Dear Parents / Caregivers

Our school took part in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence today. We encourage students to behave responsibly and safely every day, but on this occasion we put the spotlight on our anti-bullying strategies by organising a special awareness-raising parade with student led activities and their peers showing support with orange adornments. The “Bullying. No Way!” website has information for parents and students of all ages about this National Day of Action and how we can all help to continue our supportive school environment free from bullying, harassment and violence. [http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/]

Mr Ken Collier (Assistant Regional Director, North Coast Region) informed our community at the last P&C meeting on Monday night that the investigation involving Deputy Principals Mr K. Ruhle and Mrs R. Borserini had concluded, and that the two Deputies have been transferred to other schools in the North Coast Region. He also reported that there was, as yet, no outcome into the investigation involving Mrs P. Passi. Our P&C appreciated the feedback from the department on these matters.

I have been speaking on parades this week about ANZAC Day which falls next term. There are two date claimers I would really like families to note: first, is the public holiday on ANZAC Day itself on Thursday April 25, where Burpengary State School marches in the morning at the Caboolture parade. As one of the bigger primary schools in the area, I am looking for a spirited observance of this National day of importance by our students attending in large numbers, and families lining the streets to cheer! It is a moving experience for children and adults alike. Second thing is, our school will observe ANZAC Day with a special full school (Prep to Year 7) parade on Friday, April 26, and parents are welcome to share this occasion with us.

It came to my attention that one of our students enrolling in Prep this year was the third generation in the family to attend Burpengary State School. In a school with 137 years of tradition like ours, there are probably several families in this category. Indeed, we may even have some families in fourth or fifth generations?? I am keen to speak with such families and invite you to phone the school on 3491 0333, and either speaking to me on the phone, or making an appointment at the office for a meeting. It is such wonderful living history.

As I have recently been reminding families to consider prioritising and finding the $25 voluntary contribution to the school in their family budget, I would like to make clear that this is a one-off annual flat rate payment. We have worked very hard as a leadership team to minimise the burden on family budgets, and I am certain you have seen evidence of this in the fees and charges. If you have not already done so, please try to have it paid to the school before Easter. We want the best school for our kids, and why not? 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 endorsed the 2013 Executive positions, and we congratulate: Mrs Lyn Roberts on another term of President; Mr Wayne Summersford on his first term as Vice-President; Mrs Fran Stocker on her continuation as Treasurer; and Mrs Jasmine Downie on her first term as Secretary.

Long-serving P&C Members, Mrs Beth Sullivan and Mrs Maree Neeland were voted in as Life-Members of the P&C at this meeting, in recognition of their devoted service over many years.
Parent Forum on Flexi Schools to be held from 7.00 – 8.00pm on Monday 25 March, followed by a Special P&C Meeting at 8.00pm.

The Craft Club is looking for a new Co-ordinator - if you have any interest, please let one of the P&C Executive know.

3. Thank you for being patient regarding our new website. I can now categorically report it is scheduled to go live on March 28! I know that you will see a completely new look, with more comprehensive information.

4. Year 7 Graduation Shirt must be ordered and paid for at the Uniform Shop no later than this Monday morning, 8.30 to 9.30am, on 18 March.

5. Library News:
   Housekeeping - Please be aware of your children’s class library borrowing day and remind them to have their book(s) with them on that day. We try very hard to have all children borrow with their class each week. Remember that P-3 students need a waterproof bag to borrow with or they will need to wrap the book in a plastic bag before placing into their library bag. Years 4-7 are still able to use a library bag if they wish or alternatively they need to carry their books home in their homework folder. Both these procedures minimize the risk of books being damaged on the way to and from school. Replacement costs are incurred for all lost or damaged books.

   Promotion of the Week - Walker books are currently running a promotion called, ‘Heroes of Reading’. They want to thank those that inspire children to read. To become involved and share their stories, parents, grandparents, students, teachers and anyone else who values reading can visit this website to thank their Hero, http://www.heroesofreading.com.au. There are lots of prizes to give away to participants so please encourage everyone you know to get involved. Years 5-7 check out the promotional poster in the Senior Library.

6. Fete News:
   We are looking for donations of books, DVD’s and board games. Please only donate items that are in good, clean condition as we will be selling these at the Fete. Please drop any donations into the School Office.

7. P&C Fundraising News:
   Beach Disco tonight for our students Prep to Year 7, 5.30 to 7.30pm in the P&C Building. Parents please note – children should be taken to the P&C Building and picked up from there promptly at 7.30pm. Children are supervised within the fenced area during the Disco. There are two entry points – one at Prep and one entry diagonally opposite near the Oval. Cost is $5 per student – chance to win 5 great lucky door prizes. Items available from the canteen are: slice of pizza - $1, cans of softdrink - $1.50, bottled water - $1, juice popper - $1, packet of chips - $1, bag of lollies/chocolate – 50c, glow bracelets – 50c. Dominos Pizza deliver at 5.45pm and 6.15pm. Hope to see you there.

Tuckshop Roster:

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Until next week,

B. Fox
A/Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Country Jam for Coen – Help raise funds for Coen who suffers from a rare disease Biliary Artesia and will eventually need a liver transplant. Hosted by Jamie Dunn and Agro, with musical performances by: We The Ghosts, The Rusty Nail Band, Paul Cowdery, Sista Burley, Seleen McAllister, Penny Rides Shotgun, Dane Sharp, Kiara Rodrigues, and The Peebo & Dagwood Clown Show. Sunday 7 April from 11.00am to 5.00pm at The Eatons Hill Hotel. Entry is $15 (children under 12 free). For further information visit Country Jam For Coen on Facebook.

Kate’s Place Hair & Beauty, 141 Pitt Road, Burpengary, open Monday to Thursday, Boys & Girls Primary – $13.

Phone 3898 5247, No Appointment Necessary.

For Violin lessons, phone Tameka on 0488 265 224.

For all your Stampin’ Up needs (scrapbooking, cardmaking, etc.), phone Gwen on 0407 767 402 - no party necessary.

Garage Sale – Saturday 16 March from 7.00am to 12.00pm at 229 High Road, Burpengary. Baby items, clothing, toys, breast pump, women’s clothing (size 14-16), old TV’s, Xbox (original) and miscellaneous camping goods.

Kids Culture – A health and well-being event for parents, parents-to-be and children of all ages. Saturday and Sunday 4 & 5 May at Peregian Beach College, 41 Old Emu Road, Sunshine Coast from 9.30am to 4.00pm. Entry is $5 or kids under 16 are FREE. For further details visit www.consciouslifefestival.com.au or email info@consciouslifefestival.com.

Mission Australia Referral for Active Intervention (RAI) have joined with Family Planning Qld and Moreton Bay Regional Council to deliver a suite of workshops to the community. The 2 hour workshops commence in March and run in the school holidays. For more information, please contact the RAI Service on 3204 8965.

Australia Zoo: Zoo Keeper for a Day Program. For 7-12 year olds, you’ll get to help feed animals and clean enclosures, and there are heaps of opportunities to get close to some of our amazing animals. Places are limited. Dates – 29 March to 14 April, from 9.00am to 2.00pm at Australia Zoo, cost is $85 which includes Zoo entry, Australia Zoo cap and water bottle, lunch and a wildlife photo. For further information or bookings phone 5436 2025, or visit www.australianzoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day.