Welcome to this week's newsletter. I pay a tribute and a vote of thanks to students, staff, parents and special guests who shared our special observance of *Remembrance Day* today with a full Prep to Year 6 parade. It was a fitting tribute to the fallen soldiers. Lest We Forget. Thanks to Mr Scott Bowden for his organisation of the event, and to our invited guest Councillor Peter Flannery (MBRC). Special mention must be made of our school leader comperes (Zack, Cassidy, Chalice and Seth), past student Nick (who played the Last Post and Reveille), and Blake for the Acknowledgement of Country.

On Wednesday, our students participated in the **Coalition of Schools Public Speaking Competition** at Jinibara State School. They were: Darcy in the Year 4/5 Category; and Chloe in the Year 6/7 Category. Darcy spoke to the topic “Who do you consider to be an inspirational leader and what contributions has he or she made?” and Chloe spoke to the topic “Who do you believe has been an inspirational leader and how has his or her leadership positively influenced others?” They both spoke eloquently and passionately about their topics, and represented themselves, their families and the school in an excellent manner. Thanks to Mr David Firth for managing this program.

On Thursday night, we held our school **Orchestral and Choral Concert** to showcase our students’ talents in Choir, Strings, Percussion and Concert Bands. There were both Junior and Senior performances, as well as a number of small ensembles and solos. Thanks to our brilliant Instrumental Music teachers, Mrs Michelle Jones, Mrs Maria Jarvela and Mr Bruce Hamlin, the ever helpful Mrs Marion Smith for accompaniment, music teacher and Choir coordinator Mr Jeff Pacey, teacher Ms Helen Drew, and finally Deputy Principal, Mr Scott Bowden who did much of the organising. Students, you were excellent!

Our students in Years 1-6 undertake a series of diagnostic and standardised ACER tests in both Mathematics and Reading annually, and the data we are currently gathering is *showing strong patterns of growth in the students’ learning*. This gives us current and accurate information on teaching and learning so that we can start next year fully informed of where the students are performing well, and where they need a little more help, to focus the work we do in classrooms. In this way, we do not have to wait two more years until the students sit their next NAPLAN test to find out this sort of information, and we can respond quickly to student needs.

Don’t forget the School Disco is tonight. It has a **Super Hero theme** so come dressed as your favourite character. The disco commences at 5.30pm and concludes at 7.30pm. The cost is $5.00 per student with adult entry free of charge. Only students of Burpengary State School are allowed to attend the disco. It is a requirement all students be escorted to and from the disco by an adult or older teenager. No student will be permitted to leave the disco unless an adult or older teenager is there to collect them.

Parents and students are reminded about three important things:

1. **Students must wear closed in shoes** as a *workplace health and safety precaution*, as large numbers of students (of all ages and sizes) are dancing and moving around a confined space in unpredictable ways.
2. **Students must wear appropriate clothing for a school function**, inclusive of a large range of students. As a guide, there are to be no strapless or strappy singlet tops, or clothing emblazoned with inappropriate images, slogans or words.
3. Please note for safety reasons, there will be **no glow products or lighting products (including shoes) permitted**. It is always such an enjoyable night for the children so please ensure as a family you look after these necessities to avoid the embarrassment of not being permitted entry to the disco.

Once construction commences in the P&C building, our school parades will be moving to the Tuckshop under-covered area. Given the ‘busyness’ of this area in the mornings, we will be moving parades to the afternoons from 2:30 – 3:00pm.

- Prep and Year 1 – Friday afternoons
- Year 2 and Year 3 – Wednesday afternoons
- Year 4 – Monday afternoons
- Year 5 and 6 – Tuesday afternoons

Parents are welcome to attend, however there will be limited seating available. Please also note that Year 4 – 6 students will need to be seated on the ground, not on chairs.

**To other news…**

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**CRICOS Provider No.: 00608A**
1. **Coming up:**

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**CENTREPAY NOW AVAILABLE:**

Burrpengary State School is registered as a Centrepay business participant. This gives our families the option to pay their bills (excursions, camps, fees, etc.) by having regular amounts deducted from their Centrelink payments and paid directly to the school. Forms required to set up deductions are available from the office. Payments can be made in advance and kept on the student’s account as a credit balance which is then applied to any future invoices. This would be particularly useful for parents/caregivers who have students in Year 6 2017 with Camp coming up in March, costing $355.00. Please contact the Business Services Manager (Paula Connolly) if you would like further information.

2. **P&C News:**

Next **P&C meeting** is on Monday night, November 14, commencing at 6.30pm in the Staff Lounge. All Welcome.

The next Parent Admin Chat is on next Wednesday morning, November 16, in the Staff Lounge commencing at 9.30am until 10.15am. All welcome.

3. **Library News:**

Borrowing for students has now finished but of course, they are always welcome to come in and enjoy our books in their regular break times or before school. We will also have lots of activities over the next few weeks. All books are due back by Friday November 25. If your child has lost or damaged a book, please pay the reimbursement amount on the invoice sent out to you before the end of the year so that they will be able to borrow at the beginning of next year.

**Prep to Year 4** parents: for only $5.50 you can purchase your children our preferred waterproof library bag from the uniform shop or the school office. You can also purchase it via Flexischools through the Uniform Tab. The bag will then be delivered to your child. Get in early as we sometimes run out at the beginning of the year and they will need it to begin borrowing next year. We have been trying to look at the library bags this week to remind students about our requirements.

We have a special little visitor in the Library at the moment. She is busy looking at what the children are doing and reporting back to Santa. In the next 3 weeks she will visit some lucky classrooms. Remember to ask your children about her.

4. **Tuckshop News:**

Flexischool Meal Deal for Tuesday 15\(^{th}\) Nov is chicken nuggets, chocolate chip muffin & chocolate milk $5.00.

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New item – Pulled pork & special bbq sauce roll $4.00 available each day until sold out.

Koolstix iceblock is now available in 3 new flavours..

Until next week,

Samantha Waldron
A/Principal

**Community Notices**

Mondays and Wednesdays -5.30-6.30PM - $12 per person  Gloves and pads supplied (but more than welcome to bring your own!)

Places are limited - bookings essential - Suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

No judgement, just a great workout in a supportive and friendly group! - Bring water and a towel

For more details or to book please phone Sam 0474 366 494 or lookup on Facebook – PT with Sam