Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter. In a last ditch bid to get every piece of valuable feedback from parents, I “harp” on that DETE has extended the survey period until midnight today, August 8. Please use the codes from the light blue survey form sent to all families on July 25 to access the anonymous survey, and take the few minutes to respond – we value your feedback to help us focus our continual improvement efforts!

My next important routine for parents and children that I will outline this week is essential to keeping our environment a safe place for all. We all need to be active partners in these routines. At times of high volume movement around the school and the neighbouring streets, such as before school and particularly after school which has the peak volume at 3.00pm, we need to be especially vigilant and careful. The attached map demonstrates the movement restrictions and expectations required to keep everybody safe around our school campus. Please note the following:

- Bikes are only permitted to enter and exit via the George Street gate as indicated.
- There is NO pedestrian access or unauthorised vehicle movement in the Admin car park or the Staff car park near the dental van.
- There is no parking in the Stop, Drop and Go Zone in George Street. It is a two minute maximum to drop and kiss.
- All Government buildings and property are strictly no smoking zones. This includes the Jill Street Car Park.

These rules keep the movements of children around the school safe, orderly and predictable to minimise hazards. Every parent’s commitment and cooperation is vital to ensuring the safety of our children. Safety is everybody’s business every day.

Our Burpengary State School Track and Field Team competed at the District Carnival this week and were placed Fourth in the “A Division” and Fourth Overall. Outstanding individual performances came from Jorja (10yrs - 1st in 100m, 200m and Long Jump – Age Champion!), Holmes (10yrs – 1st Discus and 3rd Shot Put), Charlotte (10yrs – 3rd Discus), Bella (11yrs – 1st Shot Put, breaking an 18 year old District Record!), Tyler (11yrs – 3rd 200m), Macy (11yrs – 2nd High Jump), Tahlia (12yrs – 1st High Jump), Keira (2nd 200m, 3rd 800m), Tomasi (13yrs – 3rd Discus), Hunter (13yrs - 1st 200m), and Chloe (13yrs – 2nd 800m). Congratulations to the whole team who were great ambassadors for Burpengary State School on the two days. Thanks to Mrs Trudy Watkins, Mrs Petrina Ollard and Mr Ralph Iselle for their supervision, and the whole District thanks Ms Amanda Heathwood for her thorough organisation of the event!

Students who subsequently gained selection into the District Team to compete at Regional Championships on the 9th & 10th September at the Sunshine Coast University are: Jorja, Holmes, Bella, Tyler, Macy, Tahlia, and Keira. Well done students on a brilliant effort!!

For families hosting a Homestay for a student with the Tsubame Board of Education Japanese Study Tour Group who arrive at Burpengary on August 18, there is an Orientation Meeting in the Staff Lounge commencing at 6.00pm on Wednesday August 13 to brief families on what to expect during the Homestay. The AIU agent will be in contact with you before then as well, perhaps over the weekend.

Spell-a-thon cards and money: Reminder that both these items need to be returned to the Office. Both items are now overdue. 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 Hohm, will have news and outcomes of both DETE processes, and from the series of Steering Committee Meetings for School Name and Logo; School Mission and Values; and Uniform. He is eager to report on these and many other exciting developments on Tuesday.

Narangba Valley State High School Principal, Mr Ross Mackay, has taken up a position with the School Improvement Unit in Central Office. The acting Principal position is currently filled by Mr Adam Colley, until the vacancy is advertised in the near future. NVSbHS is also 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

REMINDER: The Ekka Show Holiday for Moreton Bay Region is Monday, August 11, 2014. This is the ONLY public holiday that week. Wednesday is a normal school day for all schools in the Moreton Bay Region. Because it is Week 5 in the learning cycle, a large amount of work will be done getting ready for and completing assessment next week. Full attendance is absolutely vital for students. Genuine sickness in ‘Flu Season is interrupting student learning days enough already, and students simply cannot afford to be missing school on other days.

The next P&C Meeting is on Monday August 18 in the Staff Lounge commencing at 7.00pm - All welcome. We will be discussing Burpengary’s Independent Public School application amongst other important matters. The next Parent-Admin Chat is on Tuesday August 19 commencing at 9.30am in the Staff Lounge. Pop in after the Prep to Year 2 Parade!

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 made online using Flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au. Orders close on AUGUST 11, 2014, and no late orders can be accepted.

3. 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 State School Team** and hopefully win "The Biggest School Team", which would win extra funds for our school 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. The Fun Run is free. However, if students would like to compete and win prizes against other individual students their own age, they will need to also register as individuals or you will not be in the running for a prize if you 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:
Over the last fortnight teachers and students in the Senior Library have enjoyed reconnecting to old favourites by reading and borrowing picture books they used to enjoy when they were younger. Teachers shared the books they enjoyed with their families and students. Students enjoyed reminiscing about old favourites and the special memories they held. One of our students even found a book which "was the first one I ever read by myself"!

**This week we challenge you to...** Read a text you don’t normally read – perhaps a graphic novel, a newspaper, a magazine, comic strip, instruction manual for your microwave…anything at all!

We are busy getting our ‘Book Week’ lunchtime activities ready and look forward to full libraries with lots of reading fun.

**Milestones!**
Congratulations to Lilly and Natalie for reaching their 30 books borrowed milestone. Keep up the good work.

It will be a public holiday on Monday so any class that borrows on Monday will be asked to borrow in their own time.

5. Instrumental Music Update:
- Tuesday August 12 - Senior Band rehearsal at 7:30am to have a final practice of Ekka performance.
- Wednesday August 13 - Junior Instrumental lessons cancelled.
- Monday August 18 - Senior Band rehearsal and lessons cancelled.

6. Sandcastles – Strengthening Young Parents (Australian Red Cross)
If you are struggling generally with the demands of your child’s behaviour or difficult family circumstances then this support service could be of great help. Sandcastles is a new support service offered to parents between the ages of 15 to 24 years of age. This service aims to:
- Build healthy and supportive family relationships
- Build community connections
- Provide ways to manage financial and emotional stress
- Improve knowledge in child development and parenting.

Referrals to Sandcastles can be made through the Guidance Officer at school (Sarah Guest) or by phoning Red Cross directly on 3863 0448. Parents of any age who would like a confidential discussion with the Guidance Officer to seek support or guidance can phone the school office on 3491 0333 and Sarah Guest will phone you to make an appointment time.

**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**

Bulpengary Cricket Club - The Family Friendly Cricket Club invites Juniors Under 5 to Under 15 and Seniors to sign on for Season 2014/15 on Saturday August 9th from 9.00am to 12.00pm, Sunday August 10th from 12.00pm to 2.00pm and Saturday August 16th from 9.00am to 12.00pm at the Burpengary Community Centre, 111 Station Road, Burpengary. For more information contact Brent Hartland on 0431 112 837 or Chris Lawson 0417 855 216, email burpengarycricket@hotmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/burpengary.cricket.

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