Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. Our Prep to Year 6 Parade and whole school observance of ANZAC Day was a very special ceremony for the school community, including the hundreds of parents who attended. Thanks to Mr Scott Bowden for his organization of the ceremony, our special guests Mr John McGhie (Returned Army Officer) and Mrs Louise McGhie; Mrs Michelle Carter (P&C Vice-President); Mrs Marie Wright (Chaplain); Mr Sid Hardy (our solo piper) and Master Nick Jones (ex-BSS student and Bugler). Thanks also to Mrs Maree Neeland and Mrs Jenny Grezacek for the great morning tea that followed for our guests.

It would be excellent, now, if our students voluntarily chose to commit to the local public observance and participate in the Burpengary Community ANZAC Day March on ANZAC Day itself – Monday, April 25. Our staff and students will sign in and assemble at 9.15am in the Coles Carpark, and form up at 9.45am for the march that will commence at 10.00am. Burpengary State School will be the ninth group off for the March (but the second school group), and I encourage a huge turn out to do justice to the Centenary Years of the amazing sacrifices made by the original ANZACs. Students will march to the memorial loop road on Progress Road (near the new Memorial), before being dismissed after the march at about 10.20am from the loop road. An optional Memorial Service will follow at 10.30am at the new Burpengary Memorial site.

I am delighted to announce the return of an outbound Study Tour group from Burpengary to Japan taking place in September, 2017!! An Expression of Interest meeting is being held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, in The Hub, where interested parents, students and staff can meet to hear the arrangements and details of the Study Tour first-hand. This is not a commitment or obligation at this stage, it is simply an information evening to see if the opportunity is suitable for your family.

With so many important and good news stories going on, it is disappointing to inform the community that I had to suspend a number of students this week for long suspensions. Despite repeated warnings, consequences and family meetings, the behaviour of the students did not meet the community standards of Burpengary State School. All children deserve to be able to come to school and feel safe. As it takes a whole village to raise a child, I ask all families to have a discussion with your children about the importance of following our rules of being safe, being respectful and being a learner, and how we work together as a community to keep our school a great place to be. I will continue to ensure that it is a great place to be.

I also ask parents to be very mindful of being safe around our school at all times, especially in peak times of before and after school. This includes not only physical safety about parking and traffic movement, it is also emotional safety for our staff and students and refraining from yelling, swearing or using social media in careless or inappropriate ways (whether directed at anybody in particular or not) – none of these behaviours set a good example for our students. As Principal, I do have the authority, and I will act to ensure the highest standards are maintained in our school community.

To other news...

1. Coming up:

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2. P&C NEWS: Spell-a-thon - The Spell-a-thon has been completed for all students this week. Students are asked to now quickly and efficiently collect their sponsorships and return the money to the school as soon as possible. To be eligible for the incentive prizes of: 1st prize $70 for the highest fundraiser; 2nd prize $50, 3rd prize $30, each year level highest fundraiser that did not qualify for a higher prize receives $25; and the whole class raising the highest sponsorship receives a pizza party. A school tuckshop voucher for $5 will be awarded to all students who fundraise $40 or more. To be eligible for the prize draw, all cards and money must be returned to the school office by Friday, 6th May 3:30pm. This is a main fundraiser for the school’s P & C and all money fundraised will go toward funding the enclosure of our P & C building. It is important to note that all spell-a-thon cards need to be returned to the school, regardless whether you have fundraised any money or not, as they are accountable documents. It would be appreciated if all money and cards could be finalised and returned to the school office by Friday, 6th May.

Mother’s Day Stall - We will be holding a Mother’s Day stall in the week of 3rd - 6th May, next door to the uniform shop in the demountable building. Opening times will be 8-8:45am each day. All items will be $5. Prep classes will go through on Tuesday morning in class time – please ensure if your Preppie wishes to purchase, that they bring their money on Tuesday, 2nd May.

Entertainment Book - Great News!! We are selling the Entertainment Book again this year!! For those who don't know about the Entertainment Book (physical book or digital membership), it is packed full of vouchers for restaurants, attractions, shopping, travel and more - up to 50% off and 2 for 1 offers. With the 5% off Woolworths Wish e-Gift Cards

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alone, you could easily save the $65 purchase price of the book over the valid period until 1st June, 2017! You can even purchase a book if you are planning a holiday away to another area/state. New companies on board this year include BCF, Super Cheap & Sandstone Point Hotel. Check out the following web address for more info and if ready to order, please use the second one with our special code. Please share this with your friends and family http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/ OR https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/23z0512

3. **Library News**
   **Prep Borrowing**
   Prep students are welcome to come into the library and borrow before school if they are accompanied by their parents, caregiver or older sibling. They will need to find their own browsing card and choose a book from the area they normally borrow from with their class. They should be able to tell you what they do. We open at 8.30 and they need to be out of the library by first bell. Please note they cannot borrow on their borrowing day. Siblings that bring them in to borrow will receive a raffle ticket in a prize draw.

   **Overdues**
   Please remind your children to return books that they borrowed before the holidays.

   **Scholastic Book Club**
   Reminder that Scholastic Bookclub orders need to be in no later than **9am on Wednesday April 27**.

   **Local Anzac App**
   Download this interactive storytelling app, commemorating the region's participation in World War I
   listen to the stories of 3 fictional characters from WWI
   interact with historical photographs
   find real soldiers from the region
   explore local memorials
   discover more about an Australian Digger's uniform.

   Otherwise, go to this link and discover the many resources online. [https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/wwi/](https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/wwi/)

5. **Tuckshop News:**
   Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for Tuesday 26 April is ham and cheese toastie, milo milk, popper & 2 anzac biscuits $5.00.

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Parents please be aware students are recommended NOT to bring $10 or $20 notes to school to purchase over the counter snacks. They are able to order their Tuckshop lunches in the morning with these notes though.

Until next week

   Brad Fox
   Principal

   **Community Notices**
   There is a **Dawn ANZAC Day Service at Burpengary** this year commencing at 4.28am at the Memorial site for those interested. **A handy ANZAC Day tip:** Descendants may wear the medals of deceased recipients on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. The medals must be attached above the right breast.

   Don’t forget the invitation to hear one of Australia’s leading parenting experts, Dr Justin Coulson, presenting “**Game over for our boys? Winning the mission against our boys’ excessive gaming**”. He presents on April 28 at Narangba Valley State High School – don’t miss this great opportunity. Phone the high school to book in.

   Burpengary Community Markets every Saturday morning at Burpengary State School - Summer 6am – midday and Winter 8am to 2.00pm