Dear Parents / Caregivers

It is great to be back at school after my leave! The fact that my return on Monday morning was just like any other Monday after any other weekend is testimony to the excellent work of the leadership team, staff and students in staying focussed on their business of learning. We truly have a committed and utterly professional team here at Burpengary, and I trust that you appreciate them as much as I do!

Thank you to Mrs Odorico for her expert leadership, the executive team and teachers who stepped up and took on acting roles, and to every staff member, parent and student who went on with business as usual.

Congratulations to Jack who earned a place in the Queensland Youth Orchestra this year. The orchestra will be going on tour to Hervey Bay during the last two days of this term. Well done on an outstanding achievement, Jack!

In the interests of keeping health and safety at the forefront of our behaviour in and around school, I ask parents to consider these important things:

   **How Does It Work?**
   Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and click “Register Now” in the Login Box. Then enter your student’s name, school and class, and add funds (say $50) into a pre-paid account. You can log into the website at any time to place orders, up until 8.45am. As purchases are made, the funds are taken from your pre-paid account. The account can be topped up again in the same way, or set to automatically top-up via credit card when the balance falls below a pre-set minimum. Each order is sent automatically to the kitchen, where an easy-to-read label is produced with the student’s name, class and order details. At lunch time, students can simply pick up their order without the need for cash.
   **Stage two – Tuckshop**
   The Tuckshop will be online from the 27 May 2013 so you can start to place your orders to be the first one to order. Flexischools also offer a free dedicated helpline for parents and schools which are open 8am to 5pm and can also take enquiries via email. All orders are tracked by the customer service team, and if any problems arise, the customer service staff contacts the school or parents and promptly fixes the situation.

   Phone:1300 361 769 Email: help@flexischools.com.au

2. 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.
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 the 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.

3. Our Annual Track and Field Carnival is scheduled in three and a half week’s time on June 18, and the format will be different to 2012 with all Years 4-7 going to Zammit Oval. Our Year 3’s will have their sports day here at school on another day. Prep to Year 3 will have a separate carnival at school on another date, based on the same format as last year, during Term 3.

4. 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.

5. Teachers are very busy working on class work and assessment items, in readiness for completing Semester 1 Report Cards later in the term. Report cards for Years PREP-7 will be issued on the Wednesday afternoon of June 19.

6. P&C News:
The P&C is looking for a new Secretary as of May, 2013. Please contact Mrs Lyn Roberts, P&C President, through the school office if you are interested.

Thank you to the school community for supporting our fundraising for the Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday. We raised over $450 for the Cancer Council.

7. A Message from the Student Council:
Sports Day is coming up on Friday 7th June. So let’s show our support for our houses by purchasing a coloured wristband. Another exciting sporting event for the year is the upcoming State of Origin on Wednesday 5th June. Blue and maroon wristbands will also be on sale. Please remember that these wristbands are only to be worn on the day of the State of Origin matches. This will also be a good opportunity for us to show our support for our own State of Origin superstar, Miss Heathwood, who will be representing the Queenslanders in Austag later this year. All bands will be on sale from Tuesday next week in the tuckshop area before school and during both lunch breaks. The cost will be $1.50 per wristband.

8. Library News:
The Wrong Book was so right on Wednesday!! Thanks to all the staff and students who helped make this a fun filled shared reading day. The ‘app’ was terrific fun and showed how interactive technology can enhance the enjoyment of a hard copy story!

Junior School - Children without waterproof bags must have a plastic bag inside their library bag to protect it to and from school. We have had a number of books returned wet this term. Please remind your children to keep the library bag away from drink bottles.

Cyber Security Awareness Week – 20 to 24th May - Have a look at the following website for some smart tips: http://www.esmart.org.au/project13/Documents/Project%2013_Tip%202Sheet%203_Parents%20v.3.1.pdf

Scholastic Book Club - The current brochures have been given to students during the week. Keep a look out for Red Label Specials – Great books for $2. We regret that we are unable to accept cash payments for Book Club orders. 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. Orders are due in no later than 9am on Friday 31 May, 2013.

Tuckshop Roster:

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Until next week,

B. Fox
A/Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Local residents invited to have their say online: The local community can now have its say on shaping the long-term future of the state through The Queensland Plan website. Member for Morayfield, Darren Grimwade said the six questions reflected a consensus view of the delegates who attended the Mackay summit.

The six questions the community is asked to answer are:

- In the context of living in the community, how do we move our focus from me to we?
- How do we create and foster an education culture that teaches skills and values to meet global challenges and optimise regional strengths?
- How do we empower and educate individuals, communities and institutions to embrace responsibility for an active and healthy lifestyle?
- How do we structure our economy to ensure our children inherit a resilient future?
- How do we strengthen our economic future and achieve sustainable landscapes?
- How do we attract and retain the brightest minds and ideas where they are most needed and capitalise on global opportunities?

To provide your answers or to find out more about how you can get involved in The Queensland Plan, visit www.qld.gov.au/queenslandplan.

Darren Grimwade MP, State Member for Morayfield