Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter.

On Tuesday, we celebrated our successful International Study Tour with a spectacular Sayonara Party in the Kitchen and Senior Library. Our guests from the Tsubame City in Japan were very engaging study tour group, and it was an absolute pleasure to work with them. On Wednesday, there was a very warm (and sad) farewell as our guests departed. I cannot speak highly enough of the value that this experience adds to our school, our children, and the host families, and I give a special vote of thanks to the Burpengary staff and the generous host families who made it work so well.

I would like to take this opportunity to share an important story about our Book Week celebrations last week. A few months ago, three Year 7 students came to meet with me about a proposal to hold this event. I asked them to formalise their proposal for me, and I would take it to the Student Council and my Leadership Team. They did that, and continued with the planning and organisation of the event. I love it when I see students have belief and confidence in their ideas, and then, importantly, turn those ideas into reality. How educational is that! The event itself is now a memorable moment in history, and a much anticipated event in 2015, value-adding to the culture and folklore of the school. The key message for the Senior students of Year 5, 6 and 7 at Burpengary State School (and particularly the Year 5’s who will commence their process for aspiring to leadership positions in Term 4 this year), is that you don’t always have to have a “badge” to be a student leader, as Ainslie, Gabbie and Tiarna have just so nobly demonstrated to us in their leadership of Book Week, you just have to “do.” Thank you girls, you are truly outstanding young women.

Apologies from me regarding my calling Peter Hoenh’s new high school Steering Committee meeting at Burpengary SS as the third public meeting in Term 3 at Burpengary Meadows!! It was a diary mix up from a month-old entry on my part, and I hope it did not cause too much inconvenience to busy families. The steering committee meeting looked very productive.

Arts Festival is looming!! What a fantastic event this is going to be. Like the Fete, off-street parking will be available on the Junior and Prep Ovals, but access will be ONE WAY in from Sascha Street and out through the double gates near the pedestrian crossing at George Street. The SES Crew will direct vehicles, and there is a gold coin donation to support their worthy cause. The P&C will be hosting a food eatery in the Tuckshop area where families can sit down, take a load off, listen to some background music while they eat a nutritious, low cost dinner between Art spectacles! Twilight Markets will add atmosphere to a great event with a Woodford Folk Festival feel! Please find attached the program of events and P&C Canteen menu for your information.

The P&C Association is currently looking for new members of the Executive to nominate for positions at the next general meeting, to be held on September 8, 2014. Any volunteers for the 2015 Fete Working Party, or volunteers to staff food stalls for an hour on the night of the Arts Festival on September 5, please leave your name at the school office for further contact.

Earlier this week, a letter was sent home to all students informing the community of the closure of one of our classrooms. A full clearance from Building and Asset Services has been received to say that there were no further concerns and all classes have returned to the building.

All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 received their NAPLAN reports yesterday. Please feel free to contact your class teachers, should you wish to discuss their results.

To other news…

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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 Annual Chaplaincy Fun Run** is being held this weekend on the 31st August at Centenary Lakes, Caboolture. This event is always fun and raises much needed funds for Chaplaincy in the Caboolture/Morayfield/Burpengary region. Please come along and support Chaplaincy.

3. The **P&C Association** is currently looking for new members of the Executive to nominate for positions at the next general meeting, to be held on September 08, 2014. Any volunteers for the 2015 Fete Working Party, or volunteers to staff food stalls for an hour on the night of the Arts Festival on September 05 please leave your name at the school office, or phone Lyn Roberts (President) on 0408 893 931 for further information.

4. **Library News:**
   
   Only three weeks left for Years 1-4 to finish their Jigsaws and receive a $10 Scholastic Bookclub voucher so please encourage your children to come to the library in their own time to earn those jigsaw pieces!

   **Housekeeping** - As we move towards storm season, please remind your children to keep their library books safe as they transport them to and from school. Once a book has become wet, it usually has to be disposed of and replacement costs incurred.

   Overdue notices are issued weekly. Please remind your children about returning books on time so that they help their class get the sort after ‘ROBOT and ZERO HERO’ awards! An invoice is sent home once your child is due to receive their fourth overdue notice. Managing long term overdues can be an arduous task for both library and office staff so we appreciate your help in keeping these to an absolute minimum.

   We have an obligation to read aloud to our children. To read to them things they enjoy. To read to them stories we are already tired of. To do the voices, to make it interesting, and not to stop reading to them just because they learn to read to themselves. Use reading-aloud time as bonding time, as time when no phones are being checked, when the distractions of the world are put aside. - Neil Gaman, The Guardian, Oct 16, 2013.

   We look forward to seeing many of you at next Friday’s Arts Festival where the Library is running the storytelling tent in the Senior Library. Come and listen to some of our great Year 5 - 7 readers sharing their favourite books.

5. **Senior Band @ Arts Festival** - The Senior Band are performing at 6:30pm on Stage 2 on the oval at the Arts Festival. All Senior Band students to meet Ms Druitt in the Music Room at 6:00pm. Please wear Formal uniform and bring your instrument and folder.

6. Enrolments for Year 7 and 8 in 2015 are now open at **Narangba Valley State High School**. If you wish to apply, you must submit an Expression of Interest form which is available on the school website. An enrolment package will then be sent to your address for completion. Students must be enrolled by the end of Term 3 in order to apply for one of the academies in 2015. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the enrolment officer at Narangba Valley State High School.

7. **P&C News:** The Father’s Day Stall will be open from Monday 1 Sept to Friday 5 Sept, 2014. All gifts are $5 each.

8. **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. We are in 51st position. Can you help us move up the ladder? Please remember to collect your apples daily!

9. **We need your help!** Each Friday during the month of October from 9.00 to 11.00am, we are in need of a person to assist us in the Tuckshop. If you are available please contact Maree on 3491 0333.

   **Tuckshop News: Tuesday Meal Deal** next week for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of Ravioli, garlic bread, and a small juice popper. New menu item: Fried Rice (gluten free) - $3.60. 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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**Community Notices**

Moreton Markets Twilight Market in conjunction with Burpengary State School Arts Festival, cnr Station Road and Jill Street, Burpengary (Oval located on Jill Street) on Friday 5 September from 5.00pm to 8.30pm, great variety of stalls. For further details contact Siobhan on 0428 167 930 or email moretonmarkets@gmail.com.

**SUMMER SEASON (2014) BOYS & GIRLS - Sign On Dates:** 27/8/14 & 3/9/14 from 4.00 to 5.30pm. **Start Date:** Round 1 - 11/9/14 at Burpengary AFL Precinct, Aquatic Centre Road, Burpengary, games start at 4:00pm on a Thursday. **Divisions:** Boys & Girls u6,u7,u8,u9,u10,u11,u12,u13,u14,u15 consisting of 12 games for the season. The cost is $85 per player (team must have a minimum of 11 players, or pay the equivalent), plus $25 for official shorts. **Individual players or small groups are welcome as we will help you find a team. Nomination:** Minimum 11 players per team. 8 players on the field.

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