Welcome to this week’s newsletter. We have hosted a large number of small and intimate Citizenship and Commendable Effort Awards Parades this week, and I have been delighted with the participation of families who have come in large numbers to support the hard work of the children. I love this community feel about Burpengary!

Next Wednesday, students in Prep to Year 6 will receive their reports to take home. Accompanying this will be a letter outlining your child’s class teacher for next year, current as of December 07. I advise parents that these allocations may be subject to change depending on enrolments. The DET staffing model is so tight that small numbers of enrolments in key year groups will force a change to the model. The full class lists will be placed on the Administration Office windows at 2.00pm on Friday, January 20, 2017. The final class allocation is made on Day 8, Thursday February 2, 2017, and any consequential class changes would be made then, and commence on Monday, February 6, 2017.

In great news for the school, construction on our Hall renovation will commence on December 5, 2016! This will give the project a time advantage at the completion end of construction. No major demolition or earth works will take place during the week of December 5 to December 12, but there will be activity in and around the site to keep the project moving. Ordanga Properties have experience and management practices of safe work in schools, but expect that we will all be temporarily inconvenienced during the construction period. Please take care when moving in and around the school.

Could I remind those families who have not yet paid the $25 voluntary contribution for 2016 to do so this week, please? This contribution goes directly into the school building fund towards this Hall project, and we need this school community support to complete the project to a full conclusion with fit-out and furniture. It will benefit EVERY Burpengary child for many years.

In School Council news, long serving parent representative Mrs Sue Slorach has submitted her resignation letter effective from December 9, 2016, as her youngest child leaves Year 6 for secondary school. Sue has value-added enormously to our school in so many different ways over many years, and I would like to publically state how sad we are that her time at the school has come to an end, and to thank her for her commitment, dedication, loyalty and hard work at Burpengary State School for the entire duration of her children’s time at the school. You are a legend, Sue!

There is now a vacancy for a parent representative on the Burpengary State School Council, commencing in 2017. Nomination forms are now available from the Principal, and must be submitted to the school no later than 5.00pm on Friday, January 27, 2017. The Election for the position will be held at the P&C Meeting on Monday, January 30, 2017.

I was a guest at Burpengary State Secondary College’s Awards ceremony last night, and it was a pleasure to see so many of our past Burpengary State School students receiving awards and recognition, including major awards and leadership positions for 2017. It is so pleasing to see our children go on with their attitudes to learning and the subsequent successes from their hard work.

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 current 2016 price.

Uniform Shop Extended Hours:
Next week: Mon 5th–Thur 8th Dec, 2016 – 8.30am - 9.30am
Before school starts in January, 2017: Monday 16 Jan – 8.30am–12.00noon; Tuesday 17– Friday 20 Jan – 12.00noon–2.00pm
Week 1 of school, 2017: Monday 23rd – Fri 27th Jan – 8.30am–9.30am (inclusive, but closed Australia Day on 26/1/17).
Year 4 families please note that your child will require a formal uniform from Term 2 onwards in 2017 for the Senior Parade (which is compulsory), but the formal uniform can also be worn on any other day during the week if desired.

Next week, the RACQ Lifeflight helicopter will be landing on the Senior Oval on Tuesday 6 December!! Landing time is scheduled for 9.20am and take off time is 10.40am. Clearly there will be movement restrictions around the school and I ask parents to take care and follow directions of school staff for everybody’s safety. This will be the exciting finale of a week of Road Safety talks at our school to help keep our kids safe over the coming holidays.

As the end of the school year draws to a close we thought we’d send a quick reminder regarding 2017 bus passes. The Kangaroo Buslines office is closing for the Christmas period from Friday 23rd December to Tuesday 3rd January 2017. Bus pass applications will be accepted for processing from Tuesday 3rd January, however bus passes will only be available for collection from Monday 9th January 2017. This includes both new & renewal passes. We also have a handy blog on our website that outlines basic bus pass eligibility http://www.kangaroobuslines.com.au/blog/your-quick-guide-bus-pass-eligibility

P&C News: The last P&C Meeting for 2016 will be held on Monday night, December 5, in the Staff Lounge, commencing at 6.30pm. All Welcome. There will not be a Parent-Admin Chat this week due to Graduation.
To other news…

1. Coming up:

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CENTREPAY NOW AVAILABLE:
Berpengary 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 includes 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:
We would like to wish all our wonderful readers a very happy holiday and we look forward to seeing their bright faces again in 2017. We hope that you all find time to keep on reading over the break as we surely will! Don’t forget to support your local public library over the holidays.

A reminder that all library books are now due back so if you have any books at home with a Berpengary State School barcode on it please bring them back to us on Monday. Please pay any outstanding amounts for lost or damaged books so that we can replace them early in 2017.

Don’t forget that Library bags are available for sale from either the Uniform Shop or the Office for only $5.50.

4. Tuckshop News:
Tuckshop will be open Mon/Tue/Wed next week and will be closed Thursday and Friday. Tuckshop reopens in the New Year on Monday 23rd January 2017.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers.

Flexischool Meal Deal for Tuesday 6th December is 5 Chicken Nuggets, Choc 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.

Until next week,

Brad Fox
Principal

Community Notices

Bring your Brisbane Kids along to the annual Berpengary Christmas Spectacular which is sure to bring Christmas cheer to the whole family with rides, entertainment and market stalls, Christmas Carols and a Berpengary’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](#)