Dear Parents / Caregivers

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held last Monday night, and we had a wonderful turnout of over 30 people. I take the opportunity to thank the P&C for their support of the school and their substantial fundraising efforts from 2013.

After the AGM, a number of questions arose the following day from attendees regarding the process of the meeting, which was already a complex affair in the transition between an old constitution that was phasing out and a new one that was to be ratified. I have been liaising with P&C's Queensland, and sought advice from the Legal and Administrative Law Branch in Education Queensland in order to check the matters of process. The P&C President asked for approval by the meeting, and received it, to move four agenda items concerning membership from the middle of the meeting to the end. This is a common practice in monthly P&C meetings in order to maintain efficiency. However, an Annual General Meeting is quite different, and there is now a very technical issue of whether all parties in the election were P&C members at the time of the voting.

I have not received the advice back from the Legal and Administrative Law Branch at the time of printing this newsletter, and I will endeavour to resolve this matter quickly and inform the community of the outcome at the earliest available opportunity.

Our first P&C Disco for the Year is on next week. It has a Beach theme. Parents and students are reminded about these important things:
(1) Parents/Carers must accompany your child to the door on arrival, and children will only be permitted to depart the disco at 7.30pm accompanied by a parent/carer.
(2) Older siblings are not permitted into the disco unless they have the direct permission of the Principal by prior arrangement. It is strictly Burpengary State School students only.
(3) Students must wear closed in shoes as a workplace health and safety precaution, as large numbers of students (of all ages and sizes) are dancing and moving around a confined space in unpredictable ways.
(4) Students must wear appropriate clothing for a school function, inclusive of a large range of students. As a guide, there are to be no strapless or strapgy singlet tops, or clothing emblazoned with inappropriate images, slogans or words.

It is always such an enjoyable night for the children so please ensure as a family you look after these necessities to avoid the embarrassment of not being permitted entry to the disco for not following the rules. Please note there will be no glow products allowed.

Families please note that our school photo day corresponds with a National Action Day Against Bullying where our students are asked to wear an orange accessory to demonstrate their stand for this important issue. Please ensure that the orange accessory is an easily removable item like a wrist band or ribbon that is easily removed for a photo and returned again afterwards. No student will be permitted in photos with orange accessories. Thank you for any extra efforts needed with uniforms for photos this week.

To other news...

1. **Coming up:**

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2. Dates to note down: **NAPLAN** falls on May 13, 14 and 15 this year for Years 3, 5 and 7.

3. **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. This week our focus is on being a Respectful and Considerate Learner and looking after all property. We had a particular emphasis on putting litter in the bin. Next week our focus will be As a Responsible Learner, I am independent, punctual and organised (I arrive on time). Please remind your children of our school focus this week. School attendance is a significant year-long focus for our school. We believe that every day counts and every day is a learning day. Being punctual is a key aspect of this also. We appreciate your support for the school in continuing to provide a safe and supportive school environment for students to learn at their best.

4. **P&C Fundraising News:**

   Beach-themed Disco, Friday 21 March, 5.30 to 7.30pm in the P&C Building. Please see attached flyer.
Senior Band is currently working hard to master 3 pieces for Fanfare 2014. We are expecting to compete in July so students are encouraged to keep up their daily practice. They also have a CD recording of all of our pieces. Listening is extremely important as it help students get an understanding of their band music as a whole and allows them to fit their part into the band sound. It also helps students improve their own sound and confidence on their instrument.

Beginners have been sent home eagerly ready to rehearse their first notes. Most kids have 2 or 3 notes that they are learning. I would ask parents to become active in their child’s practice and ask them questions and get them to explain what they are doing. This helps the kids gain confidence and know that you are interested in what they are playing. Even if it sounds strangely like animal noises at first, the kids know this and are amused by the annoying noises they are learning to produce. These will in time become beautiful melodies. Even professional had to start somewhere! Keep up the good work kids and remember that daily practice is the key to improving your playing and having the most fun in lessons and band!

5. Library News:
ROBOT Award - 7B were Zero Heroes in the Senior Library this week. The Senior Library has also introduced the Brilliant Borrowers award for classes who are avid readers and borrowers, return their books on time and have minimal overdues each month. Our Brilliant Borrowers for February were 7D, 6C and 5B.

This fortnight in the Senior Library, our Awesome Author will be Jackie French. Jackie is an award-winning Australian author who has written well over one hundred books, chiefly children's fiction and books on gardening. Some of her books have received CBCA Children's Book of the Year Award honours and have been shortlisted for the prizes. Find out more about Jackie and her books at www.jackiefrench.com. Students borrowing a book by Jackie will go into the draw to win one of her books.

Congratulations to 4B and 4E who were our class winners of the ‘Write like Dr Seuss’ competitions. Both classes received a book prize on assembly to share in the class as well as gotchas for each student.

Students in Year 3 and 4 now have the opportunity to participate in an individual competition based on the book, ‘Ten Little Rubber Ducks’, written by Eric Carle. Please encourage them to come and visit the library to read the book and fill in the entry form. We will be awarding two prizes per year level. Competition closes on Friday March 21.

Monday is St Patrick’s Day: We will be asking children in Yr 2 – 4 children to use our clues to find our pick of treasured books! We will also have other activities.

6. National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence – Friday, 21st March
The 2014 National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is on Friday, 21st March. This day provides a focus for schools across the country to say, ‘Bullying – No way!’ This day also allows us to strengthen the messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. To help raise awareness and to make a stand that shows that we say NO to bullying and violence, the Student Council have organised a ‘Dress in Orange Day’. You can participate by adding orange to your school uniform. This can include wigs, ribbons, glasses, wristbands, etc., the opportunities are endless, just make sure it is added to your FULL school uniform. Please note the orange item will need to be removable for the school photos. If you choose to participate on the day, a good coin donation will be required. The Student Councillors will also be selling orange wristbands in the tuckshop area before school and during both breaks in the lead up to this event. Wristbands will cost $2.00 each. We hope to see you all with some orange on Friday, 21st March to help us promote the message that we say, ‘Bullying – No Way!’

7. School Banking:
The Commonwealth Bank will be here at the school on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 March, outside the back of the Office from 8.15 to 9.00am to open children’s bank accounts. Parents will need to bring photo ID such as a valid driver’s licence or passport. No identification if required for our students as the school will confirm their identity. Younger siblings may participate, however, parents will need to bring their birth certificate or passport.

Please note that School Banking is now done on a Friday.

8 Tuckshop News:
Go Green this Monday 17 March (St Patrick’s Day) at the Tuckshop with green apple slinky – 80c, bag of green grapes – 80c, all green fresh fruit salad - $1.40, green coloured banana muffin – 80c.

Tuesday Meal Deal next week for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of Fried Rice (gluten free), bottle of water, and a frozen juice tube. Parents please note we now stock Quench flavoured springwater (orange or lemon lime) replacing the Aroona brand – $1.70 (same price). Also note Tuckshop is a cash only facility – EFTPOS is not available.

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Until next week

Brad Fox
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Piano/Keyboard Lessons: Experienced, qualified teacher with a blue card, children to adults, family-friendly fees. All enquiries welcome.
Please phone Dianne on 5498 5102.