Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. We had a number of students participate in the Sunshine Coast Regional Gymnastics Titles on the 14th August, and congratulations go to the following students on their performance and overall placement in their respective divisions: Cooper – 5th, Rawiria – 6th, Jada – 11th, and Darcy – 9th.

What a fantastic night our community shared in at the School Visioning Workshop with world-renowned consultants, John Edwards and Bill Martin last night!!! Parents, staff and ex-students sat shoulder to shoulder discussing and debating what will take our great school to the next level. After brainstorming what is the important work of learning that needs to take place at school in the 21st Century, we now have the critical foundations to collaborate on extracting and constructing a shared vision with the underpinning core values that will become the pillars of innovation in our next four year Strategic Plan 2017-2020. I thank our facilitators for enabling this great process, and I thank the parents, staff, past-students and community leaders for surrendering their valuable personal time in order to help our school progress.

More to come on Saturday, and I can’t wait!!

A big thank you to families helping out the hard working P&C Fete committee…keep it up!! Plastic shopping bags are useful items this week (you may not have many, but collectively they will be valuable assets to the Fete). For those families supporting by buying products, please help us this week with donations of new novelty toys for children’s prizes – items such as toy cars, bubbles, note pads, toy jewellery, small puzzles and games from K Mart and novelty shops would be excellent; 500ml bottled water; cans of soft drinks (esp. Coke, please); pot plants (but not pots now); “re-gifting” new items you are not using. For second-hand items for Trash and Treasure and our famous Book Stall, please include books, magazines; puzzles; games; DVDs, CDs, second hand toys, clothes and as new shoes; plus household items. If you have no cash to spare, donating your time as a volunteer below, during or after is another good way for you to help. Reminder that Trash and Treasure items can be dropped off in bulk at the large green shed on the Junior Oval on a Saturday morning between 11.00am and 12noon to make it easy for families!

Thanks for your response for volunteers last week, folks, great stuff!! We do need more volunteers, however, and the trick will be that many hands will make light work for everybody at the end of the day. Currently, some of our hardworking convenors can’t get away from their stall to see their own children perform at various times on the day. Volunteering for an hour will break up the day for everybody to be able to enjoy important parts of it with their family, and you are still significantly contributing to the community effort – and what a collective effort this is – keep building on it, and join a few more into the fray along the way!! Please contact Jody on 0400799156 or admin@burpengass.eq.edu.au.

The Queensland Teachers’ Mutual Bank run an annual staffroom makeover competition that our whole community can participate in to show appreciation for our wonderful Burpengary State School teachers. The Staffroom for Improvement is a great opportunity for our entire community to come together and demonstrate loudly and proudly just how much we appreciate our teachers. And what better way to thank our teachers than with the ultimate token of appreciation—a $20,000 staffroom makeover! There is a refreshed game concept and a further $10,000 in prizes to be won in 2016. Please get behind our staff and make it the best year for them!

Father’s Day Stall next week – We will be holding a Father’s Day stall from Monday, 29th August to Friday, 2nd September – opening every morning between 8.00am and 9.00am. Preps will be brought in with their teachers on Tuesday, 30th August, however, they are welcome to shop prior with siblings etc. All items will be $5. Anybody able to lend a hand at the stall, please contact Donna Harrowell on 0418 151 671 to advise availability.

We now have our biggest ever school Facebook group! Growth in new members has been very steady in 2016, and I would love this trend to continue! In fact, we would have another 20% of growth in members just in people who have only taken one of the steps in a two-step operation to join. Our Facebook Page was constructed in order to maximise security and safety, and to enhance school and home communication, engage our community in school life and provide first class service for our parents. I would like to encourage every family to join our official Burpengary State School Facebook page. To access the page is a two-step process; First, go to http://www.facebook.com/groups/burpengarystateschool/ and request to join. Second, obtain the application form that is available at the office, or on our website. Read and sign this application form and return it to the school office. This keeps our page a safe and community-friendly site for all. You will need to state your bona fide direct connection to the school, and sign to say that you understand and will follow the agreed protocol. Once you have requested electronically to join the page, AND our administrator is in receipt of this signed application, access will be granted within two working days. This page has been extremely useful for families on an everyday basis, and in emergent situations. It is also a quick and easy way to get a newsletter!

REMINDERS: Our School FETE and 140th Anniversary Celebration is on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Ballots entries for the limited seating official 140th Anniversary celebrations close today. We will accept them up until the start of school on Monday. Also coming up next week (check the calendar for details): Parent-Teacher Interviews all week; Kid Sing Choir on Thursday; Regional Track and Field Carnival on Thursday and Friday – best wishes and good luck to Paige (12 years, 800m), Faith (12 Years, Shot Put) and Ashleigh (11 Years, 100m).

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To other news…

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2. P&C News: ENTERTAINMENT BOOK – There are still plenty of months left to take advantage of the great offers in the Entertainment Book and to make it even more appealing, there is free postage for the month of August. Just follow our school’s direct link to order: [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2320512](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2320512)

  VOLUNTEER REGISTER OPEN – If you are able to assist in any way, small or large, as a volunteer for the Fete, 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.

3. Library News Book Week Roundup……and the winners are…..

Younger Readers:
Winner - ‘Soon’ by Morris Gleitzman

Early Childhood
Winner – ‘Mr Huff’ by Anna Walker

Picture Book of the Year
Winner-'Flight' by Armin Greder


We had great fun in the library this week with competitions, special reading guests and craft. Library staff dress ups kept the atmosphere bright throughout the week with plenty of laughs to be had.

Thank you to all the staff and students who came to the library during Bookweek making it a special time in the Library calendar. We hope the students enjoyed the festivities and we look forward to sharing our photos of the week with the school community on the TV in the library and on the school network.

Parent Lending Library
Please remember that we have a number of parent titles available for you to borrow. Please email us at library@burpengass.eq.edu.au if you would like a list of what we have. We are able to send a title home with your child if you are unable to come in to collect. We just require you to fill in a form that we can email you.

Tuckshop News:
Flexischool Meal Deal for Tuesday 30 August is hot dog with cheese and tomato sauce, juice popper, choc chip muffin $5.00. Smooze ice block is still unavailable.

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Reminder – Fete rides armbands can be prepaid at tuckshop cash only $25.00 or cash only $10.00 junior armband.

Until next week,

Brad Fox
Principal

Community Notices

_Caboolture Early Years Centre - The Pre-Kindy and Families Programme_ – is taking enrolments for 2017 NOW!

This FREE play-based programme is designed around the ‘Early Years Learning Framework’ providing a positive springboard to learning. The Pre-Kindy and Families programme is facilitated by a qualified Kindergarten Teacher and an Early Childhood Educator in the year prior to kindy.

The programme runs from 9.30 to 12.00 during school terms. It caters for children turning 3 years of age by 30th June in 2017. In 2017, children born between 1/7/13 and 30/6/14 living within the ‘old Caboolture Shire’ boundaries, can be enrolled.

There is No Cost involved. The Programme is conducted at:
* Narangba  * Caboolture  * Woodford  * Burpengary  * Morayfield

This is a year-long program of play based learning and fun, inspired by the interests of the children and families who attend. Parent/s and their children attend together.

Quotes from past parents; ‘Pre-Kindy is the highlight of our week. We love coming.’ ‘I have seen my child grow and adapt to structure.’ ‘The variety of activities is great.’

Enrolments are essential.

To book in your child simply contact the Caboolture Early Years Centre to complete an Expression of interest Form.

PHONE 5428 1477 or email: admin@eyc.ladygowrie.com.au

Futsal (5-a-side indoor soccer) summer season registrations are now open for Morayfield Futsal sports and events center. The new season starts beginning of September for boys and girls ages 3 and up. Adult leagues for men and women also available. For more information go to [www.gidfutsal.com](http://www.gidfutsal.com), contact morayfield@australianfutsal.com, phone on 0487 000 232 or go to our Facebook page Morayfield Futsal.