BURPENGARY NEWSFLASH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF BURPENGARY STATE SCHOOL
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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

Our Senior Concert Band and the Senior Strings Ensemble both compete next week at Fanfare, a prestigious Regional competition where finalists will go on to compete at the State level later in the year. I extend both these bands the very best wishes from our school community for this competition. All students have been working very hard preparing for Fanfare, but I want the community to know that the Concert Band has had a particularly interrupted preparation for many reasons, and I congratulate the teamwork of the staff and the tenacity of the students in getting the Senior Concert Band competition ready under difficult circumstances – the leadership and character our students have shown is truly amazing. I thank Mrs Michelle Jones and Mrs Elizabeth Drutt for your outstanding guidance and teaching, ably supported in the background by Mr Jeff Pacey. Best wishes in your endeavours from the whole school community!

We are running a New Enrolments Information Session next week for all students and families new to Burpengary State School from Prep to Year 6 in 2015. It is on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, commencing at 9.30am in the P&C Centre. This is a great opportunity for families to come and hear about the wonderful programs and achievements of our school, and to see first-hand our classroom learning in action in the morning session. The program finishes with morning tea in our Kitchen Garden Area. Please spread the word to new families about this informative session, where our 2015 enrolment packs will be distributed to all new Prep to Year 6 enrolments for next year.

Our Year 6 and 7 students go on an excursion to Explore Uni at QT Caboolture Campus next week. This is a great aspirational program to enable students an opportunity to “see a future for themselves” at University, and support them to set (or re-set) their goals for post-school tertiary study. It is predicted that 50% of all jobs in the future economy will require an undergraduate degree as a minimum standard. This is a significant statistic for these two cohorts of students, and just another way where Burpengary State School is giving a learning edge to our students.

Year 6 and Year 7 Graduation shirts arrived this week and they were quickly distributed to the students. Thanks to Mrs Linda McTaggart and Ms Tamara McTaggart for their efficiency in getting these out so quickly. I also signed off on the School Photograph proofs with MSP Photography this week, so they are currently in production and should be here within a couple of weeks, prior to the holidays.

Our Chappy, Mrs Marie Wright, has been very busy with a recent pancake breakfast. Coffee Club fundraiser and supporting students in class, at lunchtimes, and with a structured school mentoring program helped by community volunteers. She is a fantastic asset to our school, and I encourage you to get behind her as much as you can through fundraising activities. HOPE Community Church has been very active in supporting our Chaplaincy service with Pastor Dan Perkins co-ordinating volunteers and a coffee machine for the pancake breakfast. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge their wonderful assistance for Marie, and flag an upcoming event on the Prep to Year 2 Citizenship Awards Parade in June where HOPE Community Church will unveil another great support for students of Burpengary State School.

In order to test the full extent of our emergency safety procedures, our school ran a lunchtime emergency evacuation drill on Thursday. As you can imagine, this is a far more complicated drill as students are freely roaming the school yard during a lunch break and are not cleanly in their class groupings. In a brilliant testimony to our students, they were quickly and efficiently assembled in their safe areas for our staff to commence reconciling the attendance rolls. The drill was completed with 100% accuracy, although we found ways where we can improve our efficiency and will re-hearse the procedure again in a future drill.

Thanks to Mr Wayne Summersford and his small team of helpers who ably undertook the second Subway fundraising day last Tuesday. The P&C is looking at establishing this as a reasonably regular event on our calendars (no more than one per term, maybe even only one per semester). The next Subway meal day will be ordered through Flexischools.

To other news…

1. Coming up:

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Etftpos 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. 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 seventh week of Term 2 will be: As a Respectful and Considerate Learner, I value my work and the work of others. 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.

3. Library News:  
Do you know what your children are reading? Do they show you what they borrow from our libraries? We rely on parents and teachers to help us foster a love of reading and ensure that children choose books that they enjoy and are happy to share. Come and see us if you need ideas on how to get them hooked into a good book.

All the benefits of joining the Moreton Bay Region Library are too numerous to list here. However you and your children will be able to borrow many resources including DVDs, CDs, Books and even Toys. The other major benefit is the access to online information that we as a school don’t have the funds to purchase. These include encyclopaedias, eBooks, eaudio books, music and video. All you have to do is fill in a form that you can download from the following website. https://library.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/MBRCMEMBERSHIP. Then simply visit your nearest library to show them ID and that’s it! We will be happy to help you negotiate your way through the website so that you can access all the online resources. Just pop in or drop us note via your children to arrange a suitable time.

Congratulations to Kai and Cooper who reached the 30 book goal. Their hands are now up on our ‘Who will reach our library stars?’ noticeboard. Congratulations also to 6C who were our Zero Heroes for this week.

Scholastic Book Club - The current brochures have been given to students during the week. Extra brochures are available from the Junior Library. Keep a look out for Red Label Specials – Great books for $2. We regret that we are unable to accept cash payments for Book Club orders. 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. Orders are due in no later than 9.00am on Tuesday 10 June, 2014.

4. Instrumental Music News: The Fanfare competition for Senior Concert Band and the String Ensemble will be held next week on Wednesday 4 June. Students need to wear their formal school uniform and bring their instruments and music. Students are to meet at the music block at 11.15am to board the bus to Banksia Beach SS and will be returning to school by approximately 3.30pm.

There are NO STRING LESSONS or STRING ENSEMBLE next week as Mrs Jones will be involved in the Fanfare competition with another school. Lessons and ensemble will recommence as usual the following week.

There is NO BAND rehearsal on Thursday morning next week, but lessons with Ms Druitt will still be held on Thursday 5 June.

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 until further notice. The Parent-Admin Chat commences at 9.30am in the Staff Lounge, on Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

6. Tuckshop News: Tuesday Meal Deal next week for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of 2 x snack beef pies, bag of fresh plain popcorn, and a carton of plain milk. Thursday is Popcorn day – bag of fresh plain popcorn $1.00 – please order (this is not an over-the-counter item). 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.

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Until next week

Brad Fox
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

For Sale: Size 12 school dress, brand new - $30. Phone Jo on 0439 739 778.

Mountain Bike Orienteering Event on 29th June 2014 at the Beerburrum State Forest at Glasshouse. In a forest, on your bike, with a map, searching for targets, a workout for your legs and your brain, great family fun. Social or competitive – 8.00am -12.00 noon. Recreational Course $15 per adult, kids free. Competitive course $25 per adult, $20 for kids, less for members. Beerburrum State Forest at Glasshouse. Courses range from 5km to 36km. Visit www.sunshineorienteers.com.au/events or phone Dawn on 0405 637 367.