WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF BURPENGARY STATE SCHOOL

9 May, 2014

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

The Regional Director has announced that Mr Peter Hoehn has been appointed as Principal for the new Burpengary State High School opening in January, 2015. Mr Hoehn is currently acting Principal at Bray Park State High School, but he has also had considerable experience as Acting Principal at both Tullawong and Warwick State High Schools, and comes to the role with a wealth of experience. The appointment commences on July 01, 2014. I look forward to working with Mr Hoehn during Semester 2 this year as he engages with the community to build Burpengary’s local high school.

At Monday night’s P&C Meeting, we have been able to obtain the catchment map and site plan for Burpengary State High School for your perusal at the meeting.

2014 NAPLAN testing occurs on May 13, 14 and 15 next week. It is very important to me that we have valid and accurate school and individual student data. I seek parents’ support in having the children in full attendance and readiness for participation in all school work and assessment, including the NAPLAN tests.

It is essential that all students involved in NAPLAN arrive before 8:45am on these days, with the correct equipment and a good lunch. A healthy breakfast and good night’s sleep before hand will maximise children’s potential to perform at their best. We wish all our Year 3, 5 and 7 students the very best as they undertake this program!

Our official Facebook page continues to grow. Currently, over 150 families have joined, and there are a further 56 applicants who have not processed one of the steps to finalise membership to the closed group. A closed group ensures that only bona-fide Burpengary State School families connect to the site and keeps it safe and secure. 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. Both steps need to be fulfilled before access can be finalised. We will have over two hundred families connected once these potential new members complete the paper application.

As Winter arrived suddenly this week, it was pleasing to see the plain navy sweaters out in full force! I ask all families to ensure that your child is adequately prepared and uniform-standard-compliant for the Winter if you have not already done so. The Year 3 and 4 Assembly this week was almost uniform-perfect and right up to their usual standard – well done! In another commendable effort from this cohort, the Year 3’s currently have the highest attendance record in the whole school at 95.4% - statistically speaking, every child could potentially qualify for a Principal’s Award from this year level.

From the P&C: The order forms for the Subway deal accompany this newsletter. 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. Order forms need to be returned by Monday 19 May. 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.

Please Note a Calendar Change: New Enrolments Information Session postponed until June 03, 2014.

To other news...

1. Coming up:

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Eftpos 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.
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 keep 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. **Chappy News:**
We will be celebrating Chappy Week from 18th to the 25th May. This week is usually a week of extra special activities. One of these activities will be a **pancake breakfast on the Tuesday morning.** This breakfast is open to students, family members and staff. Come along and meet our school Chaplain between 8.00 - 8.30am.

Our **Chip In For Our Chappy Fundraiser** at the Coffee Club in Burpengary is on again on the 24th May. This is a great gift from the Coffee Club as they stay open longer than usual on the day specifically to support our Burpengary and Burpengary Meadows Chappies. This year there will be a lucky door prize. All Coffee and Cake purchases between 2.30 – 5.00pm and Meal bookings between 5.00 – 8.00pm will attract a 20% donation to our Chappies. Please come along and support this great fundraiser.

If you have any **donations of craft supplies** or anything that can be used by the Chaplaincy service to support students and families, please bring them in. Our Chappy would love to have her space overflowing with resources to help our students grow and learn in a fun and caring environment here at Burpengary.

We are also in need of a parent representative on our **Local Chaplaincy Committee.** We meet twice a term and discuss the direction Chaplaincy will take within our school. Your input and support is eagerly sort to make this program an extraordinary one.

4. **Library News:**
Class borrowing will be disrupted from Tuesday to Friday next week as we are involved with Naplan. Students who miss out on class borrowing are able to come before school or at break times to change their books.

The current Super Series in the Senior Library is the Our Australian Girl series. This series is extremely popular with girls from 8 and up. Each story in the series is set in a particular era of Australian history, yet reads nothing like a history lesson. All written by highly acclaimed Australian authors, they feature strong plots, colourful and varied characters and terrific heroines. Find out more at [www.ouraustraliangirl.com.au](http://www.ouraustraliangirl.com.au).

**Junior Library Prep to Yr 2 Reach for our Library Stars** - Congratulations to Caitlyn, Jessica and Ella for reaching the 30 borrowed books milestone. An outline of their themes is on our special display and they are on their way to the next milestone of 50 books! We hope to see lots more hands up in the near future as more students come to borrow in their own time.

Yr 3 and 4 Enjoy your bookmark draw was won by Kaiser and Ashleigh. They each received a book on parade. **Zero Heroes** – 5B and 6C have no overdue books this week. Well done!

5. **P&C News:** 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.

6. **Tuckshop News:**
**Tuesday Meal Deal** next week for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of 5 chicken nuggets (gluten free) with bbq sauce sachet, choc chip muffin, and a small popper. **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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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Kids scrapbooking and papercraft classes** every Thursday 3:30-4:30pm. Every 3rd Saturday of the month (this month 17th May), $11 per lesson. Bookings essential. Contact Amity on 0419 380 133 or email stampinamity@gmail.com. Adult classes also available.

**Breast Cancer Network Aust. Fundraiser – KSP Theatre Restaurant and Mini-Field of Women** Display on Saturday 24th May at Old Bay Road, Burpengary. $30pp includes dinner and a show ‘Murder at the Music Hall’.

Do you like **Tupperware**? Come along this Saturday 10th May at 2.00pm to Symphony Crescent Park, Burpengary for a chocoholics get together. Feel free to bring a friend or two. Please give Herminia a call if you’re interested on 0412 830 800.

**Traditional Korean Karate Academy:** Invest in your child’s future – Give them the tools to succeed! Three outcomes from training – Better Person; Better Health; and Self-Defence. **CLASSES: 4-5 YRS, 5-8 YRS, 9-12 YRS & 13-ADULTS**

**ALSO TEACHING SWORD & GROUP FITNESS CLASSES:** **NEW TRAINING HALL - BUSINESS DVE. NARANGBA/NORTH LAKES** - **PHONE NOW TO BOOK A CLASS - 0416 149 066** [www.tikka.com.au](http://www.tikka.com.au)

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