Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. In Hall news our P&C have received confirmation today of a Queensland Treasury Corporation Loan to their maximum limit of $250,000 for our Hall Project. This just leaves us only tens of thousands of dollars short in a $1.502 million renovation!! We need our school community right behind the project. We are counting on our families contributing the voluntary contribution in both 2016 and 2017 to bridge this gap … we need every family to pay the school’s very small $25 voluntary contribution. All contributions now and next year would be eligible as a tax deduction at the end of the 2016/2017 financial year. If you would like to contribute more than the $25 on the occasion of this special project, then that is fine as well! Let’s go. Burpengary, we can do it! To pay the voluntary contribution, or to donate: BSB 014524: ACCOUNT NO. 295997732; ACCOUNT NAME Burpengary State School P&C Association Building Fund.

We have had three confirmed cases of whooping cough at school, one of which has been after the holidays. Queensland Health advice is that this level of incidence is low, just like shopping at Woolworths, walking the street or going to a movie. If your family does show signs of a persistent cough, however, they advise seeking medical advice immediately. Fortunately, whooping cough is well treated these days with antibiotics, but pregnancy, infants and those with low immunity are at higher risk. For a fact sheet: http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/33/150/whooping-cough-pertussis

The School Opinion Survey is now open for families to give us feedback on our performance. Participation in the survey is online, and anonymous, and all information provided is treated confidentially. Simply use the one-off computer codes outlined in the survey letter you received last week with the newsletter, and complete the questionnaire provided. It should take less than 10 minutes to complete. If you do not have access to a computer at home, we will provide you with an opportunity to complete the survey on a school computer. The survey window is open until Friday, July 29, 2016. Thanks to the 41 families that the DET register tells me have responded already at Burpengary, but we need lots more to make it really reliable data!

I am proposing the possibility of assembling a small but awesome team of staff and parents who would be willing to join me to “work like piranhas” on some painting and gardening tasks around our school on Saturday afternoon of August 6. I am thinking that the right team could make a big impact on the surrounds and gardens, in readiness for our Anniversary Celebrations coming up in September. Please email me at the.principal@burpengass.eq.edu.au if you could help!

The most recent June winner of a 2016 Fete Golden Armband drawn on the Year 2/3 Parade this week is Kayla (5C). She joins these Lucky Golden Wrist Band Winners drawn to date: Josie 2A; Angelina 5C, Laura (BSSC) and Jaylen (4C)-congratulations! For your chance to be drawn out in the July, August and September draws, simply check in to Flexischools at https://www.flexischools.com.au/ and order your $25 Rides Armband, or pay cash at the tuckshop, and then enjoy unlimited rides all day at the Fete on September 10.

Also on the Fete, the P&C are asking for donations:

- Soft Drink cans: all varieties of name brands only, please (Coke and Diet Coke sell well).
- Books, garden pots and/or pot plants that are in good condition for resale
- Bagged chocolates (eg Freddos, Snack), OR 1.25L and/or 2L name brand soft drink bottles for stall prizes
- Trash and Treasure items (no electrical goods, thanks): To help families, these items are best dropped off on a Friday morning when we know the shed is staffed for service, or I will personally be at the large green shed on the Junior Oval between 11.00am and 12noon every Saturday until the Fete to collect donated items for the P&C.

Putting an extra item or two in the shopping trolley each week is a good way for time-poor working families to contribute to our Fete, or if you have nothing spare, donating your time as a volunteer before, during or after is a good way for you to help. This is such a brilliant community event, and I know how well our community gets behind it.

Please note that Friday July 29 is the LAST day to pre-order show bags to pick up at the Fete. By pre-ordering, you can guarantee the show bags of your choice at the cheapest price, otherwise, there will be limited options available on the day, and they will be a slightly higher price. Simply fill in the order form, place it with your money inside the specialised envelope, and place the envelope in the locked box in the office.

Subway Day – Flexischools will have Subway ordering available from Monday and is the only way you can order. Cut off is Wednesday, August 10 for delivery the following week. Order early to avoid disappointment - there can be NO late orders! Don’t miss out - we now have 83 Prep enrolments for 2017, enrolling our fourth class, and we are capped at six classes!!

REMEMBER: School FETE and 140th Anniversary Celebrations are on Saturday, September 10, 2016.

To other news…

1. Coming up:

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2. **P&C News:** The next P&C Meeting will be held on **Monday, August 08**, commencing at **6.30pm in the Staff Lounge.** All welcome. The next Parent-Admin Chat will be held on **Wednesday, August 10**, commencing at **9.30am in the Staff Lounge.** All welcome.

**FETE - CLASS DONATIONS -** As an incentive for families to contribute items for our Fete in September, our class teachers will record all donated items for the school fete that could accumulate into prizes for individual students or the whole class. We thank you in advance for your kind donations to assist with the success and running of our next school fete in September, also celebrating 140 years of Burpengary State School.

Class Prize: - The class with the most donated items from 11 July until the 7th of September will be entitled to a class PIZZA PARTY on Friday the 9th of September.

Individual Prizes: - A golden armband is up for grabs for the child who donates the most items. (For this particular prize, we will run the competition from 11 July until 11 August and then again from 12 August until 7 September.)

So in all, 2 Golden armbands will be available!!! If you win, you and a friend whom also has an armband will get first in line for all of the rides!

Soft drink cans, bottles and new toys are classed as individual items, however pre-packaged packs of chocolates, items (like hair ties) or bags of lollies will be classed as one item, along with all other donations.

( Please note – the Golden Armband Competition that will be drawn on the 2nd of August and again on the 9th of September where if you have pre-purchased an armband via flexi schools online, *is a separate competition*).

**VOLUNTEER REGISTER OPEN** – We are now looking for interested people to assist with the set up and pre-organisation of the fete, or volunteers during the day, or volunteers for clean-up after the event. If you are able to assist in any way, small or large, please add your name and contact details to the Volunteer Register that is now in the school office. Please also advise your available times on the register and any preferences of where you would like to assist.

Entertainment Book – It’s not too late to order your membership and make great savings across Dining, Attractions, Travel, Services & Shopping. At only $65 you could easily make that back on your groceries by purchasing Woolworths gift cards at 5% discount, not to mention dinner & ice cream. Order online at … https://www.officialentertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/23z0512 Thank you to those who have already ordered – this is a fantastic book and a great fundraiser for our P&C. Don’t forget to spread the word to family & friends, Australia wide!!

3. **Library News…Book Week date claimer: Aug 20 to Aug 26**

The students are all back into their borrowing routine after the holiday break. Some students however have outstanding books from Term 2. Please help us out by locating any missing books and having your children return them on Monday. The library gives prizes to classes with no overdues so your support will help keep the friendly competition going!

**Book Week Dress-up Parade Tip 2:**

Sometimes all you may need to pull together a costume are some coordinating colours and a homemade mask and/or ears. Some character ideas that would work using this method could be… a Brown Bear from ‘The Very Cranky Bear’, a black cat from ‘Slinky Malinki’, coloured T-Shirt over jeans and white or red sneakers with big paper coloured buttons from ‘Pete the Cat’ series.

4. **Tuckshop News:**

Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for Tuesday 26 July is hotdog with cheese (tomato sauce), carton plain milk and apple slinky - $5.00. Currently out of stock – smooze ice blocks

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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,