Dear Parents / Caregivers

From our Quadiennial School Review in 2012 the school has implemented a number of strategies focused on the renewal of our school image including: new school logo, school front sign and refreshed parade area. Parent, P&C and staff representatives nominated to participate in the uniform sub-committee during semester 2, 2013, with the responsibility of developing recommendations relating to school uniforms to be put forward to the Review and Renew Team including the Burpengary SS Principal. Two of the recommendations from this committee were the redesign of the school polo shirt, to be worn by all students from Prep-Year 6 and the inclusion of culottes as an additional option to the rugby shorts for girls P-6. Over the next two weeks our school community has the opportunity to vote for their preferred polo shirt design. Staff and students (Years 4 and 5 only) will have the opportunity to vote at school during this time and parents are invited to lodge their vote via our online survey. Any parents wishing to view the sample shirts are invited to see the display in the Senior Library before school from 8.30am during weeks 9 and 10 only. After voting is completed and the final design is selected a formal process will be undertaken to finalise supply and costing in alignment with DETE guidelines. New uniforms will be gradually introduced over the next few years to minimise the financial impact for our families. From 2015, all Prep students and new enrolments to the school will purchase the new uniform. All other students will have a two-year moratorium where the old uniform can still be worn and will phase out by the end of 2016, or the new uniform can be purchased. All Burpengary students will be in the new uniform by January 2017, although history in schools shows that this often happens much earlier.

Follow the link to our school website to lodge your vote www.burpengass.eq.edu.au

Our students observed the National Action Day Against Bullying by wearing an orange accessory with their school uniform today, and undertaking class discussions, demonstrating a keen commitment to keep Burpengary a bully-free school.

A huge thank you goes to our families this week for any extra efforts needed with uniforms for school photos on Thursday and Friday. The students presented beautifully.

To keep you informed, processes are still occurring to get definitive advice from P&C’s QLD and the Legal and Administrative Law Branch of Education Queensland on P&C matters from the AGM. I will inform the community at the earliest available opportunity, and if necessary, through a special letter if the response comes outside a reasonable timeframe for the Friday newsletter.

Our first P&C Disco for the Year is on tonight. 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 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 shoestring singlet tops, visible undergarments, 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. Please note: no glow products allowed.

In order to have clear separation of toilet facilities, I ask that all parents and staff use the staff facility, and students have sole use of the boys and girls toilets at the disco, and all other times during the school year, including the high traffic times of before school and after school. This is essential in the interest of everybody’s protection.

In late breaking news: Congratulations to Reagan and Josh who have just been selected in the U12 Caboolture District Primary School Boys Rugby League Team for 2014, and congratulations also to Liam, Jaxon and Rhiley who were selected in the U11 Caboolture District Team.

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 was 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. **CENTREPAY NOW AVAILABLE**

Burpengary State School is now registered as a Centrepay business participant. This will give our families the option to pay their bills (excursions, camps, fees, etc.) by having regular amounts deducted from their Centrelink payments and paid directly to the school. Forms required to set up deductions are available from the office. Payments can be made in advance and kept on the student’s account as a credit balance which is then applied to any future invoices. This would be particularly useful for parents/caregivers who have students in Years 6 and 7 with Camp coming up in September – estimated cost is $350. Please contact the Business Services Manager (Paula Connolly) if you would like further information.

5. A new Guide Dog Team (consisting of a newly trained Guide Dog Handler and Guide Dog) will shortly commence work along the footpaths and in the shops and cafes of the local area around our school. **Here's a few things you can do to help:** when a dog is wearing its harness, it’s working. Please don’t try to pat, talk to, feed it or distract it. Just like any dog, a Guide Dog can be scared or surprised with running or really loud noises. Please leave plenty of space for a Guide Dog to get through safely. Make sure your best friend is on a leash or kept securely in your yard. If you are coming towards a Guide Dog and owner with your dog, please move off to the side and let the owner know that you have your dog with you.

6. **Student Council News:**

**Sports day wristbands** - As cross country is fast approaching in Week 10, the Student Council will be selling coloured wristbands to help build team spirit in the lead up to this big event. These wristbands will be on sale before school and during both breaks next week. The cost of each band is $1.50.

7. **Library News:**

Zero Heroes – Our Zero Heroes this week are 6A, 6C, 7A and 7D. Thank you to these classes for returning their books on time so others can read them!

On Monday we had fun making Hungry Caterpillars with a group of Year 1 students who visited the library for a special reading of “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle. We also had a couple of lucky door prizes to celebrate St Patrick’s day so 2 children got some treasure on the day!

In the Senior Library, our latest display supports today’s National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence with activities, helpful ideas and books. Today, the internet is an integral part of life but there are risks. Knowing how to use the internet safely is essential to having a positive online experience. Cybersmart has a suite of resources for educating students and parents about cyberbullying. Go to [http://www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au) to find out more.

Year 3C have started recommending books they have read. Jasmine recommends, "A Special Friend", which is part of the My Secret Unicorn series written by Linda Chapman. She thinks you will like this book because it has awesome illustrations. The front cover looks great too. Find it in the Junior Library at JFCHA. Jasmine receives a prize for having her recommendation picked to go into the newsletter.

Year 1 students are able to borrow before school but only from the series boxes. They also need to be able to find their borrowing card and return it to the correct box.

**Housekeeping** - To save possible liquid damage to library books we insist that children from Prep to Year 3 have a waterproof library bag. If your child does not have a waterproof bag they will need to wrap it in a plastic bag before putting it in their library bag.

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

Beach-themed Disco, tonight from 5.30 to 7.30pm in the P&C Building. It’s not too late to order the disco meal deal on Flexischools, as it will be open until 4.30pm.

9. **Tuckshop News:**

**Tuesday Meal Deal** next week for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of Fried Rice (gluten free), small juice popper, and pikelets & jam. Please note Tuckshop is a cash only facility – EFTPOS is not available.

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Until next week

Brad Fox  
Principal

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