Dear Parents / Caregivers

Congratulations to all our year 3, 5 and 7 students for focus and commitment during NAPLAN testing this week. There was a strong sense of relief and satisfaction at the completion of the assessment program and as a school we look forward to reviewing our overall strengths and focus areas for future improvement. NAPLAN data forms one aspect of a breadth of data used to monitor progress at whole of school, student cohort and individual student levels. Our focus now shifts to end of semester assessment data for all students.

One of the essential elements for student success is regular school attendance. As outlined in our previous newsletters research has identified a direct link between regular high levels of attendance and academic performance. At times children can be difficult to get to school. If this is the case establishing a set routine can help: have a set bed time, have uniforms and school bag ready the night before, have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast, set a time for daily homework activities and importantly speak about school positively. If you continue to have difficulty getting your child to school please contact the office for additional advice and support.

Volunteers enrich many aspects of our school community including class support, assistance within the Kitchen Garden Program and Tuckshop to name just a select few areas. This support is invaluable and makes an enormous difference to the range and quality of experiences for all our students. Please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher if you have some spare time each week. Our volunteer workforce is also supplemented by people completing their Certificate 3 in Teacher Aide training which requires mandated unpaid hours within a school site.

We welcome Mr Fox back from leave next week and trust he has enjoyed his extended break.

Our Whole School Weekly Behaviour Focus for this week is Respecting Property: Personal property, the property of Other’s and School Property. 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.

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 receipted 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. Children whose birthdate is between 1/07/2008 and 30/06/2009 are eligible to enrol in Prep in 2014. Prep is recognised as the first formal year of schooling and establishes essential foundations for future learning success. Enrolment interviews will commence in Term 3. Copies of your child’s birth and immunisation certificates will be required at enrolment interviews.

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.
3. **P&C News:**

   Exciting news for Burpengary State School P&C online ordering. The Flexi schools system allows parents to pre-order online tuck-shop meals, Fete wristbands, disco entry tickets and school concert tickets and much more. Payment can be made via credit card, BPay or direct deposit. All that is required to access the online ordering system is a PC with internet connection or your Smartphone.

**Stage One:** School Fete - We will be selling wristbands for the rides for $25.00 per child. Firstly register your child’s details including name and class at [www.flexischool.com.au](http://www.flexischool.com.au). Secondly purchase your fete wristband online.

**Stage two:** Tuckshop - The tuckshop will be going online within the next 4 weeks. More details will be provided in the near future.

Flexischools also offer a free dedicated helpline for parents from 8am to 5pm and takes enquiries via email. All orders are tracked by the customer service team, so if any problems arise, the customer service staff contacts the school or parents to assist with a prompt solution. Phone: 1300 361 769 and email: help@flexischools.com.au

On a sad and personal note, I want to acknowledge the wonderful contributions made by Robyn to our school community. Robyn spent many hours with the RE program, P&C, School Council, After school community sports, and working with students at all year levels. Her contributions have been inspirational. Parents and students (with attending parent) wishing to leave a video message for Taylor are invited to attend a recording session with Maree Wright and Lyn Roberts. This will be held Tuesday 21 May at 3.00pm at the Expo building. Lyn Roberts (P&C President)

Next Thursday 23 May our School will be participating in *Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea*. This event holds particular significance for our school community this year. A special double chocolate chip muffin will be available for purchase at the Tuckshop from 8.30am at a cost of $1. This will be the only muffin available on this day. Muffins can be ordered in lunch bags as usual. All proceeds will be forwarded to the Cancer Council.

Members of the Narangba Valley State High School invite you and your family to attend the **Year 7 into 8 Faculty Showcase & Information Evening** on **Tuesday, 28th May 2013** - Faculty Showcase from 4.30pm to 5.30pm with guided tours at 4.30pm, 4.45pm and 5.00pm. Formal Presentation from 5.45pm to 6.30pm at The PALACE, Narangba Valley State High School, Harris Ave, Narangba.

The Year 7 into 8 Faculty Showcase and Information Evening will provide prospective parents/guardians and students for the 2013 school year with details of their curriculum and pathways into senior schooling, including Accelerated and Academy Programs, Students Support Programs and an insight into their whole-school values ethos. The Faculty Showcase allows parents and students to tour the school at their leisure or to join a guided tour by the School Prefects. Displays will include their outstanding facilities, programs and student work. There will also be the opportunity to meet members of the Narangba Valley State High School staff for further information please contact John Podesta on 3385 4580.

4. **Library News:**

   **Junior Library Mother’s Day Class** Competition - Congratulations to P1, 1E, 2E, 3E and 4A who gave the best answers to our question; ‘What is the most creative thing you can do for your mother on Mother’s Day?’

   Each class received a picture book from us to keep in their room for all to read and then be sent home with a child as part of the usual classroom reward program. Each class also received a bookmark. Thank you to all the classes that participated.

   We are once again participating in this year’s NSS. All over Australia schools are encouraged to read this year’s book, “The Wrong Book” by Nick Bland at 11am. We will have readings of the book at both breaks in the Junior Library and well as other activities during the week. Look for the display where we will also promote Nick Bland’s other books.

   Don’t forget to have your children share their Family Month reading 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.

5. **Tuckshop Roster:**

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6. **Commuter Notices**

   Caboolture RSPCA Million Paws Walk on Sunday 19th May at Centenary Lakes, Morayfield Road, Caboolture from 8.30am to 12.00pm. Walks commence from 10am - 1km, 2km or 5km. Registration costs can be found online. We are encouraging pre-registrations online at [www.millionpawswalk.com.au](http://www.millionpawswalk.com.au). We will have competitions for Best Dressed Dog, Best Dressed Dog Owner and Best Dog Trick with trophies provided by Action Trophies, judged and presented by Wyatt Roy and Darren Grimwade. There are also 200 free dogs and free engraving on the day for the first 200 to register. There will be Aussie Pooch dog washes, Pet photography, Chex the dog mascot, BBQ, fairy floss, popcorn, face painting, a small number of market stalls and the local 101.5fm radio station.

GET INTO TABLE TENNIS! The *Moreton Bay Table Tennis Club* is holding a FREE Come and Try day, 4:00-6:00pm, Friday 10 May at Shafieldsbury Campus Sports Hall, Cnr Deception Bay Road & Bruce Highway. This leads into the ‘Totally Table Tennis’ program which is a six week introductory program to the fun, safe and friendly sport of Table Tennis covering the basic strokes and the rules of the game. For more information please contact jason@tabletennisqld.org or visit [www.tabletennisqld.org](http://www.tabletennisqld.org/fun).