Dear Parents / Caregivers

Education Queensland recently advertised the position of Principal at Burpengary State School commencing in 2014. I have informed the School Council, Staff and P&C that I will apply for the position. The process is that all candidates in the pool approved for capability at Principal SLS Level are eligible to apply for the position. An Education Queensland panel liaises with Senior Regional Officers, and through School Council and P&C representatives, in order to select the candidate from that pool who best fits the school profile. The new Principal will be announced in December during the last week of school, so that the Burpengary community will have certainty of who their Principal is for the start of 2014.

Monday was a very special Remembrance Day Parade inclusive of our whole school, Prep to Year 7. I thank families for ensuring that Senior students were in full formal uniform on a day where it is not regularly worn. The respect that this showed, along with the sense of occasion the students brought to the observance, were noted in the praise given by our special guests, including our local Morayfield MP Mr Darren Grimwade. Ms Louise Laurenson from MSRC, and three ex-servicemen in Mr Peter Flannery, Councillor Division 2, and grandparents of Burpengary children, Mr Peter Munson and Mr John Foxwell. Special mention goes to Nick for playing the very difficult Last Post and Reveille in such a poignant and emotional way during the ceremony – you showed talent way beyond your years!

Twenty-three Year 5 and Twenty-two Year 6 student applications were received for student leadership positions in 2014. The selection process continues over the next few weeks, with voting and speeches as candidates keep moving through the process, and culminates with our successful 2014 Student Leaders announced at our Graduation Ceremony on December 11.

I remind families that every single day is an important day for learning at school. Currently, it is a heavy assessment schedule to finalise work for assessment and end of year reporting, and it is vital that students do not miss assessment pieces. However, I also want to stress that afterwards students are still in the last few weeks of their C2C Curriculum cycles, and while the work will not contribute to this year’s assessment and results, it is essential core work for study in the next year level in 2014. Times have changed immensely and while we still have exams, they are now the C2C Curriculum cycles as opposed to the C2B. Students need to keep rigorously stepping through the learning sequences to keep up and be successful. Citizenship Awards for those students with good attendance records (above 95%) will be acknowledged with a Gold Principal’s Award at the Special Parades at the end of the year.

In closing today, I encourage parents and carers to keep signing up on our new Facebook Page (see details below). I can see great potential in it as a communication method that keeps the community connected to our school.

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 payment receipts can be collected 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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Efpos 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 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/ 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. This Tuesday 19 November is Subway day where those children who placed orders by 11 November will enjoy their six-inch Sub and Popper at first break! The P&C appreciates your support of this fundraising event.

4. 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:
Week 6: As a Confident Learner, I am optimistic, socialise well with others and enjoy being at school

Week 7: As a Responsible Learner, I am conscientious and hardworking

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.

5. Library News:

This week was the last class borrowing session in the libraries but students can borrow in their own time up until next Tuesday November 19.

Picture Book Month News - Margaret Wild is another Australian award winning children’s Picture Book author. Margaret grew up in South Africa and came to Australia in the early 1970s. She has written many books that we have in our libraries. Here is her response to a question about picture books. To see the full interview visit [http://www.kids-bookreview.com/2011/04/interview-margaret-wild.html](http://www.kids-book-review.com/2011/04/interview-margaret-wild.html). Which three components make a great picture book? I think you need more than three: Afresh idea (or an original slant on an old idea), appealing characters, a good little story which moves along, a satisfying resolution, and, of course, the best words teamed up with the best pictures. Because a picture book is only thirty-two pages, there is no room for sub-plots or too many characters. I think you need one strong idea – it’s like the backbone of the story. Students can find his books in our library at JF WIL, JPF WIL and PF WIL.


On Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd November saw our 2 Burpengary SS Touch Teams compete at the annual Queensland Primary All Schools Touch Championships at Redlands. 2013 is this championships biggest year with over 140 teams from around Queensland competing in Boys, Girls and Mixed divisions. Our school took part in the mixed division which alone saw 44 teams competing. Day 1 saw Team 1 with 2 wins and a draw which in turn left them sitting on top of their pool table and through to the top 16 Championship Finals on Sunday. Team 2 although not successful on the scoreboard showed us the value of match practice with huge improvements in each game they played. Team 2 went through to compete in the Plate Finals series on Sunday.

Day 2 – Finals Day. A return on Sunday saw our 2 teams competing in their respective finals series and both teams started off with wins. Team 1 went to the quarter finals and played out a 3 all draw at full time. Unfortunately however in the drop off they went down 4-3. This however left us placed in 6th overall out of Queensland. This is the best ever result for a Burpengary SS Touch Team. Team 2 won their quarter final quite convincingly which saw them progress to the semi-finals. This again was a tough game and unfortunately our team went down 6-4. This left us in 31st position which is an excellent achievement and to top it off the team produced some of their best moves in this games and finally they managed to do a “Cruiser Play” and score!!!!!!

This year also saw an invitational team from Victoria play. We were fortunate enough to have three students from our team play in the invitational Queensland side. Congratulations to Joshua, Tahnee and Grace. Congratulations to all students involved. Your dedication and commitment to such a task was overwhelming. Also both Mr Ralph Isele and myself would like to thank the parents for giving up their weekend to allow their children this excellent opportunity.

7. Food Bank Campaign 2013:

Bunpgary State School has joined the 2013-14 Foodbank campaign that aims to raise 30 tonnes of food and personal items for Queensland’s most needy this Christmas. We are asking families to donate non-perishable groceries such as pasta, tinned or bottled food and rice. To help the needy enjoy the Christmas season you may also like to donate non-perishable Christmas items such as crackers, chocolates or fruitcakes. Please deliver any donations to your class teacher.

8. Tuckshop News:

Parents please note the Tuckshop is still open for business next Tuesday (Subway Day).

Date Claimer – Wednesday 27 November, special double chocolate chip muffin - $1 each. All proceeds for Movember charity.

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

We would love to have the Burpengary community come to visit us at this event. We have also set up an event on Facebook if people wish to confirm their attendance. The link is [https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/1381198672105795/?ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular](https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/1381198672105795/?ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular). This year we are holding a Lucky Door prize and Best Hat - of a Mini Ipad and an Ipod which will be donated by one of our wonderful sponsors. Activities will include a jumping castle, lolly giveaways, Santa Visit, Face Painting, and Carolling. Glo Sticks, Candles and Lions Christmas Cakes will be for sale on the night too. Food including Pizza, Burgers, Ice Cream, Drinks will be available.

Kangaroo Bus Lines would like to advise that students who currently have a bus pass will need to collect a new 2014 pass to be able to travel on our school services. Passes can be collected from our office at 2 Motorway Drive, Burpengary, from Monday 6th January 2014. Bus passes will not be available for collection from the bus drivers of our school services. Should you require further information, please contact our office between the hours 8.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday on 1300 287 525.

Garage Sale this Saturday 16th November at 25 & 27 Forest Road, Burpengary. Wooden Cubby House, large metal fort/swing set, boat, furniture, clothes from $1, toys, dance costumes, fish tanks and lots more, from 7.00am – 1.00pm.

Garage Sale (moving house) at 63 Rossini Street, Burpengary on Saturday 16th November, everything must go.