Dear Parents / Caregivers

I have spent the last two days at Education Queensland’s Biennial State Principals’ Conference with my primary and secondary school peers from all over Queensland. The Brisbane Convention Centre is the only venue big enough to accommodate a Conference of this size, and we had the opportunity to hear first-hand the key strategic messages from Senior Education Queensland Officers, as well as the wisdom of Internationally acclaimed researchers, Professor Ben Levin and Professor George Otero. Professor Levin’s work is focussed on school leadership and student results, and Professor Otero has researched community connection with schools, and I look forward to processing these key messages and sharing them with you all next week.

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I reiterate my plan to invest heavily in technology during term one and two this year, so that our children have access to a data projector in their room to support learning in 2013. The School Council met last Wednesday night and ratified the school’s Annual Implementation Plan and the Budget for 2013. We have an exciting year ahead at Burpengary State School, with children’s learning the big winner.

I ask families to consider prioritising and finding the $25 voluntary contribution in their family budget, especially in view of recent Federal Government educational payments, and try to have it paid to the school before Easter. Remember, when we think of our kids, 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. The P&C Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday, March 11, 2013, in the Staff Lounge commencing at 7.00pm. This will be followed by the March General Meeting, commencing at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there to support our students and their learning.

3. Free Triple P Parenting Program - The Caboolture Early Years Centre & Burpengary State School are excited to offer the opportunity for families to complete an accredited parenting program for free. This program aims to make parenting easier offering ideas & suggestions on positive parenting to help you enjoy parenthood and assist your child in their development. Triple P is for parents who are wanting parenting strategies to support children at home by establishing effective routines. The aim of the program is to provide parents with strategies they can try out at home between sessions with the guidance and support of a trained EYC facilitator. The program will run weekly in Term 2 for 8 weeks commencing Tuesday 23rd April at Burpengary State School. Sessions are from 9:30 – 10:45am. Registration will be through the Caboolture Early Years Centre (5428 1477). More details will be sent home to parents from Prep to Year 2 next week.

4. Our Fete Committee will require storage space in readiness for the big event in September this year, and they are asking for the support of any families who might have any large, water proof and vermin proof storage that could be used to store vital stall components in the months prior to the Fete. I am dedicating spaces at school, but they will fast run out! Please phone the Principal on 3491 0333 if you are able to help.

5. Year 7 Graduation Shirt payments and orders can be paid at the Uniform Shop on Monday and Thursday mornings, 8.30 to 9.30am. The shirt is on display in the front office on the notice board. 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.

6. P&C Fundraising News:

   Beach Party Disco on Friday 15 March from 5.30 to 7.30pm in the P&C Building (see separate flyer).
7. Library News:
Scholastic Book Club - The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school. Generally, twice a term during the school year we will send home brochures with a different selection of books offered. You'll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. It offers a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests. Keep a look out for Red Label Specials – Great books for $2. It is easy to order - Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer, and then return the order form to the school office with your payment details by Monday 18 March, 2013. Payments need to be made by credit card or cheque only. If paying by credit card, follow the instructions at the bottom of the order form. When ordering from several brochures and paying by credit card, it is fine to make one payment for the total amount. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however, there is never any obligation to order.

Prep Class Borrowing commences next week. Could you please ensure your child/ren have a waterproof bag to borrow with otherwise they will have to wrap their book in a plastic bag before placing into their library bag. Library bags can be purchased direct from Sequel P/L or from local stationery suppliers.

ROBOT and ZERO HERO are back again!! Have a look in both libraries to see if your class is on the list!!

Public Libraries - Did you know that with a public library card, you and your children can access many digital books, audio books as well as encyclopaedias and much more? Visit this website for more information: http://library.moretownbay.qld.gov.au/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/MBRCELIBRARY.

Incentive highlight of the week - Next week Year 4 students will receive a ‘Discover Your Library’ Bookmark. With this year level we focus on teaching students to become leaders of the Junior School Library as well as encouraging them to widen their reading experiences. Each bookmark will have 10 options which will be signed by library staff when completed. Once all options are signed, the bookmark will go into a monthly prize draw.

8. School Fete 2013:
Any persons interested in being a Stall Convenor for the Fete’s Trash and Treasure stalls, Book stalls, Plant stalls, Craft stalls and many more, please leave your name and contact details with the Office staff. Getting excited now!

9. School Garden Update:
This week has seen two new additions to the garden area. I am pleased to announce that Zoom Gardens, a major supplier to nurseries and garden centres, has come on board as a partner and sponsor for our garden. They are going to supply us with any seedlings and potted vegetables that are excess to their requirements. This will mean that we will have a constant supply of new stock and also reduce our financial burden on our very limited budget. The other addition has come through the demise of Yowies Garden Centre in Burpengary. It is a shame to see such a wonderful family run business go from our community. David from Yowies has been a great supporter of our school garden and when he knew that his shop was to close, he offered us any stock and equipment that was left. Over the last couple of days the groundsman and I have made several trips up to Yowies and returned with over 30 native trees, 8 propagation tables and a beautiful frog pond. This needs to be re-assembled. I am working on this now and hopefully it will be up and ready for stocking early next week. We have an avid frog breeder in Tom Isele in 2C and he has already selected a variety of eggs and tadpoles for our pond. We are also erecting shade sails over an area of the garden. This will be used for propagating and raising our seed stocks. All in all it has been a very positive week garden wise. Once it stops raining we will be able to get in and get the gardens back under our control.

10. There are application packs available from the Office for the two vacant positions of School Crossing Supervisor.

Tuckshop Roster:

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Parents please note Prep students may commence Tuckshop from this Monday 4 March.

Until next week,

B. Fox
A/Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Helping Hands is pleased to offer convenient and affordable before and after school care in partnership with Burpengary State School. We are located in the class room below Year 5. Our hours of operation are Before School care 6.30am – 8.45am - $14 per session and After School care 3.00pm-6.00pm - $18 per session, Vacation care 6.30am-6pm - $44 per day. As an approved service, families may be eligible for CCB and CCR rebates. For enquiries call the co-ordinator Julie Brown on 0458 010 433 or email burpengary@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.

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

Scrapbooking and card making class available for adults ($25) and children ($12). Bookings essential. Call Amity on 0419 380 133 or email stampinamity@gmail.com for more information.

Live well with Asthma Community Workshops – Kawana Library, 30 Nanyima Street, Buddina on Thursday 7 March from 10.30 to 11.30am; Terry White Chemist, Stafford City Shopping Centre on Wednesday 17 April from 10.30 to 11.30am. Asthma Friendly Pharmacy Program – Visit your local Terry White Asthma Pharmacist today to book a FREE asthma consultation, or book online at www.terrywhitechemists.com.au/asthma. For more information about the Asthma Friendly Pharmacy Program, contact 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462).

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