Dear Parents / Caregivers

On Tuesday night we welcomed families to our **Prep Parent Information Night** in the Senior Library. It was good to see so much enthusiasm in the room from both the parents and teaching staff alike, and shows great signs for building those **quality partnerships** that assist children to learn really well.

On Wednesday, it was the **2013 Volunteer Afternoon Tea**. The 80 volunteer helpers who were able to attend were served afternoon tea by our student leaders, which was food predominantly made by the **Year 4 and 5 children themselves in the Kitchen/Garden Program**. The **Strings Ensemble** created a beautiful ambience for the occasion. I thank Ross Tattersall, Denis Houlihan and Michelle Jones for their work in setting up such a great afternoon tea, and Paula Connolly and her hardworking team of Angela Orupold, Amanda Carr, Karen O’Brien, Donna Lamprell and Aimee Kay for processing the two hundred plus invitations, responses and gifts. This all added up to something special about the occasion for me.

Applications for student leadership positions in 2014 closed today, and it was a thrill to see so many students in **both Years 5 and 6** submitting their folios for selection (remember that **both the Year 6 and Year 7 students graduate and commence high school at the end of next year**). The process continues with voting and interviews, with the 2014 school leaders announced at this year’s Graduation Ceremony.

Students submitted **designs for the 2014 Graduation Shirts** which also closed today. The designs will be evaluated, and in collaboration with other students and the school, and the final designs (one for Year 6, and one for Year 7) will be selected and made up for sale early in 2014.

Monday, November 11 is a special **Remembrance Day Parade** for the whole school, **Prep to Year 7**. Families please ensure that our **Year 5-7 students** show leadership and are respectful of this important observance by wearing their **formal uniform on Monday**. Prep to Year 4 students wear their full school uniform as usual. Parents are welcome to share this parade with us on Monday, and we ask that you are seated early by 9.50am, and young pre-school children are not active or noisy during this solemn occasion.

**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. **Thank you to those many families who have returned the application form to join our official Facebook page.** To join up and gain access to the page is a **two-step** process: **First**, go to [http://www.facebook.com/groups/burpengarystateschool/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/burpengarystateschool/) and **request to join. Second**, obtain the application form that is available at the office, or on our website. **Read** and **sign** this application form and **return it to the school office**. You will need to state your bona fide direct connection to the school, and sign to say that you understand and will follow the agreed protocol. **Once you have requested electronically to join the page, and our administrator is in receipt of this signed application, access will be granted within two working days. Those people who have already returned the application form but have not electronically visited the site to join** (and I suspect there are plenty!!), **simply visit the Facebook page on the link above and request to join**.

3. **On Tuesday 19 November 2013, the P&C are having a special Subway Fundraiser** where children can purchase a **Six-inch Sub and a Popper** at first break for **only $6.00**. **Money and order forms will need to be returned to school by the 11 November 2013.** Subways cannot accept orders after this date.

4. **Library News:**

   **Year 3 and 4 Awards for October** - Congratulations to Charli for winning our **Enjoy Your Library Bookmark Draw** and Matilda for winning our **Reading Hits the Spot Bookmark Draw**. They have each chosen a book prize.
Bob Graham is an Australian award winning children's Picture Book author. He came to this profession late but has written and illustrated over 40 picture books. Here is a quote from him about his work: “I love to read about people and animals in places that I have never been. I like to read about someone and imagine just what it might be like to be them. Sometimes, if the story is good enough and well written, I can imagine what it might be like to be living somewhere else or even be someone else…..I especially like doing the pictures, because they make up a big part of my stories. I have drawn pictures from as far back as I can remember, at least since I was a little kid.” To see the full interview visit: http://eyes.org.au/newsletters/information/ and if you want to see a list of his books visit: http://trevorcarney.blogspot.com.au/2008/06/author-focus-bob-graham.html
Students can find his books in our library at JF GRA.

New Displays are up!! - No, we won’t mention what type of displays in case you are trying to avoid the onslaught of how many days until…..BUT we’d love you and your children to come in and have a look at what we have created!

5. Each week our school identifies a particular whole school student behaviour focus. The strategies that students need to use are shared on parades and discussed in classes. These are based on our Burpengary State School Student Behaviour Expectations. Gotchas are given to students each week when they are identified as demonstrating positive behaviours including our focus behaviour. Gotchas are then drawn each week on parade for lucky draw prizes. For this week, our focus will be: As a Confident Learner, I show commitment in learning. I always give my best effort. We ask that you remind your children of our school rules and support the school in continuing to provide a safe and supportive school environment for students to learn at their best.

Tuckshop Roster:
November Meal Deal - $4.50 includes choice of cheeseburger or Hawaiian pizza, choice of small juice popper or bottle of water, and a frozen juice tube ice block. Available next week Monday to Thursday through Flexischools ONLY.

Wednesday, Thursday and particularly Friday are bigger days in the tuckshop – we need more helpers, please!

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Until next week

Brad Fox
A/Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MOVING! Monster Garage Sale this Friday (08/11/13), 7.00am to 6.00pm and Saturday (09/11/13), 7.00am to 12 noon at 194 Pitt Road, Burpengary. We have tools, electrical, gardening, all household items, and lots more. Something for everyone.

4 pack of Louisiana Red Velvet Cupcakes with Christmas theme toppers, make great teacher gifts - $10. See MRCcreations Cakes on Facebook.

Burbpengary Library is excited to be running a number of free activities and competitions over the upcoming Christmas holidays. The Summer Reading Club is about to kick off for the school holidays and we would love to get the word out before the holiday break. These are the free activities we are running for 6-12 year olds (Bookings essential):
- Summer Reading Club Launch featuring Sienna Singleton Singlet story and songs show – 16 Dec 10-11
- At the Movies: Legend of the Guardians - Tuesday 17 Dec, 2pm
- Live Science Show – Tuesday 7 Jan, 10am – 11am
- At the Movies: Happy Feet – Tuesday 14 Jan, 2pm
- Monsters and Magical Mayhem - Wednesday 15 Jan, 2.30pm – 4pm
- Summer Reading Club party – 16 Jan, 2pm – 3pm
- Crafty fun workshop – 20 Jan, 10am- 11am

We are also currently running the Donate a Book Appeal in the hope to make a difference to children’s lives. We would love to see your students being involved in this appeal. All they need to do is donate new books to the library, which will then be handed out by the Smith Family to under privileged children at Christmas. All books need to be handed in by 6 December. Handover of books to The Smith Family will be on 11 December at 10.00am. You are also invited to attend a short ceremony at which the books and funds collected during the Donate a Book Appeal will be presented to the Smith Family. Morning Tea will be provided.

North Lakes Blue Light Disco, Friday 15 November from 7.00 – 10.00pm for 8 to 16 year olds at SK8MANIA, 3 Flinders Parade, North Lakes. $10 entry, latest music and clips, prizes to be won, Police supervision. For further information phone 3293 0166.