Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back Mr Fox!! I have been honoured to fill his shoes during the past few weeks and would like to acknowledge the great work of Mrs Jenny Simpson (Acting Deputy Principal Year 4 – 6), Mrs Robyn Stegman (Acting Master Teacher) and Ms Kara Maguire (Prep Teacher). It has been a wonderful experience working with such a great team of professionals.

We are heading into that time of year where we celebrate the achievements of students at our school. With the changes to parade times, and moving to the tuckshop area, we will also need to change the times of Awards Ceremonies. Below is a list of when each year level will acknowledge outstanding student achievements. A reminder that all Year 4 – 6 students will need to wear formal uniform to these events.

- Year 1 Award Ceremony – Friday 2 December, 2:00 – 3:00pm
- Year 2 Award Ceremony – Wednesday 30 November, 2:00 – 3:00pm
- Year 3 Award Ceremony – Wednesday 30 November, 9:00 – 10:00am (due to swimming)
- Year 4 Award Ceremony – Monday 28 November, 2:00 – 3:00pm
- Year 5 Award Ceremony – Tuesday 29 November, 2:00 – 3:00pm
- Year 6 Graduation – Wednesday 7 December, 12:00 – 2:00pm at Burpengary State Secondary College Hall

Students in both Year 5 and 6 will be attending the Year 6 Graduation at Burpengary State Secondary College on Wednesday 7 December, 2016 – leaving our school at 11:00am and returning by 3:00pm. Students will be bused to and from the ceremony. Permission notes will be coming home soon. Students will also need to wear formal uniform to this event.

Burbpengary State School’s process for student leadership positions for 2017 continued. Last week, 48 students presented speeches to their peers and 24 students were interviewed this week by myself and Mrs Simpson. Next Tuesday, 6 students were shortlisted to present short speeches to their peers in an inspiring fourth round of the process of selecting our student leaders for next year. All of our successful 2017 Student Leaders will be announced at our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, December 7.

Exciting news: The RACQ LifeFlight Helicopter will be visiting our school this year. More information to come.

As Christmas approaches, please allow me to reinforce why candy canes and lollies are an unacceptable form of gift giving at school at the end of the year. Often children will purchase candy canes for their whole class and beyond, but let us just conservatively suppose that each child purchases only 10 to distribute to their closest friends. Each class is then circulating approximately 250 or more candy canes. With 38 classrooms in the school, that is (conservatively, remember) over 9,500 candy canes (and all the sugar, preservatives and colouring within) circulating amongst the children at Burbpengary. We work really hard to promote healthy options, keep a healthy tuckshop and stick to the Red Day policy to positively role model and promote healthy eating. We have students with diabetes, allergies and reactions who should not eat these sweets, and yet they are tempted by the sheer volume if these products are circulating. Things like a pencil sharpener, an eraser or a pencil are alternative, inexpensive gift ideas that are useable and healthy. A home-made card with a thoughtful, personal message conveys so much more than a commercial product. As a community, I ask us to examine and challenge the hidden messages we send out to children this Christmas.

As we near the end of the year, I remind parents that their children need to maintain uniform standards at all times. I know shoes may start to wear out, but a purchase on the larger side now will easily carry through to next year, and all of our local high schools have the same black shoes policy so this works even for year 6 students. Hats are vitally important for sun safety in these Summer months, and Queensland families should need no reminder about wearing a hat.

To other news…

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CENTREPAY NOW AVAILABLE:

Burpengary 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, December 5, commencing at 6.30pm in the Staff Lounge. All Welcome.

3. Library News:
   Students are enjoying the cool Library space at break times. We have lots of Christmas activities planned for them. We also have Sparkles our Elf visiting some of the classrooms checking on the children and reporting to Santa. Come and visit us before school with your children and have a few minutes to SIT…READ….&…RELAX!

   Prep to Year 4 will require a waterproof bag in order to borrow next year. Our preferred bag is also the cheapest option at only $5.50 from the office or uniform shop. You can even purchase it via the uniform shop section of the Flexischools website. Please be aware that many ‘so called’ waterproof bags sold in newsagencies are not in fact waterproof.

   All library books will be due back on Friday November 25. Please help us out by ensuring your children return them by this date.

4. Tuckshop News:
   Flexischool Meal Deal for Tuesday 22nd Nov is 5 Chicken Nuggets, Corn Cobbett. Cinnamon Sugared Churro & Water $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

   BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!

   Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rl@scce.com.au