Dear Parents / Caregivers

NAPLAN testing commences on Tuesday 14 May and continues through to 16 May 2013. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The purpose of NAPLAN is to provide point in time data Australia wide so State Systems can measure and monitor progress of students, schools can monitor progress of their students, and individual students have information about their personal progress. The purpose that we value here at Burpengary, however, is the capacity of NAPLAN to give us valuable and powerful insights on how students have progressed in their learning between test years, and the information we can gather about what students are learning well, and where we need to further support their continuous learning.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 14 May to 16 May. NAPLAN assesses the skills that students develop over time through the school curriculum, and provides additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing through the curriculum areas. An individual NAPLAN report will be sent home for every child later this year. Further information is available on the ACARA website (http://nap.edu.au).

It is essential all students involved in NAPLAN arrive before 8:45am on these days and a healthy breakfast and good night’s sleep will maximise children’s potential to perform at their best. We wish all our Year 3, 5 and 7 students the very best as they undertake this program!!

Teachers are currently finalising students’ assessment work in preparation for Semester 1 reporting. All students from Years Prep-7 will receive a formal report. Achievement Ratings will be reported for students for the Australian Curriculum (English, Mathematics, Science, History). The reports will indicate a child’s typical level of achievement on work completed during Semester 1. At the end of the year, students’ completed folios of work in these four areas will be measured against the year level achievement standard to determine their final level of achievement. The achievement standards can be viewed at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au. The remaining Key Learning Areas (SOSE, HPE, Music, LOTE and Technology) will continue to be reported on against the Queensland Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Framework.

It is very important we have valid and accurate school and individual student data. I seek parents’ support in having the children in full attendance and readiness for participation in all school work and assessment, including the NAPLAN tests.

Last week five of our students represented the school at the Junior Boys Rugby League District Carnival. Congratulations to Rhiley(4A), Liam (4E), Luke (5A), Shaun (5A) and Pelite (5B) for their exceptional sporting skills and sportsmanship when at school to be the best that they can be.

Please Note: There will be NO Parade next week on Tuesday and Wednesday due to NAPLAN testing.

To other news …

1. Payments
Parents are reminded all payments are to be made directly to the Office via the payment window at the front of the school where payments can be received immediately. This process avoids children being responsible for large sums of money or payments being lost. Payment envelopes are not to be given to the class teacher.

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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. Please keep in mind that we do not carry change for large sums of money.

2. 2014 Prep Enrolments:
Parents wishing to enrol their Prep age child for 2014 are invited to contact the school office. Enrolment interviews will commence in Term 3. Copies of your child’s birth and immunisation certificates will be required at enrolment interviews.
3. On occasion children require **borrowed uniforms** from school. Parents are to ensure these uniforms are cleaned and returned as soon as possible as the school supplies are getting low. If your child may require a change of clothes during the day parents are to pack a spare set of clothing in their child’s bag.

4. **P&C News:**

   The P&C are still seeking a **Craft Group Co-coordinator**. If interested please contact Sue Slorach on 3888 2124.

   **Meeting agendas:** Each monthly meeting is different and the content can depend on special guests, projects currently underway such as the fetes, or special items raised on the night. In many instances, we find that the meeting runs close to the 9.00pm 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. Please include your contact name and phone number, the item you want raised, a brief sentence of its purpose, priority (high, medium low impact), and an estimate of time required in meeting (e.g. 5 mins). In all cases, I will make every endeavour to allocate time to each matter. For very full agendas, I will strictly police the time allocations.

   **Lyn Roberts**

   **P&C April meeting** will be held 7.00pm Monday 13th May in the staff room. All parents welcome to attend.

   **Mother's Day Stall** – A big thank you to Mrs Grzesiczak for organising the gifts for the stall, and to Mrs Mildwaters and all the parents who assisted on the stall this week as shopkeepers. Thank you to all students and families for their support of this activity, it was a tremendous success as always – HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY.

   **Invitation** to close friends of Robyn Barr, a long serving volunteer parent, to contact Lyn Roberts (P&C President) 0408893931 or Marie Wright (Chaplain) 3491 0333 if you wish to participate in a living memorial.

5. **TEMP PART-TIME CLEANER - BURPENGARY STATE SCHOOL**

   A position is available for a temporary part-time cleaner for 15hrs per week. A position description is available from the school administration office. Applications close on Monday 13th May 2013. For further information please phone the Business Services Manager on 3491 0333.

6. We are currently seeking **host families** for approximately 20 students aged 10 – 15yrs travelling to Australia from West Japan in July 2013. If your family is interested in taking part in this enriching cultural exchange please contact the school office.

7. **Library News:**

   **Family Reading Month** - Our libraries support this nationwide incentive to get us all to read more and make it a family ritual that not only brings families together but fosters in our children a lifelong habit of reading for knowledge and pleasure. We’d love to hear how you go so please have your children share their wonderful experiences with us for a draw in our Family Reading Month Competition. The lucky winning family will receive a picture book to call their own.

   Have a look at these websites for inspiration.


   **Overdues** - Please remember that once your child gets to a 3rd Overdue Notice, we will send home that notice by mail. By the time this happens, your child would have received many reminders by their teacher and library staff. There are currently a large number of 3rd Notice overdues. Please impress on your children that once they receive their 1st overdue notice the book(s) **must be returned immediately**.

8. G’day from the Kitchen Garden, Another great week in the garden and kitchen! The weather has been kind to us, we have built more gardens and planted shellling peas, snow peas, red mustard and taro. The frog pond has been a place of activity over the last few weeks. Our many tadpoles are in the final stages of turning into “Wallum Sedgefrogs”. These 25mm to 30mm long frogs are shade of brown with a dark stripe along the sides of their heads and bodies. They are native to this area, their habitat is the coastal lowlands from Fraser Island down to the Gold Coast. If you have a couple of minutes to spare, call in and see these fascinating little creatures. In the kitchen, classes have continued to make their oaty pancakes and the two different sauces to pour over the top. These have been very popular with the children, many have taken the recipe home with them. It’s only a couple of days left until the Kitchen Garden Parent Introductory day. If you want to see what goes on in the Kitchen and the Garden, come along for the morning. Find out about the facilities and opportunities for you to be a volunteer in this important program that runs at the school. **Register now at the office as places are limited.**

   **Ross Tattersall**

   **Tuckshop Roster:**

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   **New items to try at the Tuckshop – Go Green with Giovannis brand lasagne - $4.25, chicken curry & rice (gluten free) - $4.25, Vaalia low fat yoghurt tub - $1.70.**

   Until next week,

   **L. ODORICO**

   **A/Principal**

   **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

   **For Sale:** Toyota Camry 2000 Model, 6cyl, VGC - $3,500.00 ONO. Phone JANICE on 0427 971 917.

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