Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2 we hope you enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday break and we look forward to a productive and busy term. We would like to offer a very special welcome to new families who have joined our school this term and we welcome you to the Burpengary School Community. Mr Fox is currently enjoying an extended break and will be returning to school from the beginning of week 6.

Thank you to the significant number of parents and carers who took advantage of our Parent, Teacher Partnership meetings just prior to the holidays. These meetings celebrate the essential connection between home and school when meeting the learning needs of all our students. I would also like to extend a special thank you to all the parents, carers and friends who attended our end of Term 1 Junior Easter Hat Parade. This wonderful event was a highlight for the students and they thoroughly enjoyed presenting their hats, songs and dances to such a vast audience. We would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Durston Family who donated the entire proceeds ($1264.00) from the Hot Cross Bun drive back to the Japanese Study Tour group. This is another example of the exceptional support our parents provide within the school community.

Data projectors have been successfully installed during the recent school holidays with all classrooms accessing this valuable learning tool. Students and teachers are now able to engage with a broad range of ICT based resources which complement the Australian Curriculum. This project was only possible through the significant support of our school P&C.

The new school website https://burpengass.eq.edu.au went live on 28 March. This is one of our important communication resources and we encourage parents to visit the site to access a broad range of information. Please bookmark this site to access the fullest and latest information relating to learning and events at Burpengary SS.

Term 2 is an extremely busy term including ANZAC Day commemorations, NAPLAN testing for student in years 3, 5 and 7, State Education Week and end of Semester 1 Reporting.

ANZAC Day commemorations will include school participation in the Caboolture ANZAC Day Parade and a full school parade Friday 26 April at 9am. The Caboolture ANZAC Day March commences at 9:30am Thursday 25 April. Students assemble outside the Caboolture War Veterans home at 9:00am in full school uniform including formal uniform for students in Years 5-7 and blue polo shirts only for students in Year 4. All students are to wear hats and bring a water bottle. Parents are to escort their children to the parade area and collect their children immediately after the conclusion of the march outside the Caboolture RSL. We encourage as many students as possible to attend to show our school support for all service men and women both past and present. A special guest, Mr Boucher, from the Deception Bay RSL will be attending our full school parade 9:00am, Friday 26 April. As this is a solemn occasion acknowledging a significant event in Australian History all students are to wear full school uniform including formal uniforms for students in Years 5 – 7 and blue polo shirts only for Year 4 students. We invite parents and carers to join us for this important event. Please arrive by 8.50am. For parents and carers of current serving armed forces, please let the school office know if you wish to attend our school ceremony prior to next Wednesday, so we can incorporate you into the organisation of our ceremony. For those students with a family connection to those that have served in war and wish to formally pay tribute following our school ANZAC ceremony, we would encourage you to notify your child’s teacher prior to this Wednesday. These students may bring a wreath or floral tribute to lay after the ceremony at our school ANZAC monument.

National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held on 14, 15 and 16 May for all students in Years 3, 5 and 7. Students across the nation will be assessed in the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. This assessment provides point in time data on students’ learning and is one element of a comprehensive school-based assessment process gathering data on students’ learning progress. Teachers within these year levels have been working steadily to prepare students for this assessment program providing them with the knowledge and skills to put their best effort forward on the day. Further information relating to the NAPLAN assessments can be accessed at www.naplan.edu.au and more organisational information will be provided closer to the assessment dates.

We would like to remind you of the intensive fundraising efforts of parents, carers and students for the Japanese Study Tour group. If you are able to support and donate, please come along to Bunnings Morayfield or Woolworths Narangba this weekend for a sausage sizzle and raffle.
Our Whole School Weekly Behaviour Focus for this week is: being a confident learner and always giving your best effort. We would ask that you continue to support our school in reminding your child of our focus to help each child at school to be the best that they can be. It is timely that we maintain the focus on quality learning at the start of our second term to build on the strong foundations for learning set last term in partnership between parents, carers, teachers and students.

Upcoming newsletters will include information relating to State Education Week and Semester 1 Reporting.

To Other News

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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 system 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 Life Education Van** arrives at school next week and Years 1, 2 and 4 will participate in a highly engaging program linked to the Health and Physical Education curriculum. Students will attend a session in the van with the Life Education Educator and receive a workbook for follow up lessons in the classroom. Payment for the program is now due. Please make payment to the payment window at the school office as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Please note that the Parent Information session on Tuesday 23 April has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

3. P&C April meeting will be held 7.00pm Monday 22nd April in the staff room. All parents welcome to attend.

4. Meeting agendas: Each monthly meeting is different and the content can depend on special guests, projects currently underway such as the fete, or special items raised on the night. In many instances, we find that the meeting runs close to the 9pm close time, and I am very conscious of not extending the meeting longer than this time. In an effort to curb long running meetings, I would like to implement an agenda based New Business section. Essentially, if anyone has an item that they would like to raise during the next meeting, can you please put this in an email to admin@burpengass.eq.edu.au or in writing at the Office, addressed to the P&C President, on the Friday prior to the P&C meeting? For this month, as the timeframe does not allow this to happen, can you please email me? I will make every endeavour to allocate time to each matter. For very full agendas, I will strictly police the time allocations. Lyn Roberts


6. Tuckshop News – Sandwiches are available toasted for an extra 30 cents.

**Tuckshop Roster:**

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Tutoring**

Experienced, registered primary teacher available to take one hour tutorials on Tuesday and Thursdays 4pm to 7pm. Venue my home Deception Bay. Tuition available from prep to year seven. I also hold a current blue card. Phone Ruth 32030424

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