Welcome to this week’s newsletter. I congratulate the following students who were selected for the Regional Advanced Strings Workshop and Concert last week. This year, there were 260 students from our Region who submitted auditions for the workshops. These students already had to reach a high level of competence to be included in the audition process. This involves years of individual work and involvement in school groups to be eligible. For six of our Burpengary students to be selected for this workshop it is a significant achievement. Congratulations to Abbey, Leigh, Hannah, Taryn, Erina and Taleigha-Rose. Of course, I take this opportunity to thank the tireless Mrs Michelle Jones for her dedication and commitment to the Strings program here at school as well – we are thrilled to have you, and to see how far you are taking all of the children in their learning.

Congratulations are also in order for all students who undertook the University of NSW ICAS Writing competition, and particularly Lilly (6A), Shaun (6A), Holly (5C), Erina (5A), Nicholas (4A), Oona (3A) who all received a Credit. It is with great pleasure I announce that Ashleigh (6B) and Georgia (5A) both received the outstanding result of a Distinction!

Well done, students.

Regional Track and Field Carnival on Thursday and Friday – Faith competed in the 12 Years, Shot Put Heats and Ashleigh (11 Years) was 6th in 100m Final – super effort. Paige 12 years/800m race ran today.

For the record, that wonderful Book Week gold coin donation event raised $694.00 for the Pyjama Foundation to help kids in care. Well done, Student Councillors!!

World Teacher Aide Day falls on the first Friday of September - September 02 this year! We held a special breakfast in the kitchen this morning to say “thank you” to our wonderful teacher aides on behalf of our whole school community. I was raving about our Thursday night School Visioning Workshop with the community and world-renowned consultants, John Edwards and Bill Martin, but Saturday’s session added the dimension of planning to make sure that the Vision lives and breathes into real action!!! Parents, staff and ex-students shared in planning what will take our great school to the next level. Again, I thank the parents, staff, past-students and community leaders for surrendering their valuable personal time in order to help our school progress. We now have a clear pathway into the four-year Strategic Plan 2017-2020!!

As there will be large crowds on Fete Day, I ask that we are very careful and considerate community-minded citizens.

• Take a walk to the Fete if you live close enough, and reserve the limited parking spaces for those travelling far.

• Take care where we park, as our neighbours should not have to tolerate cars parked up on their footpaths or in driveways.

In fact, in planning conversations with Police during this last month, they highlighted the fact that it is an offence carrying a $44 fine if people park on the footpath grass, and they will be actively patrolling the site on Fete day.

• Both the Prep Oval and the Junior 3&4 Oval will be parking lots, so please fill these first and make a gold coin donation to the SES for the privilege. The Jill Street car park will be closed for emergency services vehicles use only.

As the school is State Government property, I remind parents there is definitely NO SMOKING anywhere in the school grounds on Saturday.

• Be safe, patient and smile away the day to ensure everybody has a great time!

Thanks in anticipation of our usual Burpengary commitment to the school, and our students, to make it a truly wonderful community event!

A big thank you to families helping out the hard working P&C Fete committee…keep it up!! Plastic shopping bags are useful items still (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 before, during or after is another good way for you to help. Reminder that the last opportunity for weekend Trash and Treasure item drop off is at the large green shed on the Junior Oval is on Saturday morning between 11.00am and 12noon!

Thanks to those awesome volunteers and the P&C who ran the Father’s Day Stall this week – what a ripper selection of gifts and cards – thank you for organising it for our children! Special thank you to Eloise, Amanda R, Amanda B, Jodie, Donna, Wayne, Alesha, Mel, Chris, Rachael & Sue and extra special thank you to the wonderful children who helped out.

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through-out the week Tayla & Hannah, Tristan, Bailey & Reagan, Darcy, Addison & Paige - we couldn't do it without these awesome helpers.

REMINDERS: Our School FETE and 140th Anniversary Celebration is on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Also coming up next week Kid Sing Junior Choir on Friday;
To other news...

1. Coming up:

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2. 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!

3. 2016 Talent Quest Finalists Congratulations to all the following children who participated in the auditions for this year’s Talent Quest. Here is the list of the finalists who will be performing at the Fete on Saturday 10th September. Good Luck!

Shaun (6A), Amber (6A), Aaliyah (5C), Taleigha-Rose (5A), Hayley (2D), Passion (2D), Stephen (2D), Sienna (2D), Alysha (2D), Chloe (6B), Aaliyah (6B) Phoebe (6B), Ebony (4A), Alice (Prep D), Azahlia (Prep D), Oliver (2D), Cooper (4F) and Darcy (5E), Emma (1D), Oona (3A), Dylan (3C), Phoenix (3C), Cody (3C), Ben (3C), Angus (3C), Ethan (3C), Tristyn (3C), Skylar (4C)

4. Library News - Right Fit Book

The library staff work closely with class teachers to teach students the importance of choosing books that they can read themselves. This means that they will engage with books and achieve reading mileage which in turn makes them better readers. We appreciate your help in reinforcing this with your children at home.

The younger children still enjoy the picture books that parents read to them so we hope that dads can spend some time this weekend sharing a story with their children.

E-Book Freebie

Did you read comics when you were young? Do you STILL read comics? Have a look at this site for comics to read as well as create if you are so inclined. [http://www.professorgarfield.org/toon_book_reader/index.html](http://www.professorgarfield.org/toon_book_reader/index.html)

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 6th September is 5 nuggets, chocolate milk and apple slinky $5.00.

Prepaid Fete rides armband (paid by cash) are available for purchase at the tuckshop. Krazylemon natural lemon drink 200ml $2.00 is still available until sold out.

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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

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:

* Naranbga * 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.

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

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