Welcome to this week’s newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mrs Sam Waldron who did a great job as Acting Principal while I was on leave. Many key agendas progressed seamlessly, including the Hall Renovation Project, which has been signed off with a builder! Thanks also to Mrs Jenny Simpson (Acting Deputy Principal Year 4 – 6), and Mrs Robyn Stegman (Acting Master Teacher) and the entire school staff for their great professional work during this important time of the year. Good to know such great capability filters right through the school.

Also on leadership: on Tuesday, 6 of our shortlisted student leaders presented speeches to their peers on the Year 5 & 6 Parade. They did a brilliant job, again indicating the quality and depth of leadership that exists amongst the student body – they have given us one of those wonderfully difficult jobs of selecting four school leaders when there are many more whom we know could do the job well! All of our successful 2017 Student Leaders will be announced at our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, December 7.

We conducted a Start-up Meeting with Ordanga Properties for our Hall this week. Depending on deadlines for ordering fabricated steel girders and other key building items over the Christmas period, we will be commencing construction on either December 5, 2016, or December 12, 2016. If it works out that there is no time advantage at the completion end of construction by starting on December 5, I will delay the start until the school holidays on December 12. More in next week’s newsletter!

Accompanying this newsletter is the list of all of our Citizenship and Commendable Effort Award winners. Congratulations to all student recipients for your extended hard work. Our special Parades commence next week: Monday Nov 28 is Year 4 from 2-3pm; Tuesday Nov 29 is Year 5 from 2-3pm; Wednesday Nov 30 is Year 3 from 9-10am; Monday Dec 5 is Year 2 from 2-3pm; Friday Dec 2 is Year 1 from 2-3pm; and of course, Wednesday Dec 7 is Year 6 Graduation Ceremony from 12noon-2pm. Please note one important change – at least for the week of Nov 28 to Dec 2, the Parades will return to the P&C Centre (not the Tuckshop Area as previously advised) as Hall construction will not have started yet.

I would like to remind families that the two year moratorium on the change over to the new school uniform ends at the end of this year. From January 2017, all uniforms need to be the new school uniform for all students, regardless of year level. Year 4 students will require the new formal uniform for parade days from Term 2 onwards. Our supplier has notified the P&C of a price rise of $1.00 per item for 2017. Please note that purchases made before the end of the year by December 8 (the last day the Uniform Shop is open) will still be at the old 2016 price.

Also in regards to uniform, I have noticed a decline in student dress standards just lately. Hats and shoes are the big issues. Hats are a no-brainer – a student who does not have a hat on their head in Queensland risks the cumulative effect of sun damage in the area of the highest incidence of Melanoma in the world!!! I see parents walking beside and holding their child’s hat! If we start to look at the issue a bit differently, perhaps, and consider that not wearing a hat in Queensland is a slow burn equivalent of pushing your own child under a train, our attitudes to sun safety might change???

Regarding shoes, the dress standard clearly states plain black leather lace-up shoes or black joggers with leather or vinyl upper preferred. Velcro straps are acceptable for students in the early childhood years (Prep to Year 2). These shoes look smart with the uniform, have appropriate safety features such as foot coverage for spills and drops, healthy support in the right places to support growing and active feet, and meet legislative requirements for safety in the workplace. I am just letting parents know that students will be held to account for uniform infringements as of next week, so the black shoes with white soles are not acceptable in meeting the policy of the dress standard. As a community, we have easily been able to meet the standard previously during the year – there are NO EXCUSES for not meeting it now. Even our high schools insist on the same shoe standard, so a purchase for a Year 6 student now will be transferable and useable in 2017.

Next week, the RACQ will be visiting our school and delivering “Streets Ahead” road safety lessons to all classes. Each class will be 45 minutes in length and be delivered over the week in either the HUB Conference Room or the Science Room upstairs in B Block. The program will crescendo to a climatic finale with the RACQ Lifeflight helicopter landing on the Senior Oval on Tuesday 6 December!!

Curriculum Resource Room – All Home Reading resources should have been returned to the school by Friday 25 November. Your assistance is appreciated by ensuring all overdue barcoded items are returned to your child’s classroom or the school office at your first available opportunity. Letters/invoices will be issued to students with outstanding resources.

ROAD REHABILITATION AND UPGRADE FOR BURPENGARY ROAD

Division 2 Councillor Peter Flannery has let the school know that Moreton Bay Regional Council will be carrying out works in coming weeks upgrading Burpengary Road and Pitt Road. Works are scheduled to commence late November 2016 and expected to be complete by the end of April 2017, weather permitting. The scope of the project includes the installation of a signalised intersection on Burpengary Road at Pitt Road, road reconstruction along Burpengary Road and Pitt Road, addition of cycle lanes along some sections, a new pedestrian refuge outside the train station and upgraded lighting. The objective of the project is to improve road safety, increase capacity and reduce delays.

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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: The next and final P&C Meeting for the year will be held on Monday, December 05, 2016, in the Staff Lounge, commencing at 6.30pm. All Welcome. There will be no Parent-Admin Chat that week due to Graduation Ceremony commitments.

The P & C will be holding an End of Year Gift Stall next Thursday and Friday (1st – 2nd Dec). The Gift Stall will be open from 8-9am on both days and will be held in the demountable building beside the Uniform Shop.

This is the perfect place to buy a small gift for good friends and siblings. There will be some wonderfully cheap gifts available starting from $1.00. These include a small selection of hand crafted and bagged gifts plus a large selection of discounted show bags for only $5.00 each. Stock is limited so come early to secure a bargain. Attached is a list of show bags on offer.

We are in need of volunteers to assist with the stall. If you are able to help please call Sue on 0412 753 510. All money raised from the gift stall will go directly to funding the enclosed P & C building, so come along and help the school

3. Library News:
All library books now need to come back as they will be overdue. Please check that your children have returned their library books to us by next week. We usually contact parents by phone in the last week to inquire about outstanding books. Please finalise any payments for damaged or lost books by the end of the year so that your children will be able to commence borrowing again in 2017.

Prep to Year 4 parents; please remember that for only $5.50 you can purchase your children our preferred waterproof library bag from the uniform shop or office. You can even purchase it via Flexi Schools and it will be delivered to your child’s classroom. Don’t forget to check in with the local public library to see what they have on offer over the holidays. They usually run some fantastic programmes and they are all free! Here is the link for you.


4. Tuckshop News:
Flexischool Meal Deal for Tuesday 29th Nov is 5 Chicken Nuggets, Cinnamon Sugared Churro & Chocolate Milk $5.00.

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

Until next week,

Brad Fox
Principal

Community Notices
Bring your Brisbane Kids along to the annual Burpengary Christmas Spectacular which is sure to bring Christmas cheer to the whole family with rides, entertainment and market stalls, Christmas Carols and a Burpengary’s Got Talent competition. 3rd December from 3.00pm – 8.00pm. Entry is FREE.

In Weeks 9 & 10 of Term 4, the RACQ Road Safety Education program “Streets Ahead” will visit our classes, teaching us how to be safe pedestrians, passengers and bike riders. For videos explaining the content in the RACQ program, please scan the below codes using a smartphone, visit the RACQ website or click the links below.

- Crossing the Road
- Safety Door
- Bike Safety