Dear Parents / Caregivers

I had the pleasure of listening to a speech by Professor Brian Caldwell, who has researched 165 high performing schools from around the world, and he identified the common features of these exceptional sites for the education of children. Much of what Professor Caldwell said resonated strongly with me, and I would like to share part of his research (entitled “Why Not The Best Schools?”) with you here.

Caldwell spoke of great schools as sites which reflected a desire to build capital in these four key areas of success.

1. Good schools draw on and build intellectual capital – the knowledge and skills of those who work in and for the school.
   - Our commitment to professional development and the skill and understanding of teaching and learning would be a good example here, as would the intellectual growth of students as a central mission of the school.

2. Good schools draw on and build social capital – formal and informal partnerships and networks involving the school and all individuals, agencies, organisations and institutions that have the potential to support and be supported by the school.
   - This is why I value parent partnerships and community support so much.

3. Good schools draw on and build spiritual capital – the strength of moral purpose and the degree of coherence among values, beliefs and attitudes about life and learning.
   - The strong shared values of Respect, Commitment and Care and Compassion, and the very strong sense of community evident as you walk around Burpengary State School reflects an accumulation of spiritual capital.

4. Good schools draw on and build financial capital – the money available to support the school.
   - What could our school look like if we committed ourselves to all four of these areas? Given our strength in intellectual capital, social capital and spiritual capital, what sort of an edge could be achieved for our students at Burpengary if there was a reliable income source over and above Education Queensland’s funding formula that all schools receive? What could it mean for our kids if we galvanise our community to build these four aspects of capital? I ask: “Why not the BEST school” for our children?

We have been creative and diversified our funding by the Out of Hours School Care providing a small additional income stream to support our mission, and we have been successful in attaining some grants for which we applied.

I plan to invest heavily in technology during term one and two this year, so that every child in every classroom has access to a data projector in their room to support learning in 2013. Our P&C has supported this project by voting to invest $10,000 in Term 1. Combined with our school investment, 11 new classrooms will be provided with this technology in the next few weeks. Now that Christmas is behind us, and the back to school expenses abated, perhaps even Commonwealth money has arrived to support educational needs of children. I ask families to consider prioritising the $25 voluntary contribution to be paid to the school, preferably before Easter.

This would be invaluable in adding on to the P&C’s $5,000 in Term 2, and supporting the school investment for the next phase of nine further classrooms being provided with this technology during the Easter vacation, ready to commence classes in Term 2.

Think of our kids, and ask ourselves honestly: Why not the best school?

To other news …

1. **Coming up:**

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Eftpos is available at the Cashier window on the carpark side of the Admin Office each morning from 8.00 to 11.00am. We encourage families to make use of the electronic payment systems we have operational here at Burpengary (Direct banking, Bpay) so that we minimise the risk of children carrying large sums of money, and you can perform the payment task from the convenience of home. Please note that due to Education Queensland Policy, credit card payments cannot be made over the phone.

2. It was an absolute pleasure last Tuesday to take our 27 School leaders to a Student Leadership Conference in Nambour. Our students looked stunning in the formal uniform, and their demeanour during the day was excellent. They will take some valuable life lessons and insights away from this day, as well the bonding and camaraderie that they built on the day. Thanks to Mrs Orupold for helping out.
3. **Library News:**
   **Housekeeping - Yr 1 Class Borrowing** commences next week and we hope to have the Preps borrowing in Week 6. If you child doesn’t have a library bag, they are able to use their homework bag if it is a waterproof one. If you would like to purchase a library bag through the school, please see the office staff to order one.
   Please note that the Junior Library is closed before school on Tuesdays as Mrs Orupold is at the Senior Library.
   There are a number of students who have outstanding books or payments from last year. Please attend to these so that your child can commence borrowing again this year.

4. **Year 7 Graduation Shirt** payments and orders can be paid at the Uniform Shop on Monday and Thursday mornings, 8.30 to 9.30am. Orders with the correct money can be dropped into the locked box in the Office at other times. Orders are due by Friday 15 March.

5. **P&C Fundraising News:**
   Beach Party Disco on Friday 15 March from 5.30 to 7.30pm in the P&C Building.

6. **Kitchen/Garden Update:**
   After all the rain over the last few weeks and the rapid growth of the grass and weeds, the children are now starting to get the gardens back into some order. The vegetable garden is being replenished; chives, rocket and tomatoes have already been planted and we have perennial spinach, basil and oregano ready to go into the ground next week. Our Ceylon spinach has gone to seed, so the children are learning how to save the seeds and store them for later use.
   Over the next couple of weeks we are constructing two new features in the garden. Ms Sharpe’s Year 7 class are building a vertical garden. This is being built with **2 litre Coke bottles**. So that they all fit into each other we are using **only Coke bottles**. We also need them to have their screw top lids with them. If you have any please don’t throw them out. Send them to school and we will recycle them in a positive way.
   We are also looking for parent volunteers in both the kitchen and garden. Your child does not need to be involved in the program. If you are interested, and would like to volunteer, please contact me to discuss times and what the role of a kitchen garden volunteer involves.
   Both the children and myself are looking forward to the next couple of months, as there is so many new things happening in the kitchen garden area. **Ross Tattersall, Kitchen Garden Co-ordinator**

7. Please see the attached notice regarding the vacant positions for two School Crossing Supervisors.

**Tuckshop Roster:**

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Until next week,

B. Fox
A/Principal

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Norfolk Island Getaway** 4 - 11 May 2013  Bookings close 1 March

**LAST CHANGE to raise funds for Marie Wright - our local chaplain!**

Group travel specialists Uplift Tours and Travel have arranged this fantastic 8 day getaway to Norfolk Island, packed with inclusions! This tour is a fundraiser for local chaplaincy and also includes airport transfers from Bribie Island, Caboolture, Redcliffe, North Lakes and Strathpine. Cost $2550 pp + approx taxes $130. For tour details and bookings please contact the friendly team at Uplift Tours and Travel on 07 3283 1966 or email reservations@uplifftours.com.au or visit office at Shop 3, Cominco Arcade, Redcliffe.

Cerijkee is raising funds for the **Australian Wildlife Hospital at Australia Zoo**. She is holding a Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 24 February from 10.00am to 4.00pm outside Woolworths, Caboolture, cnr of Morayfield Rd and Market Place. Sausages - $2, Drinks - $1; also selling homemade Wish Bands and Keyrings.

**Rugby League** clubs on the Sunshine Coast are holding a ‘**come and try**’ day, Saturday 23 February from 9.00 to 11.00am. To find your local club go to www.falcons.com.au or email Nathan@falcons.com.au.

**Suncoast-Hinterland Softball Association** invites interested players to sign-on for the 2013 winter season, male and female, 5 years old to Masters. Season starts 17th March, games are played Sundays, Juniors mornings & Seniors afternoons.

**Caboolture Hockey Club** sign-on day, Saturday 23 February from 4.00pm at Lindsay Road Fields, Morayfield. For further information phone Marcella on 0430 392 747 or email president@caboolturehockey.org.au.

**For Sale:** 5 x size 10 polo shirts, 2 x size 12 polo shirts, 1 x size 8 Forest shirt, 1 x size 10 Forest shirt, 1 x size 10 Eucalypt shirt; all $2 each, phone Narelle or David on 3888 6119.

**For Sale:** School polo shirts - 5 x size 6, good condition, $10 each or 5 for $40. Please call 0407 656 702.

**Wanted:** Violin Tutor for beginner aged 6. Phone 0419 551 410.

**Wanted:** One Guinea Pig cage. Please phone Sue on 3888 2124 to discuss price.

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