much compassion and take it upon themselves to gather this wide range of really practical gifts and vouchers from the community to support a wonderful family, who happen to find themselves in a challenge with Johnny's leukaemia – there was not a dry eye in the room. Mr and Mrs Bryen, you should be very proud of those fine young ladies of yours! Luke and Leanne, what a brave and awesome family you have, and that is why there are so many people lining up to support you!

Congratulations also this week for **Jada** (4D), who competed in the **Brisbane North Regional Gymnastics** event and came **1st on beam, 2nd on floor, 3rd on bars, and 2nd overall!** This meant Jada was selected in the 2017 Brisbane North Challenge Team. Well done, Jada!

Individual student **NAPLAN** results arrived on Tuesday and were **sent home with the Year 3 and Year 5 students on Wednesday**. Below, is the run-down of school results for Burpengary State School overall, and there are some wonderful outcomes to celebrate from four years of hard work in our focus areas of **Reading** and **Numeracy** by our teachers and teacher aides. They represent some of our best NAPLAN results ever in these key areas of Reading and Numeracy.

Table 1: Percentage of students above National Minimum Standard

YEAR 3	BSS	QLD	AUST	Notes
Reading	92.5%	95.6%	95.0%	Improved Upper 2 Bands to 34.5%, best Mean Scale Score in 5 years!
Writing	93.9%	95.5%	95.5%	
Spelling	89.5%	93.7%	93.5%	Improved Upper 2 Bands to 33.1%,
Gram & Punct	94.0%	95.2%	94.3%	Improved Upper 2 Bands to 51.1%,
Numeracy	92.5%	95.7%	95.5%	Improved Upper 2 Bands (30.1%), equal best Mean Scale Score ever!

YEAR 5	BSS	QLD	AUST	Notes:
Reading	94.7%	94.5%	94.0%	Vastly improved Upper 2 Bands (33.3%), Best Mean Scale Score since 2010
Writing	76.6%	89.6%	91.7%	Upper 2 Bands improved by 2%, Disappointing overall
Spelling	86.3%	94.2%	93.8%	Disappointing result
Gram & Punct	87.0%	92.5%	92.3%	Mean Scale Score blue with Australia despite low National Minimum Standard
Numeracy	97.7%	96.0%	95.4%	Best U2B result (27.3%) and 2 nd best Mean Scale Score in NAPLAN ever!

This year, we turned our attention to new focus areas of Spelling and Writing, including a whole school phonics program. I am excited by what the staff and students are accomplishing in their classrooms already, and I know it will transfer into great results in the same way as Reading and Numeracy has done.

Families please set aside **Friday, September 8**, for our **2017 Arts Festival**. The Arts Festival is our school showcase of student art in every artistic domain – visual arts like painting and sculpture; digital arts through media such as photography, video or digital print; dance; drama; and music (including choral and instrumental bands and ensembles). Every child will have at least one piece of art displayed, but many will have multiple pieces and/or performances from different artistic domains. This one will be our best ever!

The **School Opinion Survey** is undertaken each year to obtain valuable opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff to help Burpengary State School identify what we do well, and how we can improve. Thanks to the 21 families who have responded to date. We need at least 100 in a school of this size to get really valid and reliable data. The survey window is only open until **Friday, August 25, 2017**, so please use the unique code on the letter that went home last week with the newsletter, and take the few minutes to respond.

Guess the number of lollies in the Lolly Jar: Support our students going on an adventure of a life time in the September school holidays to Japan, by being the closest guess to win the jar of lollies! **When:** Monday First Break and Wednesday Second Break **Where:** In front of the tuck shop **Cost:** gold coin donation per guess

Please support our very hard working **P&C** by finalising the **Spell-a-thon Fundraising event**. Please return all cards and money to the office. The cards are an accountable document, so please return them to the office even if no money was collected.

Coming up: Subway Day on Wed Aug 16 (orders close on Mon Aug 14 at 9.00am); **Book Week Parade is on Monday, August 21...**it is **always a great day** on the Burpengary SS Calendar; and the **Advanced Instrumental Music Workshops from Aug 22-24**.

Don't forget that Monday is the Burpengary area Ekka Show public holiday only and school resumes on Tuesday August 15th. Due to the public holiday, please note that Wednesday 16th August is a normal school day, **the next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday, August 21, 2017**. It commences at **6.30pm in the Staff Lounge...All Welcome**.

To other news...

1. Coming up:

Description	Year Level	Cost	Payment Due
Kitchen/Garden Program	All Years	\$5.00	

2. Science Maths Academy- Primary 2018 Applications for enrolment in the 2018 NVSHS SMA Primary program (Year 4,5 & 6, 2018) are now open. Registration must be made through the NVSHS office. Students who wish to apply must submit a completed application package and sit an entry exam. Details of the application process can be found on the NVSHS website in the SMA section. **Applications must be submitted by 25th August 2017. Entry Exam Date:** Friday 1st Sept 2017 (Week 8 Term 3) **Venue:** Narangba Valley State High School. SMA Information Session on Wednesday 9th August at 3:30pm at NVSHS (*Enter through Golden Wattle Drive gate and follow signs to S block*).

3. Student Council News

Term 3 sees the return of the much anticipated annual Talent Quest. This year those students that make it to the Grand Final will be performing at the Arts Festival on Friday 8th September. Next week will see the students enter stage 3, the Semi-Finals. These will be held from Tuesday 15/08 to Friday 25/08. From this 5 acts will be chosen for both the Junior (Prep-3) and Senior (4-6) Sections. This will give these 10 acts, 2 weeks to practice and perfect their performances.

4. Library News

Book Week Dress Up Parade Date Claimer: Monday 21 August. The countdown is on!

By now, you are probably busy sewing, gluing, buying, scrounging or tearing your hair out! Library staff are doing all of that too as we are making costumes to dress up every day during Book Week which follows the parade day! **Final Tip** if your child still hasn't worked out a costume then just tell them to go as a character that can be found in any book. All you need is free dress clothes and the name of a character. Look through your personal library or direct them to come and see us in the library for some suggestions.

The **Year 2 Pacman board** is filling up with all the Year 2 students reaching their reading goals. In the morning, it is particularly interesting listening to all their strategic moves they are making so they eat one of the Pacman (the teachers) . Once a student in Year 2 has read 80 books, they are able to start borrowing 2 books. Please encourage your child to continue visiting the library in their own time so they reach their reading goal.

Premiers Reading Challenge – the challenge is starting to come to a close. All forms are due back to the library by **Friday 1 September**.

5. Please continue to collect the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers and place them in our collection box at school!! Encourage relatives and friends to save them for you as well!

6. Tuckshop News:

Tuckshop is a cash only facility, No Eftpos available.

Please note Tuckshop is open on Subway day Wednesday 16th August, 2017

Sushi Thursday provides students with the option of purchasing sushi \$3.00 each – orders need to be placed on flexischools by 12 noon Wednesday or limited product available to purchase over the counter on the day.

****New Service available on flexischools – ability to pay any outstanding monies owing to tuckshop, eg Basic lunches provided to students (pink slip) when needed ****

14/08 Show Holiday	15/08 Chris	16/08 Shanne	17/08 HELPERS NEEDED	18/08 Andrea
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Until next week,

Brad Fox
Principal

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