Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter.

Headline news this week is **Jorja**, who competed at the Regional Track and Field Carnival and came **first in 10 Years 100m** (14.64 seconds) and **first in the 10 Years 200m** (30.02 seconds). **She will now represent Sunshine Coast at the State Titles later this year!!** Congratulations on the just rewards for your hard work, Jorja, well done!!

**Congratulations to all of the students who received Citizenship Awards in Years 1 to 5 this week.** You should be very proud of your efforts over an extended period of time. In particular, after a very prolonged and severe “flu season, it was fantastic to see that we still had **so many Principal Award recipients for attendance**. It is important for our children that we all work together really hard to return to the excellent attendance levels that we saw in the first half of the year – it is proven in research that high attendance improves student achievement outcomes, and now that it is warming up again, the worst is behind us!!

**Our P&C Uniform Shop is relocating!!** Opening in Term 4, the shop will be located in the small demountable building between the **Administration Block** and the double storey **Year 5 Block** on Station Road. The new space will be much better and more convenient to support and accommodate our transition to the new school uniform in 2015.

During Term 4, my leadership team will be very busy informing students of the school uniform policy so that **families are well-aware of requirements prior to 2015** and you are prepared for making appropriate back to school purchases. I remind families of the **2015 Uniform Policy** that was posted home with the Report Cards at the end of Semester 1 this year, and it is **currently flagged as a news item on our school website** – there are no excuses for not being informed about the new uniform requirements well in advance.

For future planning, **the first day back at school after the Spring Break is Tuesday, October 07, 2014**, as Monday is a Public Holiday. There is also a **Pupil Free Day** in week 3 on Monday October 20, 2014. Don’t forget our school-based **Helping Hands Out of School Hours Care** can help if you require care arrangements for this day. Please ensure that you are registered with them if you require care on the Pupil Free Day (Phone 0458 010 433).

**Our Year 5 survey seeking feedback on the proposal for an early camp in Year 6, 2015, received a very solid vote of support from parents.** The school has a strong sense of the difficulties it will present for families, and we will work with you to ensure that we make this burden as easy as possible. Early next term, we will have the information and forms available for parents. It will require a commitment of a deposit during term 4 this year, and should this provide any difficulties for families please do not hesitate to make contact with our Business Manager Mrs Paula Connolly at the earliest opportunity. Some parents have already taken up the option of CentrePay (set up through the school with CentreLink) and are really enjoying the convenience it provides for them. Arrange to meet with Mrs Connolly for details.

**Tallebudgera Beach School Camp Experience Survey:** The camp school is seeking parent observations and feedback in relation to your child’s personal growth and experience of camp. Parents of Year 6 and 7 students who attended camp last week are asked to link to the following survey: [http://www.talloec.eq.edu.au/index.php/evaluations-for-residential-camp/](http://www.talloec.eq.edu.au/index.php/evaluations-for-residential-camp/)

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays:** We need you to look out for after-hours crimes at our school. If you 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.

What a productive Term it has been! Hard work, success stories, fun, trials requiring persistence – life is good!!

**All the best wishes for a safe and happy holiday!**

Please note that school resumes on **TUESDAY, October 7**, due to the Public Holiday on October 6.

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. 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.

3. 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.

4. P&C News: 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. The next P&C Meeting is on Monday, October 13, 2014.

5. Library News: We hope you all get a chance to put your feet up with your children and read some books these holidays. Please remember that all library books will be due back on the first day back at school in Term 4. We ask that you remind your children to keep their books safe over the break. If you are looking for an easy way to entertain, your children these holidays don’t forget the Moreton Bay Regional Libraries, which have lots of free activities. Visit this website for more details: https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/general.aspx?id=118552.

We’d like to give a big thanks to the following Senior School students who read to the lucky visitors to our story tent during the Arts Festival: Dana, Laura, Colby, Tani, Alex, Lachlan, Madison, Chloe and Kirra-Lee.

6. From Wednesday 3 September, staff members Rowie Hooper, Angela Orupold, Stacey Arnold and Sam Moloney will be taking on the challenge of completing 10,000 steps a day, for the entire month of September to raise vital funds for Cerebral Palsy Alliance. The average office worker only takes around 3,000 steps per day, so 10,000 steps a day is going to be quite the challenge. Cerebral palsy is the most common physical disability in childhood. One in two people with cerebral palsy are in chronic pain due to the tightening of their muscles. Many will never be able to take a single step without assistance. If you would like to support them in raising money for this very worthy cause, please go to www.stepember.org.au, search for their names and make a donation. Any amount you contribute would make a huge difference to children and adults living with cerebral palsy and of course encourage them to complete their 10,000 steps per day! Thank you so much! P.S. You’ll receive an automated receipt as every donation over $2 is tax deductible.

7. Instrumental Music Update:
   - Wednesday, October 8 - No Instrumental Music Lessons for Grade 4
   - Monday, October 13 - Senior Band Rehearsal @ 7:30am.

8. We need your help! We are in need of a person to assist us in the Tuckshop on a Thursday. If you can volunteer, even once a month, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are available please contact Maree Neeland on 3491 0333.

Tuckshop News: Tuesday Meal Deal for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of a hotdog with tomato sauce, packet of chips, 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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A tip on plain black school shoes – Spendless Shoes at Morayfield Shopping Centre have large supplies of black school shoes varying in price from $24.99 to $29.99. In fact, they will have STICK black shoes in children’s sizes 11-5 on sale (ending on October 8) for just $19.99.

School holiday event – Centenary Lakes, Caboolture on Friday 26 September from 10.00am to 7.00pm. Free entry, rides, food, stalls, demos, giveaways, sideshow alley, face painting, fireworks at 7.00pm, plus lots more. For further details phone Matt on 0410 680 858 or email – iseverybodyhere@gmail.com.

Pine Rivers High School Community Education Classes - Term 4 enrolments are now open. There are many classes on offer in the following categories: Career Advancement, Computer Skills, Craft/Hobbies, Fiction Writing, Dance, Fitness, Golf, Languages, Marriage Enrichment & Mental Health Support, Music, Personal Development, Relaxation, and Welding. See the website for more information www.pineriverscomed.com.au or email Jenny at info@pineriverscomed.com.au or phone 0432 116 973.

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