Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

**2014 NAPLAN testing** commences on Tuesday, 13 May and continues through to 15 May, 2014. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Absent students have an opportunity to undertake catch-up tests on Friday, May 18.

The purpose of NAPLAN is to provide point in time data Australia wide so that State Systems can measure and monitor progress of students, schools can track progress of our students over time, and individual students have information about their personal progress. The purpose that we value here at Burpengary, however, is the capacity of NAPLAN to give us valuable and powerful insights on how students have progressed in their learning between test years, and the information we can gather about what students are learning well, and where we need to work further to support their continuous learning.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country. NAPLAN assesses the skills that students develop over time through the school curriculum, and provides additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing through the curriculum areas. An individual NAPLAN report will be sent home for each child later this year. Further information is available on Facebook, the ACARA website [http://map.edu.au](http://map.edu.au) and the school website, [www.burpengary.qld.edu.au](http://www.burpengary.qld.edu.au).

A Teaching and Learning Audit and a Discipline Audit were completed at our school on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The verbal feedback from the Auditors to the leadership team and to the staff on Tuesday afternoon was very pleasing indeed, and acknowledged the school’s great progress since the last audit in 2012. I can hardly wait to share the results with you in the next week or two, after I have received the school’s Audit Report in writing!!

Staff changes: Great news for Mrs Leanne Odorico this week (and sad news for Burpengary!!) as she has been asked to undertake an Acting Principal job at Beachmere State School for Term 2 … congratulations to Leanne, and due recognition for the truly outstanding work that she does in our school and region. Mrs Michelle Fraser is absent on sick leave and will return on May 19 – for the next two weeks she will be replaced by Mr Scott Bowden, who comes to us with diverse DP experience from a variety of schools. Mrs Sarah Blair is undertaking Acting Head of Curriculum duties here at Burpengary while Mrs Rebecca Campbell is Acting Deputy Principal at Kippa-Ring SS until Week 2, Term 3. Mr Stephen Woodward returns to Burpengary to take over 5E. We also welcome Miss Kara Maguire to 2B replacing Mrs Jo Laws for a temporary period.

The interviews for Principal of the new Burpengary State High School have recently taken place and the process is being finalised. After the Principal takes up duty, families will begin to receive information about the new high school. I will have copies of the enrolment boundaries for Burpengary SHS on a catchment map that will be available for perusal at the next P&C Meeting on May 12, and on the office notice board from Tuesday, May 13 to Friday May 16. Physical works at the site on the Eastern end of Pitt Road are well under way and clearly evident, and the North Coast Region is particularly good at supporting and establishing our new schools. The Region’s latest school is Murrumba State College – established just this year, it is well worth a drive past to take a look!!

**From the P&C:** On Tuesday, 27th May the P&C are offering **every child** the opportunity to take part in our second Subway Fundraiser for 2014. You will be able to order a six-inch Sub and an Apple Popper for $6.00 or a Salad Bowl and an Apple Popper for $6.50. This will be able to be enjoyed at first break. The order forms for the Subway deal will be sent home next week. If there are any parents willing to help with pick-up or distribution of orders on the day, please text Wayne Summersford on 0418 881 857.

To other news…

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2. **Student Banking:**

The [Commonwealth Bank](http://www.commonwealthbank.com.au) will be at the P&C Building next week on Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8-9am for parents wishing to open a bank account for their child. Parents need to bring their Drivers Licence/Photo ID to open the account.

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2. 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.

3. Parents and students of the 2015 Year 7 and 8 cohort are invited to attend Narangba Valley High School’s Faculty Showcase afternoon on Tuesday, 6 May. This afternoon provides an opportunity for future parents and students to tour through our school, meet some of our exceptional teachers and learn more about the subjects on offer in 2015. Families are welcome to attend either one of the two session times. Session 1 – 3:30pm; Session 2 – 5:30pm. The sessions will begin with a brief parent information session in the PALACE before parents and students are given a tour of the school to visit classrooms, see subject displays and take part in activities planned by our staff.

4. 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 the third week of Term 2 will be: As a Responsible Learner, I am independent, punctual and organised. Please remind your children of our school focus this week. We appreciate your support for the school in continuing to provide a safe and supportive school environment for students to learn at their best.

5. Library News: Scholastic Book Club – Orders are due back Wednesday 7 May. Additional brochures are available from the Junior Library. Payments need to be made by credit card or cheque only. If paying by credit card, follow the instructions at the bottom of the order form. When ordering from several brochures and paying by credit card, it is fine to make one payment for the total amount. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

   - May is National Family Reading Month! National Family Reading Month is a Scholastic initiative which encourages students to read every day in May with their families. As this event is sponsored by Scholastic, there is a competition you can enter if you keep track of your reading every day this month. To participate, download the Reading Logs available online (see library staff if you need help obtaining a copy). Students record the number of minutes they spend reading on each day in May. In the first week of June, students and their families enter their total Reading Minutes online. By the end of June, all winners will be announced on the website. Find out more about the competition and download your reading log from http://readmoreinmay.scholastic.com.au/. Even if you don’t enter the competition, it is still a great way of encouraging family reading time and enjoying the benefits of reading together as a family. Prep students are welcome to come into the library and borrow before school if they are accompanied by their parents or caregiver. They will need to find their own browsing card and choose a book from the area they normally borrow from with their class. Please note they cannot borrow on their borrowing day or on a Tuesday when the Junior Library is closed before school.

   - Year Level Promotion - Year 3 has the opportunity to be involved in our weekly Recommendations draw this term. We are trying to encourage students in this year level to read different genres and authors. Students can pick up a simple recommendation form when they borrow. Once it is filled in, the form will be up for others to refer to for reading ideas. Each recommendation earns students an entry into the weekly draw.

   - Year 2 Reward Reminder! 30 books = bookmark; 50 books = certificate on parade; 100 books = Able to borrow 2 books as well as receiving a certificate and book award.

   - Celebrity Reader - Kendra is our celebrity reader this week. Come and see what she says about reading.

   - Brilliant Borrowers - Congratulations to 5B, 6A and 7C who were April’s Brilliant Borrowers!

   - Zero Heroes - There are no Zero Heroes this week due to many students still having overdue books following the holidays. Make sure they all come back next week to be eligible!

6. P&C News: The Mother’s Day Stall will be open next week in the demountable building next to the office. It will be open each morning from 8-9am, and Thursday afternoon from 2.30-3.30pm. The next P&C Meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge on Monday, May 12, 2014. All welcome. The Parent-Admin Chat is being trialled on a Tuesday morning commencing after the Prep to Year 2 Parade at 9.30am in the Staff Lounge, on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. I hope to see you there.

7. Tuckshop News: Tuesday Meal Deal next week for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of 5 chicken nuggets with bbq sauce sachet, apple slinky, and a bottle of water. Please note Tuckshop is a cash only facility – EFTPOS is not available.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Balphargy Community Market - Every Saturday (8am - 1pm) in the Burpengary State School carpark on Jill St. Lots to see and buy from over 35 stalls each week. Contact Siobhan (0428 167 930) for more details.

Balphargy Jets Netball is looking for girls turning 6/7 this year to join our team. If you are interested please phone Marita on 0400 407 901.

Breast Cancer Network Aust. Fundraiser – MOVIE PREMIER ‘The Other Woman’ at Birch Carol & Coyle Morayfield on Sunday 4th May from 2.00pm. $25pp includes drink and popcorn or wine and cheese pre movie.