Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter.

Accompanying this issue, is the P&C’s Uniform Price List for 2015, and the Terms and Conditions for purchase. Combined with previous newsletter items, the Burpengary State School Uniform Policy for 2015-2017 sent home with Reports last June (available now on the website), and this Price List, parents have all the information they need to plan for the transition to the new school uniform. All Prep students and students new to the school are required to wear the new school uniform in 2015. All other students have a two-year moratorium until December 2016 where the old uniform can be worn in its entirety, or the new school uniform can be worn it its entirety, but the uniforms cannot be mixed and matched. Two key changes for 2015 are the phasing out of the checked dress for girls, and the Year 4’s now wearing the senior formal uniform in 2015. The price of a complete uniform set in the first Earlybird offer of 10% off will be the cheapest price available for the new uniforms and will not be repeated. The Earlybird prices represent a modest increase in the casual uniform cost (which was due to increase in 2015 anyhow), and almost no increase in the Formal attire prices! Please take advantage of these Earlybird offers, as the uniform prices will revert to full RRP (Recommended Retail Price) in 2015. Comparisons with 2014 prices of all our neighbouring schools show how competitive even the new uniform’s full RRP is in 2015, so the Earlybird Offers are a GREAT DEAL for families.

I would like to flag an important upcoming event. The Inaugural Arts Festival on Friday, September 05, 2014, will showcase a broad range of student art work from Prep to Year 7 completed during 2014. This event replaces the Annual Concert, which included only 60% of the children, and what I like about the Arts Festival concept is that it will display the diversity and talent of every student in the school across a range of Arts areas from traditional painting and drawing, to sculpture, media and technology, dance, drama and music. It will be an event not to be missed. Like a mini Woodford Folk festival for the Arts, complete with twilight markets, food, entertainment and heaps of talent on display!!! Mark it on your calendar now!

Burbpengary State School had a fantastic presence at this year’s Ekka. Performances by our String Ensemble and Concert Band were both quality performances and loads of fun for the children. The Kitchen/Garden Program entered a competition where they presented a wheelbarrow display of an Australian landscape. They chose Carnarvon Gorge, and presented a marvellously creative depiction of the landscape. Following these events, I had many parents who went out of their way to make sure they spoke to me about how well our students presented their talents, and how well-behaved they were on the day. Congratulations to all the staff and students involved, and a big thank you to the parent volunteers who helped make the events such a resounding success.

Our Book Week celebration has been explained to students on Parades, and a brochure has gone home to families with this newsletter. This is an opportunity to celebrate literacy and reading books, while at the same time raising money for a worthy cause of the Smith Family charity, who get in and support families in need with the educational requirements to help break the poverty cycle – I commend the Student Council for their thoughtful selection of this charity focus, and ask the whole school to get behind it to help people less fortunate than ourselves – even if your child does not dress up for the occasion, I urge all families to still pay the gold coin donation for this very worthy cause!

The first of two Year 7 Sports Friendlies took place this week and it is always a pleasure seeing Burpengary students so actively involved in sport and physical activity – well done to all involved and Miss Heathwood for her organisation.

Thank you for your support of our great school through the Spell-a-thon fundraiser. The P&C has included this year a number of extra random draws that all students will be eligible for when they return their form and money, whether it was by the due date or not. The P&C have the responsibility to account for all Spell-a-thon cards issued, and they will be chasing outstanding cards over the coming days and weeks. Please support them and minimise work for our wonderful volunteers by quickly returning all money collected, and ALL CARDS (whether money was collected or not – it is an accountable document).

On Monday we welcome 12 students and 3 escorts from the Tsubame Board of Education Japanese Study Tour Group. They will arrive at Burpengary State School at 5.30pm on Monday afternoon. Our host families will meet them at the Station Road Bus Shelter on arrival. As a community, this is a wonderful International experience for our children, families and teachers, and we always look forward to it immensely. Please take every opportunity to interact and welcome our guests to Australia, and Burpengary State School.

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. Spell-a-thon cards and money: Reminder that both these items need to be returned to the Office. Both items are now overdue. Cards must be returned, please, even if you did not collect money - it is an accountable document.

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2. 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.

3. Help us win a $20 000 Staffroom Makeover! Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a $20 000 staffroom makeover as part of their ‘Staffroom for Improvement’ Competition. The prize is a complete makeover of our school’s main staffroom, which is often used for parent and community meetings as well as for our staff. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students. We need as much support from our local school community as possible. Even if we don’t take out the top prize, we have a chance to win a $10 000 makeover prize as part of the People’s Choice award. Simply visit [www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au](http://www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au) to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today. The competition kicks off on 18 August, so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school.

4. The next public meeting for the new high school at Burpengary, (opening in January 2015) is on Tuesday, August 26, at Burpengary Meadows State School hall, commencing at 4.00pm.

5. 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 please sign the team list and complete a waiver form at the office. 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 Chapppy, Marie Wright, or visit the school office.

6. Library News:

Book Week has arrived! Both libraries will be celebrating with a range of fun activities. Students will be able to listen to special guests read stories, participate in craft activities as well as lots of ‘photo booth’ photo opportunities. The competitions will keep running and extra door raffles will be drawn. Teachers will receive ‘Golden Tickets’ to hand out to students to participate in some of these events whilst others will be open to all. We invite you to come in to the library with your child before school and have a special photo taken with your child in our photo booth – you will need to use your own camera.

The Reading Hour – Tuesday August 19, 6.00-7.00pm. This event is part of the ‘Love2read’ project that promotes reading and literacy. Visit their website to see how you can make this a night special: [http://www.love2read.org.au/index.cfm](http://www.love2read.org.au/index.cfm).

Scholastic Book Club - The current brochures are currently being distributed to the students. Keep a look out for Red Label Specials – Great books for $2. We regret that we are unable to accept cash payments for Book Club orders. Payments need to be made by credit card or cheque only. If paying by credit card, follow the instructions at the bottom of the order form. When ordering from several brochures and paying by credit card, it is fine to make one payment for the total amount. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia. Orders are due in no later than 9am on Friday 25 August, 2014.

7. Instrumental Music News:

- Monday August 18 - No Senior Band rehearsal of lessons.
- Wednesday August 20 - Lessons scheduled as regular for Grade 4 students.
- Monday August 25 - Senior band scheduled for 7.30am and regular scheduled lessons.

Tuckshop News: Tuesday Meal Deal next week for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of Fried Rice (gluten free), apple slinky, 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](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

Brad Fox
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Kids Father’s Day craft classes** on Saturday 16th August 10am. $11 per child. Bookings essential. Adults class making masculine cards. Friday 22nd August 7:30pm. $25 for 12 cards. Bookings essential. Contact Amity 0419380133 or stampnamiy@gmail.com.

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