Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter.

I thank the Burpengary State School community for supporting our inaugural Arts Festival so well last Friday night! Our students appreciated the crowds and the kind words praising their creative work, and were proud to have family come along and view their showcase of talent. I take this opportunity to thank the Directors and Producers, Mr Scott Bowden, Mrs Samantha Waldron and Mr Ross Tattersall. Thanks also to Mr Wayne Summersford who coordinated the really busy food stall convenors Mrs Sue Storach, Mrs Maree Neeland, and Mr Ross Tattersall. Special mention must go to David Antonieff, Janene, Darren, Amy and Jaiden Kay and Alecia Gibson for their help in the kitchen; Michelle Carter and Nicole Harrison for baking cakes; Ben Neeland, Dianne Preston, Dale and Jenny Grzesiczak for their help in the Tuckshop; Ruth Cook, Jenny Fuller, Julie Woodward, Jo Williamson, Byron Johns, Nathan and Sean Swindells, for their help with the sausage sizzle. Thanks also to Hope Community Church for the great coffee and their generous donation to the school, and the fantastic Burpengary staff – office, aides and teachers! Many of us walk around the school with pedometers for lifestyle and fitness monitoring – notable mention goes to the indefatigable Mr Denis Houlihan who walked 26,500 steps on Arts Festival day – we couldn’t do it without him!!

This was just the beginning!!! We learnt so much from the event and know how we can make it an even better community event next time. Please don’t hesitate to drop me a line on what we can do better, or what you really liked about the night.

If you enjoyed the opportunity to take in the event and appreciate the diverse artistic talents of your child and other children, I will ask you to reflect on this. A small band of P&C Members did most of the food stalls and catering for the event. They are parents, just like you. Because there was only a small number of parent volunteers, some of these hardworking volunteer P&C Members did not even get a chance to see their own child’s performance or art. Let alone take in the whole showcase. If other parents could contribute to these community events with even just 30 minutes of their time to run a stall that is already set up, the many hands will make light work overall. You don’t have to be a P&C Member or attend meetings to volunteer, but just put your name down to help with an event when the P&C is asking. If you can spare 30 minutes, volunteer to help out at an event; if you can spare 2 hours on one day a week or fortnight, then the tuckshop would fit in nicely; if you have the time and capacity for more then there are Executive positions open in the P&C. See the P&C notice below to help out in any capacity, large or small, but for the parent volunteers who missed the Arts Festival, the small ones REALLY make a difference!

The P&C is a major contributor to facilities in our school. The data projectors that every classroom in our school enjoys on a daily basis were predominantly funded through the P&C, and enabled Burpengary State School students to access them about 5 years ahead of what our school could have achieved on our own!! Recent trials show us the portable, hands-on devices like laptops and iPads, with the capability to be used wirelessly at any time and any place around the school, will give us learning gains and a learning edge for your child. This is the current focus of P&C funds that our hard-working volunteers are contributing to. It is all about the children, every child in the school, and the support and learning “edge” that we can give them through timely, strategic and focussed resources. Thanks for reflecting on this.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Year 6 and 7 students at Tallebudgera Camp School on Thursday, and I was very impressed with the student involvement in the camp activities, and the group cohesion evident in all that they did. Students and staff were enjoying the week immensely, and will come home satisfied after a rich week of hands-on learning and experiences. On a related camp matter, parents of Year 5 students are asked to respond at your earliest convenience to the important survey about next year’s camp for Year 6 students that went home on Thursday.

Accompanying the Newsletter today is the list of Citizenship Awards for students in Years 1 to 5. Congratulations to all of these students for their efforts and achievements, and I look forward to celebrating their success with them at every Parade next week.

For parents and family members who were going to attend the New Secondary School Burpengary Community Meeting in week 10 of this term, it has now been rescheduled for Tuesday 14 October at 4.00 p.m. Burpengary Meadows State School Hall.

Our Prep enrolments for 2015 have quickly gone to over 100, so families are reminded to get enrolment forms in early and arrange interviews with a Deputy Principal to avoid disappointment. We have a cap of 150 Prep enrolments in 2015.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays: We need you to look out for after-hours crime at our school. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number –13 17 88 – and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.
As we commence planning for 2015 class placements, parents have the opportunity to put in writing for due consideration any information regarding the placement of your own child with other children in a class for next year. Please note that this is about students only, and not requests for teachers. Please put in writing (addressed to the Principal) reasons for this consideration no later than Friday, 17 October, 2014.

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. P&C News:
The P&C Association is a group of parent/caregiver volunteers working within the school community, focussing on helping each and every student at this school. We are currently looking for helpers to assist. The positions of Vice President and Treasurer are vacant at the moment. The Treasurer role is vital to keep us running smoothly. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated – even just a few hours.

Next year the Student Council wants to run a Fete. This would be the second for our school in recent years – the first in 2013 being hugely successful. Such an event requires many hands. It starts now with putting together a small team (about 5) to plan the event. We require help to kick the planning off. If you can assist please contact Lyn Roberts on 0408 893 931 or leave a message at the School Office.

3. News from the Garden:
As we draw closer to the end of another term, I would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to all the parents (and grandparents) that have given up their valuable time to spend some time working in the kitchen and/or garden. This great program would not be possible without this help. Both the kitchen and garden work successfully due to these parents’ involvement.

Term 4 sees the Year 3s working in the Kitchen garden for the entire term and both the Preppies and the Year 6 children are spending 5 week blocks in the kitchen. Once again to make this program work we will be looking for volunteers for 1 hour a week to work with those classes. If your child is in one of those year levels, and you would like to help out, meet with the class teacher or myself and put yourself on the roster. It’s a great fun time to spend with your child and also help out your child’s class. I would also like to thank those parents who volunteered their time and worked in the kitchen on the night of the Arts Festival. They worked tirelessly from before the festival started and well after it finished, some even missing out on their own children’s performances. It’s people like this that makes these events successful. Thank you!

4. Library News:
E-Book Freebies - If you are looking for online E-Books that you can read with your children or they can read independently, have a look at these sites - http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome/for-home/reading-owl/reading. Free to register and 250 free e-books. Search in age levels, book type, or series. They are also tablet friendly. http://www.professorgarfield.org/toon_book_reader/index.html. This site has comics.

5. 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 5 chicken nuggets plus bbq sauce, choc chip muffin, 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 is the preferred option for ordering. Free to register, quick, easy and convenient. Please ensure you confirm your order on flexischool website and check which day order is placed for. Please also advise your child that they are receiving Tuckshop for first and/or second breaks.

Tuckshop incentive vouchers ($4.50), awarded from this year’s Spellathon, need to be spent before next Friday 19 September. In order for your child to receive this well deserved prize, please write out your child’s order for lunch and afternoon tea on separate paper bags and place at Tuckshop with the voucher.

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Until next week

Brad Fox
Principal

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Narangba Valley State School’s Spring Fair, Saturday 13 September from 2.00 to 8.00pm at Narangba Valley State School Oval, Creekside Drive, Narangba. Includes school performances, handmade gifts and goodies, facepainting, food, plant stall, trash ‘n treasure, rides, and fireworks at 7.15pm.

2015 Burpengary Jets Development Program – Join a free Rugby League skill development program, open to boys and girls born in 2003 and 2004, no experience necessary, commencing Tuesday 14 October (5.30 – 7.00pm) at Burpengary Sporting Complex, Station Road, Burpengary. Compulsory requirements - Football boots/runners, water bottle; Recommended - mouth guard, headgear. For further information contact Jeff Trims on 0418 875 709 or visit www.burpengaryjets.com.au.