Welcome to this week’s newsletter. I would like to talk this week about attendance. We have just passed through a particularly bad season for influenza and related Winter ailments, and while the students’ attendance has improved markedly in the warmer months, it has not returned to the expected levels that we were experiencing in Semester 1. Inexplicably, Monday and Friday are the worst days for attendance. I ask every family to reinforce with your children that every day is an important learning day at school, and see a quick return to those consistent levels of strong attendance.

Parents/Carers please note that we will commence planning for 2017 class placements during the coming weeks in Term 4. You have the opportunity to put in writing for due consideration any information regarding the placement of your own child with other children in a class for next year. Please note that this is about students only, and not requests for teachers. Please put in writing (addressed to the Principal, and marked “confidential”) reasons for this consideration no later than Friday, October 28, 2016. Requests after this date will not be able to be considered.

Prep enrolments for 2017 now number 122, and we are officially enrolling our sixth and final class (as the school capacity is 150). Please enrol early to avoid disappointment!

I remind parents that whatever school your exiting Year 6 students are going to attend next year, you will need to enrol them individually and directly with that campus. The children are starting a new school, and there is no direct rollover of enrolment into any high school. This will become important when our current Year 6 students begin to attend Transition Days across the region, and only those students who are enrolled at that campus will be permitted to attend.

Burpengary State School has commenced the process for student leadership positions for 2017. All Year 5 students are encouraged to apply for School Leadership Positions (Band Captains, Choir Captains, House Captains, Indigenous Student Ambassador, School Captains and all Vice-Captain positions). Letters were sent home this week and nominations are due by 1 November, 2016.

Buy-a-Brick Reminder:
As part of the Burpengary State School Building Fund fundraising, we are promoting a “Buy-a-Brick” project. Members of our community can purchase a brick monogrammed with an individual name or a family name for $50 to raise money towards the enclosure of our P&C Centre. Attached to today’s newsletter is an order form which needs to be returned to the office by Friday 9 December, 2016.

Morayfield Magic Family Fun Day is on again! Located on Morayfield State School’s oval on Sunday 27 November from 1pm – 4pm, families can enjoy free rides and showbags, as well as gaining information on community agencies.

To other news…
1. Coming up:

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2. P&C News:

WIN A TRAMPOLINE - The P&C has a Vuly Thunder Trampoline (including installation) to raffle for the school, worth $2,399. It will be drawn on 22nd October with plenty of time to have it installed before Christmas!! There is a link on the school’s website where you can read all about these safe, fantastic trampolines. Tickets are available from the tuckshop for $2 each, or see Donna Harrowell. **If anybody would like to take a book of 25 tickets to sell to friends, or in your workplace etc, please contact Donna on 0418 151 671.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – THIS SATURDAY (WEATHER PERMITTING) Saturday, 22ND October, Gates Open 6:00 pm, Movie Starts 7:15 pm. $5 per ticket – Under 3yrs free on the Senior Oval – BYO Chair or Picnic Blanket. Tickets will be available on Flexischools or purchase on the night. Food, drinks and show bags will be available for purchase. As per Department of Education rules, this is an alcohol and smoke free event - No Eskies Allowed. All children must be accompanied by an adult. This will not be a secure area, therefore families must be responsible for their own children.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION – The P&C has a selection of a signature bear $25, signature soccer ball $22 or signature football $22 for the Year 6 students to purchase. Each item will have a school pin attached. The selection is available for
viewing in the library. A form will be sent home with each student to make their choice with payment due on Monday, 31st October. Cash only to the school office.

**SUBWAY DAY** – This term's Subway Day is on Wednesday, 2nd November. Choice of 6 inch Sub, popper & cookie for $6.50 or a Salad Bowl, popper & cookie for $7.50 The cut off is Monday, 31st October 9am with ordering available ONLY on Flexischools.

3. **Library News:**

   **Final weeks of borrowing…**
   As we move towards our final weeks of borrowing please help us out by encouraging your children to come in and borrow in their own time.

   **Library Books and Wet Weather…..don’t mix!** Please remind your children to take extra care with their library books during our stormy season which is most likely to start any day! This is typically a time when we receive water damaged books.

   **Library Bags**
   As of next year, we will be extending our requirement of library bags to Year 4. We are finding that the Senior school collection is not wearing well and many books are being damaged by the simple fact that they are carried to and from school unprotected. Please remember this when you are purchasing school supplies for next year.
   We have made it easy for you to purchase our required library bag from the uniform shop or office as well as through the Flexi Schools programme. The cost is only $5.50 and the bags last a number of years if cared for.

4. **Tuckshop News:**

   Flexischool Meal Deal for Tuesday 25th Oct is 5 chicken nuggets, chocolate milk and chocolate chip muffin $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,

Samantha Waldron
A/Principal

**Community Notices**

**Student Council - Day for Daniel** – When: Friday 28th October, 2016 – What: Add something RED to your uniform (eg hair ties, socks, wigs, shoelaces, scarves, ties (use your imagination), Why: to participate in National Day of Action to raise awareness about child safety and protection. Cost: Gold coin donation.

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Fundraiser - Pink Ribbon Morning Tea - To raise money for Breast Cancer Research
Join us on 24th October 2016 - Between 9:00am to 10:00am - At Helping Hands Burpengary
Call Lina on 0458 010 433- To assist with catering