Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The School Council has approved my commencement of discussions with our school community exploring the possibility of Burpengary State School becoming an Independent Public School now that the third round of Expressions of Interest have come out for schools to commence in 2015. I will be conducting conversations with all stakeholders including staff, parents and relevant Industrial Unions during the months ahead. All parents are invited to come along and participate in the discussion at the next P&C Meeting on August 11, 2014. I have written an open letter to the community that was sent home with this newsletter, and our school website has a number of information brochures posted in order to help you understand what IPS schools are all about.

In an another exciting piece of news, the Department of Education, Training and Employment are conducting the 2014 School Opinion Surveys online so that all families can participate in giving us feedback on our performance. Accompanying this newsletter is a letter with an individualised logon and password for parents to enter the site and undertake the survey. It is a completely anonymous survey, and DETE will only provide the school with the raw numbers of completed surveys updated on a daily basis, and the final results of the survey later in the year. We are always looking for ways to improve on our work and service delivery at Burpengary State School, and this annual feedback is a great way to give us this information. I encourage every family to participate in the 2014 the survey.

It was a pleasure on Tuesday afternoon to attend the first public meeting for the new high school at Burpengary, opening in January 2015. The Principal, Mr Peter Hoehn, outlined his exciting vision for the school. The public interest in this venture and the willingness of the community to participate in steering committees to drive the mission and values, school logo and uniforms is just amazing, and the perfect start for an exciting new school. The next public meeting is on Tuesday, August 12, at Burpengary Meadows State School hall, commencing at 4.00pm.

Three talented Burpengary State School students have auditioned and won roles in the Redcliffe Musical Theatre’s production of The Wizard of Oz. Congratulations to Mia, Chloe and Rebekah who play Munchkins in the musical at the Redcliffe Cultural Centre opening tonight (July 25) and running until August 08, 2014. There are two special school performance nights on August 01 and 08, where children can access tickets for only $20 each (instead of the regular ticket price of $40). Visit www.redcliffemusicaltheatre.com.au for details. Best wishes girls!

The Tsubame Board of Education Japanese Study Tour Group is arriving at Burpengary on August 18 and stays until August 27. The group is now finalised with 3 escorts and 11 students (10 girls and 1 boy) between the ages of 11 years and 15 years old, which from past experience is the ideal age range for families and our school. It is the last chance for families who wish to host a homestay for one of these students to make contact at the office and get your name down. The agent is about to commence phone calls to finalise the homestays very soon.

Once your child’s class has finalised their Spell-a-thon words, which could either be this week or early next week at your teachers’ discretion if there has been lots of Flu season bugs around your child’s classroom (or teacher!), I encourage all families to promptly collect the Spell-a-thon money and return it to the School Office at your earliest convenience. Remember that to be eligible for the great incentive prizes, the money needs to be returned to the Office no later than August 6, 2014.

To other news...

1. We have 69 Prep enrolments already on our books for 2015. I encourage families to continue to get their enrolments in early to assist us with our future planning.

2. The P&C’s Term 3 Subway Deal Fundraiser is now open. All purchases for this deal will need to made online using Flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au. Orders close on AUGUST 11, 2014, and no late orders can be accepted.

3. 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.
4. **Active After School Activities** - commencing Tuesday and Wednesday, July 29th and 30th. We have had a great response to the expression of interest for this term's Active After School program, especially for Oz-Tag on Wednesday afternoons. Nominations for this activity have now closed so that we have a manageable group, but the AFL group on Tuesdays has plenty of capacity for more participants. Please email activekids@burpengass.eq.edu.au if you would like to nominate your child/children for AFL, including child's name and class. Those parents/caregivers who have already nominated their child/children will be contacted shortly to confirm the details.

5. **Library News:**

   **Bookweek Celebration News** - Why is Bookweek important to libraries? Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia awards prizes to books published in Australia in the previous year by Australian authors/illustrators. There are a number of categories and for each category, a Winner and Honour prize is given. This Australian competition has a long history of promoting Australian authors and illustrators. Please visit this page for more information including previous winners going right back to 1946. Maybe you'll recognise your own childhood favourites!


   In the Junior School, we read the Early Childhood Picture Book category shortlisted books and run competitions to encourage students to read, read and read!!! This year the main competition involves the students earning points or raffle tickets for their class when they borrow in their own time.

   **Parent Lending Library** - We have a number of Parent titles that you are able to borrow. All you have to do is come and see us in the Junior Library to fill in a form so that we have your details. Scan this QR Code to see just a few of the titles available.

   **30 Books Borrowed!** Congratulations to Cooper and Abbey for reaching their first Milestone. Their hands are on our, ‘Who will reach our Library Stars?’ noticeboard.

   In Weeks 3 and 4, the Senior Library Book Week focus will be **Reconnect with Old Favourites** where we will be encouraging students in Years 5 to 7 to borrow a book they used to love reading when they were younger. Staff will be setting up a display with old favourites and taking student requests. Students will be able to borrow one of their favourite books in addition to their usual two books. It is a great chance for students and families to reminisce and maybe even share the books with younger siblings. Students borrowing one of the old favourites are invited to write down their special memories of the book and will go into the draw for a Scholastic Book Club voucher.

   **Tuckshop News:** **Tuesday Meal Deal** next week for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of 5 chicken nuggets (gluten free) and bbq sauce sachet, choc chip muffin, and a small juice popper. 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](http://www.flexischools.com.au) is the preferred option for ordering. Free to register, quick, easy and convenient.

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Until next week

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**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.

**Kids craft classes**, this Saturday 26th from 10:00-11:30am, $11.00 per child. DON'T forget to book in for the Father's Day class 16th August, 10:00-11:30am. Contact Amity on 0419 380 133 or stampaminity@gmail.com for more information.

**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 7669 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit [https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes](https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes) for more information.

**The Ballet School Caboolture** enrolling now. School re-opens on 14 July, professional dance tuition for all ages in excellent purpose-built facilities. Phone 0417 935 362 or visit [http://pasmarche.wix.com/theballetschool](http://pasmarche.wix.com/theballetschool).

**Pine Rivers State High School Community Education Classes** Term 3 enrolments are now open. There are 31 classes to choose from. Learn a new skill, update your skills or just have fun! Low fees, small classes, great tutors. For more information visit [www.pinervierscomed.com.au](http://www.pinervierscomed.com.au).

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