Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

I want to take this opportunity to again flag the Cyber-safety talks we are conducting at Burpengary State School on Wednesday, June 19. This is must-do for parents - Mr Brett Lee is a renowned leader of cyber-safety education, and he will conduct workshops with students throughout the day, followed by a teacher workshop in the afternoon, and concluding with a parent workshop in the Senior Library that evening, commencing at 7.00pm. All families are encouraged to come and listen to his valuable messages to ensure that the internet and social media available to children in this day and age are safe and positive experiences.

We are finalising a number of staff changes for Semester 2 during the next week. There are a few operational changes necessary to accommodate retirements and teachers returning from leave, and I will publish them in next week’s newsletter after finalising a few details over the next few days.

Thank you for the huge response to the request for host families for our West Japan Study Tour Group. We now only need one more family for a homestay!!! The community support in this school is just amazing….thank you!!

Due to the public holiday falling on our second Monday of the month, the June P&C Meeting is on Monday, June 17, commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Lounge. An important agenda item that will be discussed is the Chaplaincy program and plans for continued funding of the program throughout 2014. I hope to see you there.

I have downloaded the free QSchools app on to my phone and it is a wonderful way to quickly access the latest newsletter and news posts from our school website. It is quick and easy to load, and brings the latest news items right to your smart phone!! The details are below.

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.

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

2. Reminder: This Monday 10 June is a Public Holiday. School resumes on Tuesday 11 June.

3. The June P&C Meeting is on Monday, June 17, commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Lounge. This is due to the public holiday falling on the second Monday when P&C is usually scheduled. The Parent-Admin chat is on Wednesday, June 19, from 2.00pm to 2.45pm, also in the Staff Lounge.
4. Our school hosts the West Japan International Study Tour group from July 25 to 31, 2013. We now need only one more homestay family to host our international visitors for the time that they are here. Please phone the office staff on 3491 0333 if you can help.

5. Don’t forget the Australian Scholarships Group National Teacher Awards for Inspirational Educators - they provide an opportunity for parents and students to say a special “thank you” to inspirational teachers. All the information you need can be found and downloaded from the NEITA website www.neita.com.au.

6. The QSchools app is available for parents to download FREE via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play. Once you have added our school as a favourite, the app will display school location, contact information, news, calendar events and newsletters. This information will feed directly from our website, so that when content is updated and published to our website, the app will also be automatically updated. You can also add other state schools as favourites. For information go to (http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/apps/education/qschools.html). To assist you we have added a quicklink on our school’s homepage to the DETE website.

7. Report cards for Years PREP-7 will be issued on the Wednesday afternoon of June 19.

8. Fete News:
This week we would like to once again thank our sponsors for our upcoming School Fete on the 7th of September this year. We are getting closer and also getting very excited. Here is a list of our local sponsors, please support our local businesses. 20/20 Eyewear, Burpengary/ Terry white Chemist, Burpengary/ Beyond Treatments, Burpengary/ Councillor Peter Flannery, Caboolture/ Shaun's Tavern, Burpengary/ Go Electrical, Morayfield/ NSR Security

We are also hoping to provide a variety of tasty morsels for the fete, so if any of you or your family or friends are in the food business we would love to hear from you.

Every armband that is presold on our new flexi school web site will go into a draw to win two FREE upgrades to a “Golden Armband”. You will be able to jump the queue and always be first in line. With a fantastic prize up for grabs, get in early.....Until next week.....

9. From the Kitchen garden:
Down in the year 3 classrooms we have a veritable produce store in the making. All the classrooms have a variety of herbs and vegetables growing. Thank you to those parents who have donated plants to their children's gardens. It is much appreciated.

In the main vegetable garden, year 7D have started to build their vertical garden. The pole frames have been concreted in and support poles have been bolted on. They are now in the process of creating the plant holders that will cover the entire face of the wall.

A group of children have also started to create the garden that will be on display at the Ekka. The children in year 6 and 7 have submitted some very good proposals and justifications as to why they should be selected to work on this project. The names of those children chosen to participate in this project will be announced early next week. Thank you to all those children who applied for these positions.

Next week the children are cooking baked mushroom in the kitchen. They have made “Eggcellent Omelettes this week and have done an excellent job.

All year 4 and 5 classes now have a “Volunteer Roster” for term 3 in the classrooms. If you would like to put your name down for some of these kitchen or garden sessions, please talk to your child’s teacher or see me in the kitchen or garden. Until next time, have a safe week. Ross Tattersall

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Until next week,

B. Fox
A/Principal

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