Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter. Over the next few weeks I will be spending some time outlining important routines for parents and children that are essential to quality learning in our classrooms and keeping our environment a safe place for all. We all need to be active partners in these routines. For now, I would like to highlight for our Prep to Year 2 parents the need for children to be at school on time and ready for their lessons. At 8.55am our teachers begin the teaching and learning for the day. A late student disrupts the flow for the 24 other students in the room. A series of late arrivals in one class severely disrupts learning! These minutes are in prime learning time of the first two hours of the day, and accumulate significant learning hours over the course of a week, a term, a semester and a year. We have families with 4-10 children who can all get to school in plenty of time and start the day well. Please respect our learning time and have children ready for the start of school. Any items that a family might have forgotten that you need to bring to school, please follow the school policy and bring the item (hat, water bottle, lunchbox or the like) to the office for us to get it to your child at a time that will not disrupt learning, and minimise distractions of parents loitering around classrooms. Combinations of late students and interruptions caused by disorganisation effects the vast majority of students who are organised and engaged, and absolutely innocent of any reason for being disrupted. All people in a genuine community value and respect learning time to ensure interruptions don’t happen.

I have been speaking with the students on senior assembly in particular about road safety, especially in relation to the zebra crossing on Henderson Road. I ask all parents to take an opportunity to reinforce road safety messages with your child/ren.

I flag for our community a Totally Wild story going to air on Tuesday 5th August 2014 at 8:00am on channel Eleven. The show contains a segment that was filmed when our Burpengary students visited Narangba Valley State High School for C02 dragsters “Car Building & Race Day”. Keep an eye out for some potential new television stars!

In a string of outstanding sporting successes for individual Burpengary students these last few weeks, congratulations are in order for:

- **Bryce, Connor** and **Luke** who represented the Caboolture District Softball Team at the Regional Championships. The boys all played very well, had lots of fun and the team placed 4th overall.
- **Luke** then went on from this and gained selection for the Sunshine Coast Region Softball Team. He goes to Rockhampton to compete in the Queensland Primary Schools Softball State Championships (11th – 14th September).
- **Tahlia** who was selected in the Sunshine Coast Region Girls Touch Football Team. She will travel with the team to Mackay in August to compete at the State Titles.
- **Luke**, congratulations on your selection for the Caboolture District Rugby Union team and your performance at the trials last week!

Best wishes also for our Burpengary State School Track and Field Team who compete at the District Carnival next week. May all our Burpengary sports stars be inspired by the Commonwealth Games performances of Australian athletes!

The Tsumabe Board of Education Japanese Study Tour Group is arriving at Burpengary on August 18 and stays until August 27. The group has 3 escorts and 11 students (10 girls and 1 boy) between the ages of 11 years and 15 years old. Our school needs more families who wish to host a homestay for one of these students to make contact at the office and get your name down. Perhaps our students who toured Japan last year and enjoyed a homestay in that country could be ideal to return the hospitality for our guests. Lifelong friendships can grow out of these experiences. The agent will be finalising the homestays next week.

**Spell-a-thon cards and money**: Reminder that both these items need to be returned to the Office no later than August 06, 2014. Please return the card even if you did not collect money as it is an accountable document.

The second public meeting for the new high school at Burpengary, (opening in January 2015) is on Tuesday, August 12, at Burpengary Meadows State School hall, commencing at 4.00pm. The Principal, Mr Peter Hoehn, is currently conducting a series of Steering Committee Meetings for School Name and Logo; School Mission and Values; and Uniform. He will be able to report on these and many other exciting developments on August 12.

Narangba Valley State High School is currently in the process of collecting information from parents on how their school can best support your Year 6 or 7 child with their transition to high school. If you are interested in providing your feedback please complete the survey by the 15 August, 2014, on the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TQ7LL9N

I came across some older students selling chocolates for a sporting team fundraiser earlier this week. **This is against school policy.** School is not the time or place for this. I ask families to reinforce the message with your child that no external fundraising can occur during school hours or on school grounds.
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. The P&C’s Term 3 Subway Deal Fundraiser is now open. All purchases for this deal will need to be made online using Flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au. Orders close on Monday 11 August at 12.00pm, and no late orders can be accepted. Subway day is Tuesday 19 August.

3. Chappy News:

The Annual Chaplaincy Fun Run is being held on the 31st August this year at Centenary Lakes, Caboolture. This event is always fun and raises much needed funds for Chaplaincy in the Caboolture/Morayfield/Burpengary region. We would like to field a Burpengary school Team and hopefully win “The Biggest School Team” and also win extra funds for our Chaplaincy in the process. To be a part of the school team students need to let me know that they will be joining our team. This is free. However, if students would like to compete and win prizes, they will need to also register as individuals as those that just enter as part of the school team will not be in the running for a prize if they win in one of the categories. Please come along and support Chaplaincy. If you would like more information or a Flyer, please see our Chappy Marie Wright or visit the school office.

4. Library News:

Connect to Reading and CREATE - Cooking or crafting is a great way to engage with some purposeful reading. Choose a recipe book from home or the library and cook a recipe from this book or choose a craft book, read and follow the instructions and CREATE!

Our Junior Library Jigsaw Puzzle competition is heating up with some very competitive teachers. We love seeing the children come in and borrow in their own time. Once they start doing that, they also get involved with all our other activities. Thank you to the parents that come in with their children before school. Please remember that Prep children can come in to borrow with older siblings.

Milestones! Our noticeboard is filling up with little hands!! This week we had another three children reaching the 30 books borrowed milestone. Congratulations to Kaitlyn, Oliver and Nicholas. Congratulations to Emma who reached 50 books this week.

Tuckshop News: Tuesday Meal Deal next week for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of Ravioli, garlic bread, 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 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

Caboolture Family Fun Day on 11 August 2014. Looking for an inexpensive alternative to heading into the EKKA this year, check out Caboolture Family Fun Day from 11.00am – 6.00pm at Centenary Lakes, Morayfield Rd, Caboolture on Monday 11 August. Enjoy stage entertainment, FREE rides and heaps of workshops to keep the kids entertained. A range of food and market stalls, plus enjoy a fireworks finale! Stay up-to-date with all the information about Family Fun Day via our Facebook page to ensure you are prepared for the best day of the year! Facebook.com/MBRC.Events or visit our website at www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/events for more information. Caboolture Family Fun Day is proudly presented by Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Mountain Bike Orienteering - In a forest, on your bike, with a map, searching for targets, a workout for your legs and your brain, great family fun. Courses start from $15, at the Beerburrum State Forest at Glasshouse. Courses range from 5km to 36km. Visit www.sunshineorienteers.com.au or phone Deb on 0439 979 260.

Suncoast Hinterland Softball - Have a Go Day and Sign-on, Saturday 23rd August and Saturday 13th & 20th September, 9.00am-1.00pm at Suncoast Hinterland Softball Grounds, 129 Mooloolah Connection Rd, Mooloolah. For more information please contact Karen on 0422 204 661, email - suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com or visit www.suncoast.softball.org.au.

Family Transitions Triple P, FREE parenting workshop for divorced or separated parents, presented by a Professor of Clinical Psychology, this workshop is a family intervention designed for parents who are experiencing personal distress from separation or divorce, which is impacting on, or complicating, the task of parenting.