Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. How excellent it was that our students voluntarily chose to commit to the local public observance and participate in the Burpengary Community ANZAC Day March last Monday. Our staff and students of Burpengary State School were a prominent community group, showing that our school has soul and that our students are highly and independently citizenship-minded. A Burpengary SS drum troupe kept the beat for the participants during the march, and our Strings Ensemble played beautifully during the entire wreath laying section of the ceremony. This was a truly suitable tribute to the amazing sacrifices made by the original ANZACs, and service men and women before and since Gallipoli. Thank you everybody – our parents for supporting the children, staff and parents who helped, Mrs Michelle Jones and the Strings Ensemble, our Drum Troupe, and Mr Bowden for overseeing the whole event.

I encourage all families to carefully read the attachment to the newsletter where an independent citizen observed dangerous parent behaviours as families were taking their children to and from school. It is an account of an incident, and an impassioned plea for everybody to take care, and I hope that the message heard from somebody else’s voice will reinforce one of the most important messages there is to give – safety of our Burpengary children. Transfer the message to other aspects of road sense and road safety around our school, and pop the big question of what am I teaching my children if I do the wrong thing in front of them?

Graduation Shirts have only just been ordered due to delays in returns of order forms and payments. They will take 4-6 weeks from the day of ordering, which was early this week – so they will be here before the end of the Term. Apologies for the delay, but our students highly value them, and they did not want to miss out on the opportunity to purchase one.

NAPLAN week is coming up on the 10-12 May. I would like to explain to parents that this data is vitally important to us as professionals, and that we use this information here at Burpengary to help focus, support and tailor learning to your child’s needs. We have proven success in taking individual students to the next level in their learning by doing this in the classroom, and in extra support given to students across the school from the Learning Engagement Room. It is absolutely important that every child is there for the week!

The P&C are looking for donations of sturdy cardboard boxes to store books and Trash & Treasure items until Fete Day. Please bring them to the classrooms where the teachers will keep them for pick-up by our wonderful P&C volunteers! If there are any parents who can volunteer to help out during the Mothers’ Day Stall Sale, Tuesday 3rd May to Friday 6th May, 2015, please contact Donna Harrowell on 0418151671, as many hands make light work.

An Expression of Interest meeting is being held for an outbound 2017 Study Tour group from Burpengary to Japan on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, in The Hub, commencing at 5.00pm. Interested parents, students and staff can meet to hear of 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.

To other news...

1. Coming up:

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2. 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.

3. P&C NEWS: Spell-a-thon - The Spell-a-thon has been completed for all students last 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 Wednesday, 11th May 3:30pm (This has been extended to allow for the two long weekends). This is a main fundraiser for the school’s P&C and all money raised 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 to get signed off by your child’s teacher, then sponsorship can be collected. All cards must then be returned to school, regardless of 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 Wednesday, 11th 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, 3rd May.

Putting the call out for help in the Mother’s Day stall NEXT week, mainly to guide the kids and re-stock the tables (all money will be collected at the door). Tue 3rd to Fri 6th, each morning 8:00-8:45. If you can help any morning, for any amount of time, please text/call Donna on 0418 151 671. Thanks heaps!

**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 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

4. **Library News**

Some of our regular Year 1 and 2 students have achieved their first Library Reading Goal. Come and have a look at our reward boards. We hope to see more and more children up this term.

Don’t forget that Prep students are welcome to come into the library and borrow before school if they are accompanied by their parents, caregiver or older sibling. Please note they cannot borrow on their borrowing day.

Please remind your children to return library books especially if they borrow with their class on a Monday. Our overdue list becomes very long at this time of the year with long weekends.

If you are interested in listening to different authors have a look at this website where you can sign up for live events or watch them on demand. [http://puffinvirtuallylive.co.uk/index.php](http://puffinvirtuallylive.co.uk/index.php)

Don’t forget we have a parent library that you can borrow from. Let us know if you would like a list of what we have.

5. **Tuckshop News:**

Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for Tuesday 3 May is ham and cheese toastie, milo milk, popper & bag apple wedges $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

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**Community Notices**

For sale, Hip Hop shoes, only worn for 1 dance season ladies size US 6 $20.00. Footy boots black/green worn for 1 oztag season size US 9. $20.00 ph Suellen 0429 326 478

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

Mother’s Day craft classes for kids and young people. Make a card and a gift box for Mum. $15 per child. $25 for 2. Please call Amity on 0419 380 133 or email stampinamity@gmail.com Free adult craft get together every Friday night from 7.30pm. Bring your supplies and get creating.

*Squids Theatrical, Redcliffe Cultural Centre, tickets available at [www.squids.org.au](http://www.squids.org.au) – 27th May to the 4th June 2016*