Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back to Semester Two and this week's newsletter.

What a good start to the term we have had. We welcome the following new staff to Burpengary State School: Mrs Samantha Waldron (Deputy Principal); Miss Candice Riley (3D), Mr Sam Ladly (3B) and Mrs Rebecca Moore (LOTE while Mrs Swan is on leave) all hit the ground running in Week One and we warmly welcome them to the team.

The Principal of the new high school at Burpengary, Mr Peter Hoehn, is now based at Burpengary State School for Semester 2 while he gets the new high school up and running for 2015. Construction is well advanced and taking shape at the Pitt Road site. Peter Hoehn has his first public information session on Tuesday July 22, 2014 at Burpengary Meadows State School Hall, 153 Rowley Road, commencing at 4.00pm. This is a very important community meeting for all families interested in enrolling or finding out more about this new school.

The Annual Track and Field Carnival was held after the printing of the last Newsflash due to Reports being posted home, so I take this opportunity to ensure everybody knows how successful the carnival was! The participation, conduct and involvement of all of the students on the day was just amazing. I thank you all, ably led by the student House Leaders, and of course the staff for ensuring that everything worked smoothly. Ms Amanda Heathwood, Mr Dan Ball and Mr Denis Houlihan need special mention for their planning, organisation and set up, plus the small army of volunteers who arrived from 5.00am onwards when it was still dark to set up the venue, and the staff for their running of the events and supervision during the day.

The Championship Points went to FOREST; the Participation Points went to WATTLE. The overall House Champion team was WATTLE. Congratulations also to individual achievement efforts of our Age Champions and Record Breakers...

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New Records: Discus 13 years Girls – Chloe 11.58m (old 10.57m); Discus 13 years Boys – Tomasi 24.43 (old 16.70m); and Discus 11 years Girls – Bella 14.62 (old 14.26m)

Semester One Reports were issued by post on Thursday, June 26. Our teachers are only too happy to discuss your child’s progress with you in detail, but like any professional, please understand that you will need to make an appointment for a mutually convenient time to do this. Just before school starts is not the time or place for this type of confidential conversation. By arranging an appointment, both you and the teacher have the time and the head space to have a quality conversation for understanding.

Prep Enrolments for 2015 are open and numbers are climbing each week. I ask parents to phone the office and arrange for enrolment packages to be sent, or to arrange an interview time with a Deputy Principal at the earliest opportunity, as we commence planning for next year. Please let your friends know (who may not have children at school yet) that enrolments are open.

Spell-a-thon Cards were distributed to all students last term. This is a major fundraiser for the P&C and I encourage everybody to get involved and support the event. Children will be learning valuable work to help their English and all other Key Learning Areas, while they contribute as a team to a whole school community project. In 2014, the Spell-a-thon will support the purchase of:
1. Digital devices such as iPads, Laptops, Listening stations, and electronic microscopes that can now be used in every classroom space wirelessly!
2. Whiteboards in every classroom to avoid blackboard chalk dust and assist with digital projections; and
3. Grounds beautification.

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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

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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. On Tuesday, 19th August the P&C are offering every child the opportunity to take part in the third 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 $7.00. This will be able to be enjoyed at first break. Orders must be placed on the Flexischools website only for this Subway deal. The cut-off time will be 11 August at 12.00pm - we cannot take orders past this time because the store owner needs to order in the ingredients, and our last order in Term 2 for Burpengary had over 600 orders!!! Flexischools Online Ordering – www.flexischools.com.au. There is no fee when you place your Subway deal order. You only pay $6.00 or $7.00… quick, easy and convenient. 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.

3. The next P&C Meeting is on Monday, July 21, commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Lounge. I will be commencing the community consultation for Burpengary State School to apply to become an Independent Public School in 2015 at this meeting. The Parent-Admin Chat occurs in the Staff Lounge on Tuesday morning July 22 commencing after the Prep-2 Parade at 9.30am until 10.15am. All welcome.

4. Library News:
Welcome back to the libraries for Term 3!
Term 3 = Bookweek Term! This is our favourite term of the year as we celebrate Book Week. There will be extra competitions and activities for students. The theme this year is ‘Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect’. Connect to reading is about exploring the experience of story, and travelling to other worlds. Reading to connect has a broader social meaning, suggesting that reading assists in creating a bond with others. Within the world of the contemporary child, this is also relevant as they read books and they read to connect through a variety of media. We hope to see lots of children connecting with reading and the libraries in the coming weeks.
The first two weeks of term are usually times where there are lots of overdue books. It would be greatly appreciated if you could check with your child to ensure they have returned their books so others may borrow them and their class can be eligible for a ROBOT or Zero Hero award.

Junior Library Milestones - Congratulations to Lily and Riley who have reached their 30 books milestone. Their hands have been added to our noticeboard.
Prep Borrowing - Parents who work are or are unable to come in to borrow with their children before school can send their little ones with older siblings from Yr 2 to Yr 7 to help them.

5. Instrumental Music:
Junior Band - Apologies to parents and students due to the confusion re Junior Band rehearsals. Junior Band will commence in Term 4 at a day and time which is yet to be finalised. Students will be notified of the rehearsals in their instrumental lesson times and parents will receive an information letter later this term.

6. Reminder: Year 6 and 7 Camp Parent Information Evening – Thursday 7 August from 5.00 – 6.00pm in the Senior Library.

Tuckshop News: Tuesday Meal Deal next week for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of 5 chicken nuggets (gluten free) and bbq sauce sachet, apple slinky, and a 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

Upcoming Certificate III in Business & Certificate III in Retail courses will be held at the Australian Trade Training College, Scarborough. Designed for parents wanting to get back into the work force, these courses are face to face, during school hours and with a break for school holidays, what a fantastic opportunity to obtain a qualification for only $20. Eligibility Criteria are:
- Not undertaking or completed a Certificate III or higher qualifications (does not include a qualification that was completed whilst at Secondary School)
- Must be over the age of 15 years and have either finished or left Secondary School
- Must be permanently residing in Queensland
- Must be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident or a New Zealand Citizen (i.e. a person with a NZ Passport)

Self Defence – Learn how to be safe and confident! Important messages about being safe and confident through fun activities! Helping Hands is pleased to be able to offer this unique opportunity for all the children at Burpengary. Over a 5 week program, children will be guided by our professional self defence experts to know how to react in a difficult situation. The aim of the program is to introduce life changing and lifesaving self-defence and safety strategies to children in a fun, friendly and challenging environment. This program will help build your child’s self-esteem and confidence. For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact Helping Hands Burpengary on 0458 010 433 or email burpengary@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au. Booking forms will also be available from the school office and Helping Hands Burpengary service.


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