Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Our Year 6 students participated in a wonderful community ceremony for our Leadership Investiture today! I thank our invited guests who supported Burpengary today to make this a special event, and also thank them for their ongoing generous support of the school: Mr Mark Ryan (MLA Morayfield), Councillor Peter Flannery (Div 2, MBRC), Mr Ray Bloxham (Principal, Jinibara SS), Mrs Elizabeth Mackie (Principal, Burpengary Meadows SS), Mr Kerry Lofgren, (DP Narangba SS), Ms Jessica McMahon (Narangba Valley SHS), Mrs Michelle Carter (P&C Vice-President), and the proud parents and carers of our 2016 Year 6 student leaders. Thanks also to Mr Bowden, Ms McGhie and Mrs Waldron who teamed up to organise the event, along with Janine, Amy, Teresa and Sherelle who spectacularly catered for the morning tea afterwards.

Also coming up in the week after next is the Year 6 Student Leaders’ Leadership Conference at Burpengary State School on Monday, February 22. Called, Unleashing Personal Potential, we have engaged a new company to provide this valuable learning for our student leaders here at Burpengary, which maximises time on task for the students (who don’t have to travel long distances), and considerably reduces the costs to families.

Next Thursday’s Parent Welcome Afternoon and Sausage Sizzle is an important afternoon and evening on February 18 for parents to come along and conference with your child’s teacher about their learning needs for the 2016 school year. The purpose of this important session is to be an information sharing session for families about your child’s learning needs. This one-on-one engagement with your child’s teacher early in the year will set them up with the best possible learning opportunities for 2016. Our families are invited to take a moment before, after or between meetings to come to the P&C Centre, share in a sausage sizzle for only a gold coin donation, and meet and chat with specialist staff and the school Administration. Please take this opportunity to engage with our school and your child’s learning… the research tells us that better student outcomes result from parents being involved!

The four Principals on the School Review Team have immersed themselves in quality conversations throughout our whole school community from students, parents, office staff, support staff, teacher aides, teachers, specialists, school leaders and the wider community including other schools, QUT, Queensland Police, business partners and community groups. Feedback received after day one was very positive, but I will have much more to talk with you about in next week’s newsletter after the review exit meeting next Monday afternoon. I believe that we will have some very constructive feedback that will support and add quality to our 2016 Quadrennial School Review and subsequent development of our collaborative Four-year Strategic Plan 2017-2020 after that.

Thank you for the signed returns of your child’s Classroom Management Plan. For those few people who have not yet returned the signed document, please take time to work through it with your child this weekend to support the partnership development of an effective classroom learning environment, and return it on Monday morning.

The vast majority of students are well set up for the year with uniform, books, stationery and educational items like compasses, dictionaries, atlases and calculators. Some students are just missing the odd item. I urge your prioritised attention to these necessary items this weekend, please, so that all students can fully engage in all parts of school life and the curriculum at all times. If a family cannot provide these items by next week, please make immediate contact with me at school and we will discuss a support strategy to enable your child’s learning at the earliest available opportunity.

Religious Instruction lessons commence for Year 1 and Year 2 students on Wednesday 24 February. Mrs McGuinness and Mrs Currie are continuing their long association with our school with Mrs McGuinness working with our Year 2 classes and Mrs Currie, Year 1. If parents do not want their child to participate in the program please send a note to the child’s class teacher prior to Wednesday. Any child not participating in the program will complete suitable work in another classroom during that lesson time.

I request our families to make a focussed effort to ensure safety around our school. The peak 3.00pm pick up time is the most concentrated activity time that we have during the day. We need a whole-community effort to make this a safe transition time. If it is at all possible where your children are old enough, pick up meeting points do not necessarily have to be immediately on or outside the school grounds. Consider other meeting points a short walk away to reduce vehicles around the school. If your child is a day dreamer, pick them up a little earlier at 3.10pm or so – we have teachers on duty at this time. You only need to arrive close to 3.00pm if you are absolutely confident that your child will be organised, ready and straight in the car as you roll through the Stop, Drop and Go Zone. It won’t be long before a major grid lock occurs in the Jill Street carpark if people arrive and expect to stand and block other vehicles servicing this area. A reminder to all parents that parking within the school grounds in either the Station Road Admin car park or the Dental Van car park is strictly for authorised vehicles ONLY. Car parks for parents are located in the Jill Street entrance and George Street adjacent to the park. Stop, Drop and Go zones are located in George Street adjacent to the Prep Oval and in the Jill Street car park. I remind parents that Safety around a school is everybody’s business every day, and it MUST be an
**absolute priority** at peak school drop off and pick times of the day. Thanks, and I look forward to a less concentrated traffic week next week!

**To other news…**

1. **Coming up:**

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2. **On Wednesday, 9th March** the P&C are offering every child the opportunity to take part in the first **Subway Meal Fundraiser for 2016**. Children will be able to order a six-inch Sub, a Popper and a cookie from the Tuckshop for $6.50 or a Salad Bowl, a Popper and a cookie from the Tuckshop for $7.50. This will be able to be enjoyed at first break.

Orders can be placed on the **Flexischool Website** only for this Subway deal and the cut off of time will be **Wednesday, 2 March at 9.00am**, we cannot take orders after this time because the store owner needs to order in the ingredients for our orders.

Flexischools Online Ordering – [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). There is no fee when you place your subway deal you only pay $6.50 or $7.50, quick, easy and convenient. If there are any parents willing to help with pick-up or distribution of orders on the day, please text Wayne Summersford on 0418 881 857.

3. The **P&C Annual General Meeting** that will be held on **Monday, March 14, 2016**, commencing at **6.30pm** in the Staff Lounge, followed by the **Parent-Admin Chat Meeting** on **Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 9.30am**.

4. **Please Note:** School Photos – Thursday 17 March and Friday 18 March, 2016.

5. **Library News:**

Library Lovers Day: Share a special book with your children on Sunday. Maybe even visit the local library.

Class borrowing has started for Students in Yrs 2-6 this week. Students in these year levels are now also welcome to borrow in their own time. The reading goals for the Junior school are now displayed in your child’s classroom and will be explained to your children over the next week. We hope to see lots of children reaching their Library Reading Goals in 2016.

**Keeping books safe:**

**Prep to Year 3** students must have a waterproof Library bag in order to borrow. Our preferred bag is sold at the uniform shop or the office for $5.50. We will be checking bags over the next couple of weeks.

**Choosing a book:**

Whilst we offer students rewards to borrow from our library, we impress on them that what they choose needs to be a ‘right fit book’. We will be particularly focusing on Year 3 and 4 as this is traditionally the age where children seem to struggle with finding a book that is not only interesting but also able to be read alone. Our advice to children is to choose a book that will engage them but to ensure that they ‘understand’ what they have read. At this time of year, many children want to borrow books that they simply cannot read. We always work with teachers to ensure that the children’s reading choices are realistic for their reading levels. You can help us by taking some time to have a look at what they are reading and letting us or their teacher know if they are not making a, ‘right fit’ choice.

6. **Tuckshop News:**

Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for 16th February – 5 chicken nuggets, bottle of water, packet of vege chips and small bag of apple wedges - $5.00. Only available by Flexischools online ordering. Please note Tuckshop is a cash only facility – EFTPOS in not available. Flexischools Online Ordering [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) is the preferred option for ordering. Free to register, quick, easy and convenient.

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Until next week

Brad Fox
Principal

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Uniforms for sale - near new girls culottes x 2, worn once. $20 for both. Contact Sarah 0426252969

If you love music why not learn an instrument? I am available to teach beginners through to intermediate students on piano and trumpet. Come and learn for you enjoyment or work towards undertaking AMEB exams. Very reasonable rates for half hour lessons! For further information please contact me, on 0448 411 496. (Courtney)

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