Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

At Monday night’s P&C Meeting, the new Burpengary State School uniform was ratified and handed over to the P&C for processing and production in readiness for next year. It is an exciting time for the school and I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Leanne Ondoric and her team for delivering a great uniform for our students to wear from 2015 – thanks to Mrs Fran Stocker, Mrs Heather Wilson, Mr Wayne Summersford, Mrs Toni Lewis, Mrs Paula Connolly, Mrs Jo-anne Williamson, Mrs Judy Batham and Mrs Leanne Beatson.

I tabled the 2014 Teaching and Learning Audit and Discipline Audit results at the meeting. The audit was completed two weeks ago, and Burpengary State School received High across all 8 Domains of the 2014 Teaching and Learning Audit, and 4 High and 1 Medium in the Discipline Audit. Some of our domains reached into the Outstanding level, which is dedicated to the top 3% of schools only. The external auditors who conducted the independent departmental process commended the school and teaching staff for the significant progress made since the last Audit, our trademark high expectations, and the respectful relationships reflected in the way students, staff and parents interact and support our school. The auditors also affirmed the quality of our Whole-School Curriculum Framework, our strong work across a diverse range of areas of the school including ICTs, our clear strategic improvement agenda and our organisational development by developing staff performance through coaching and mentoring. The recommendations they have included will guide our future planning discussions. I cannot speak highly enough of the dedication and commitment of our teachers at Burpengary State School who are doing the very best for students in their professional work – it is truly amazing. The auditors also acknowledged the fund-raising work of the P&C and their targeted contribution towards Technology development in the school. This support has meant our progress is years ahead of schedule on what it otherwise would have been.

A P&C tuckshop initiative from 2013 saw $25,000 worth of food-only business go through the Flexischools online ordering system. The total fees (including setup fees) for the year cost the P&C only $708. I encourage all families to seriously consider doing their tuckshop ordering for children’s lunches through Flexischools for two very important reasons – the system streamlines the tuckshop convenor’s work considerably, and it also saves our volunteer P&C Treasurer an enormous amount of time spent counting money every day. Please join the online ordering families as soon as you can – they love it!! I will take this opportunity to remind everybody that the cut-off time for Flexischool orders is 8.45am sharp each morning.

Thank you to parents and carers for your support in the 2014 NAPLAN Tests this week. Children’s attendance was excellent for the three days (averaging close to 95%) and they were ready to participate! Here is something to make you smile (once the frustration passes)...items that were a long time on our maintenance request list were finally acted upon on Wednesday and, as fate would have it, two separate gangs of heavy (and loud!) machinery rocked up on a NAPLAN day to do two separate pieces of work in two areas right near the Year 3 and Year 5 blocks – needless to say the loud work did not get underway until after the students had completed the day’s tests!

I thank the staff who donated items for Morayfield State School’s Myanmar Project (formerly known as Burma). The high school group of teachers and students transported our donated items to a village school and they were gratefully accepted, and very much appreciated in the faces of the village teachers and students when they opened the boxes. There was a lovely public acknowledgement of all donors, including Burpengary State School, in the high school newsletter. In fact, we were the only school apart from Morayfield High itself who donated items.

I would like to broaden our Burpengary SS message that safety is everybody’s business every day, and support our local State MP to address an important social issue. Darren Grimwade, Member for Morayfield, urges drivers to pledge their support for road safety to help achieve the Queensland goal of no deaths on Fatality Free Friday, 30th May. Fatality Free Friday puts road safety back into the hands of the community by encouraging all of us to be mindful of safety while travelling. To add your voice to the growing number of Queenslanders who have joined the Drive to Save Lives, visit www.jointthedriver.qld.gov.au

Please Note a calendar change: New Enrolments Information Session is postponed until 9.30am on June 03, 2014. Look for our new advertisement in next week’s Caboolture Shire Herald Quest paper.

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 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. 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. The fifth week of Term 2 will be: As a Responsible Learner, I show integrity through honest, trustworthy and reliable school actions. 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.

4. Library News:
The libraries should be back to normal next week and we look forward to seeing lots of borrowing happening.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 14th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year NSS takes place on Wednesday 21 May at 11am (AEST) and Burpengary State School will be joining in by sharing Too Many Elephants in This House written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner. All classes will be viewing the story on their whiteboards via data projectors during eating time. This will be followed by various ‘elephant activities’ in both libraries and students, staff and school visitors should keep their eye out for two very special pachyderms roaming the school throughout the day!
The 2014 Premier's Reading Challenge is about to begin! It is a statewide initiative for students from Prep to Year 7 in Queensland schools. Since 2006, the Premier's Reading Challenge has aimed to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for learning and pleasure. The library staff is coordinating Burpengary State School's participation and many classes are completing the challenge as a whole class. If your child is not already completing the challenge with their class, please see the library staff for more information and forms.

5. P&C News: The next P&C Meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge on Monday, June 16, 2014. The Parent-Admin Chat had a trial on a Tuesday morning, and will continue commencing after the Prep to Year 2 Parade at 9.30am in the Staff Lounge, on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. All welcome. On Tuesday, 27th May our second Subway Fundraiser occurs for 2014. Orders close at 10.00am on Monday May 19, and no late orders can be accepted. Any parents willing to help with pick-up or distribution of Subway orders on May 27, please text Wayne Summersford on 0418 881 857.

6. Tuckshop News: Tuesday Meal Deal next week for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of 2 x snack beef pies, fresh plain popcorn, and a small juice popper. Please note Tuckshop is a cash only facility – EFTPOS is not available. Flexischools Online Ordering – www.flexischools.com.au is the preferred option for ordering. Free to register, quick, easy and convenient.

Next Wednesday we are participating in Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea with a double chocolate chip muffin for $1 each, available all day, at the Tuckshop (orders preferred). All proceeds from the sale of muffins go to the Cancer Council.

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Brad Fox
Principal

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