The school’s enrolment at Day 8 was 1001 children in forty (40) classes as scheduled. This also enables us to keep a good economy of scale with staffing special programs like our intervention program and Kitchen/Garden Program.

This coming Thursday’s Parent Welcome Evening is a key event on our school calendar where I hope every family takes advantage of the opportunity to come and meet the classroom teachers. You will come away understanding what lies ahead in the year of learning for your child, and how the school will support each individual child to succeed.

The Parent / Teacher Welcome Evening for Prep to Year 7 is on Thursday, February 13, 2014. All through the afternoon and evening there is a rolling sausage sizzle from 3.45pm through to 6.30pm. Families can drop in to the P&C Centre at any convenient time with their information session, and enjoy a sausage on bread for only a gold coin donation. From 3.15pm, a schedule of meetings with Year group teachers, specialist teachers and predominantly your child’s own teacher will talk through what to expect in your child’s learning during the year ahead.

- **Prep and Year 1:** 3.15 – 4.00pm; Prep starts in the P&C Centre at 3.15pm sharp, and Year 1 starts in 1E/F classroom double space on the lower floor of the Borserini Building at 3.15pm sharp. Prep/1 composite commences in their classroom on the lower floor of the Prep Building at 3.15pm sharp.
- **Years 2 and 3:** 4.15 – 5.00pm; Year 2 starts in the 2A/8 classroom double space at 4.15pm sharp, and Year 3 starts in the 3A/B classroom double space at 4.15pm sharp. 2/3 composite commences in their classroom on the upper floor of the Borserini Building at 4.15pm sharp.
- **Years 4 and 5:** 5.15 – 6.00pm; Year 4 starts in the 4B/C classroom double space upstairs in the new double-storey GLA at 5.15pm sharp, and Year 5 starts in the 5D/E classroom double space upstairs above the OSHC at 5.15pm sharp. 4/5A composite commences in their classroom on the ground floor adjacent to the OSHC at 5.15pm sharp.
- **Years 6 and 7:** 6.15 – 7.00pm; Year 6 starts in the 6B/C classroom double space at 6.15pm sharp, with Year 7 starting in the 7A/D classroom double space at the Senior Library end of the Year 7 block at 6.15pm sharp.

You have all received your child’s Classroom Management Plan. Please take time to read this through with your child to support the partnership development of an effective classroom learning environment. These Classroom Management Plans have been developed by each class teacher in collaboration with the students in each class and across year levels. These plans clearly state the processes for each class and support the whole school Student Behaviour Expectations.

Our whole school Student Behaviour Expectations have been developed as a staff and focus on students demonstrating:

- **Respectful and Considerate Learner** behaviours
- **Responsible Learner** behaviours
- **Confident Learner** behaviours

I encourage you to share this with your child to support our school in furthering our high standards of student behaviour and strengthening home/school partnerships to create an outstanding learning environment for every child across the whole school. Please remember to sign the sheet and return to the class teacher if you have not already done so.

Another important date claimer for next week is our Student Leaders’ Investiture coming up on Friday February 14, 2014, at the Senior Parade in the P&C Centre, commencing at 9.00am. Parents and family guests are welcome to help celebrate this important occasion for our Year 6 and 7 leaders.

To other news...

1. We have a large number of Facebook applications that we cannot process to final stage. I remind families that connecting with our Facebook page is a two-step operation. We have significant numbers of written applications who have not connected electronically to complete the second step, and a further significant number who have connected electronically, but have not completed the written application. This two-step process keeps our site a safe, bona-fide school community site, and I am excited by this way of communicating with our community and keeping people connected to our school! Please act now to continue to build our membership.

2. **Whole School Weekly Behaviour Focus**: 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 next week, our focus will be: As a Respectful and Considerate Learner, I follow school rules including the correct school uniform (Follow Class Management Plan and wear uniform correctly) This a key message for our students to start the year. We ask that you remind your children of our school rules and wearing the correct uniform. We appreciate your support for the school in continuing to provide a safe and supportive school environment for students to learn at their best.
3. **Please Note:** School Photos – Thursday 20 March and Friday 21 March, 2014.

4. **Library News:**
   February is known internationally as ‘Library Lovers’ month. As we begin our borrowing for the year, it is a fitting celebration. We hope to see lots of students loving our libraries and participating in upcoming promotions.

   Do you know the difference between a Fiction and Non-Fiction book? Library staff and teachers are busy trying to teach students the difference. Have a chat with them and see if they can tell you!!

   If you are a reading family and would like your children to share their reading with friends, have a look at this free site that encourages reading and the love of reading. If your child loves computers but not so much reading, maybe this site can make the difference. [https://www.biblionasium.com/#](https://www.biblionasium.com/#).

5. **The Active After School Sport Program** will run again in **Term 1, 2014**. The sessions run on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. These sessions are for **one child, per session, per week**. This program will only be open to children who will be in Grades 1-7 in 2014. Our newest members of the school going into Prep in 2014 will be able to access this program later in the year. This is to enable them to settle into the routines of school life. As the children enjoyed it so much last year, we will again have a **Basketball** coach on **Tuesday** afternoon to teach the children the basics of the sport. Each **Wednesday** afternoon we will have a coach doing a **Multi Skill Program**. If your child has an interest in getting active and learning some new skills, please email activekids@burpengass.eq.edu.au. In this email, please include your child’s name and class and the afternoon they would like to attend.

6. **The Qld Government** has made available some extra funding for students to play sport or engage in other activities outside of school such as Scouts or Gymnastics. This funding consists of Vouchers for up to $150.00 which can be used to cover costs such as membership fees or uniforms. To get more information regarding this funding, called “Get Started”, you can visit the website [www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame). Or you can collect an information sheet for parents from the school office.

   There will be two rounds of funding throughout the year and online applications are being taken from 10.00am on Monday 10 February. Vouchers are allocated on a first come first served basis.

**Tuckshop News:**

**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
Principal

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**For Sale:** School shorts, 3 x size 8, 2 x size 6 - $5 each. Phone Mel on 0407 656 702.

**Kids craft classes** run weekly - Thursday 3:45-4:45pm, $11. Monthly class, 10.00am 3rd Saturday of the month, $11. Please contact Amity on 3888 8384 or 0419 380 133 or stampinamity@gmail.com for further information. I also run adult scrapbooking and card classes.

**Save the Children Australia** are holding a come and try day on 9 February from 9.00 – 11.00am at the BMX Track at Centenary Lakes Sports Complex. Participants require long pants and shirt, enclosed shoes, helmet and gloves if possible. The Club has limited helmets and gloves available to use on the day. If you require more information please phone 5428 6233.

**Helen O’Grady Drama Academy** – Affordable fees, no hidden costs. For further information phone Margaret Treuel on 3353 0555.