Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

Wonderful news was received this week when our committed Senior Concert Band and the Senior Strings Ensemble both competed at Fanfare on Wednesday and both were rewarded for their dedication and hard work. After a disrupted program of preparation, the Concert Band won Silver, and the Strings Ensemble (in a perfect preparation) won Gold, ahead of the Music Excellence school, Banksia Beach SS! Both efforts are truly outstanding. I thank every student musician, the student Band Captains for their exceptional leadership, Mrs Michelle Jones and Mrs Elizabeth Drullit for your excellent guidance and teaching, ably supported by Mr Jeff Pacey.

Following our New Enrolments Information Session this week, Burpengary State School is now taking enrolments from Prep to Year 6 for 2015. Enrolment packs are available at the office. Prep enrolments will require an interview with families, the child and a Deputy Principal at an appointed time during the rest of Term 2 and Term 3. An appointment can be made by phoning the office on 3491 0333, preferably in the mornings between 9.30am and 12 noon.

Our Year 6 and 7 students went to Explore Uni at OUT Caboolture Campus today. This is an excellent aspirational program to enable young students to “see a future for themselves” at University, and support them to set (or re-set) their goals for post-school tertiary study. The students looked superb in their formal uniform, and the reports back from the University and staff about their demeanour and behaviour demonstrates their maturity and readiness for high school and beyond.

Our Citizenship Parades run on the usual year level days in the last week of school this term, including next Friday for Years 5 to 7. The list of student recipients will appear in the newsletter on June 20. It is really important that children are in full attendance right up until Friday 3.00pm. I ask families to avoid early departures on any school day unless absolutely necessary, and this includes the last Friday that school finishes for the Term. In order for students to achieve a Principal’s Award on their Citizenship Certificate, Years Prep to 5 need to have less than 2.5 days absence for the Term, and Years 6 and 7 a maximum of 5 days absence for the Semester.

We have decided to send the Semester One report cards home by post now that the rescheduled Track and Field Carnival falls on the Thursday of the last week when students would normally be handed them at school. We will include in this report mail-out a range of important school documents for families, including the 2015 Uniform Policy, when we commence the transition to a new uniform.

In late breaking news, I received confirmation today of a Japanese Study Tour Group visiting Burpengary State School from August 18 to 27. The group is from the Tsubame Board of Education. There are 13 students between the ages of 11 and 15 years, with 3 tour escorts supporting them. Please consider if you would like to support this Study Tour by hosting a homestay student for the week, and phone the office on 3491 0333 to express your interest. AllU, who have conducted all previous Study Tour Groups, will be the agent for this tour.

With the Track and Field Carnival coming on June 26 for students in Years 4-7, families (especially in Year 4) may be looking to purchase house coloured polo shirts from the Uniform Shop. Due to the change of school uniform next year, there is a very limited supply of house shirts in the Uniform Shop. When these run out, and it will be a first-in / first-served basis, no further stock will be ordered. Families who require a house shirt will need to purchase a plain, coloured polo shirt from department stores. These are readily available at places like K Mart, Target, Lowes and Big W. Please note that next week is Year 6 Gala Sports Friendlies on Wednesday 11th June, 2014.

To other news...

1. **Coming up:**

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Etpos 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 CRICOS Provider No.: 00608A
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 eighth week of Term 2 will be: As a Confident Learner, I learn from my mistakes and accept feedback. I ask for help. 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:
Congratulations to Jessica and Caitlin who have already borrowed 50 books from our library. Their eager, bright faces greet us at the library door every morning.

Please remember that Preps can come in to borrow before school if they are accompanied by a parent and Year 1 students are allowed to come in by themselves.

Our May draw for the Year 3 and 4 Bookmarks was won by Memphis and Daniel. They each received a book prize on parade this week.

We've had a lovely time with craft in the Junior Library over the last two weeks with the help of our trusty Year 6 helpers Rebecca and Ella-Jade. We will continue with sharing stories and craft days for the rest of the term.

Unfortunately there were no Zero Heroes this week - each class had at least one student with an overdue book. Hopefully next week, more classes will bring back all of their overdues. Congratulations to our Brilliant Borrowers for May: 4/5A, 6B and 7B.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts. Many of our classes throughout the school are doing this as a whole class whilst others are have students participating individually. If your child wishes to participate but is not started, it is not too late – see the Junior and Senior Library.

Scholastic Book Club - Reminder that all orders are due in no later than 9.00am on Tuesday 10 June, 2014. Students should have received the current brochures, however, additional copies are available from the Junior Library.

4. Narangba Valley State High School Instrumental Music Program 6/7 Open Afternoon - For students who learn music both at school and privately, Narangba Valley SHS is holding an Open Afternoon where you can meet staff and students, check out our music block and see bands play. Students on all instruments and vocals are welcome!

To be held on Wednesday 11 June from 4.00 – 6.00pm at the Narangba Valley SHS Music Block (end of Harris Ave). A FREE BBQ will be available for parents and students!!

5. Tuckshop News: Tuesday Meal Deal next week for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of a ham and pineapple pizza slab, apple slinky, and a bottle of water. 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

Breast Cancer Network Aust. Fundraiser - ‘Mini-Field of Women’ Black Friday Black & White Cocktail Party - Friday 13 June at the Burpengary Community Centre Hall from 7.00pm till late. $20pp which includes finger food and entertainment. Dress is Cocktail.

This school holidays Guitar Exchange is running a number of small group workshops for both Beginners and Intermediate Guitar players. These workshops will be held in store in our lesson areas, and run by our amazing guitar teacher Alex, lead Guitarist from Brisbane’s own “The Outliers”. To be held on Tuesday 1st July 2014, tickets are $25 per person. To book please contact Kasane or Steven on 5428 2299 at the shop (Morayfield Road, Morayfield - opposite Morayfield State School).

Are you a parent of a child with type 1 Diabetes? Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 Diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment. Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P- Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour. Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes for more information.