Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter.

2015 heralds an exciting new era in Burpengary State School’s long and proud history.

The School Council and P&C Association in 2014 endorsed a new school uniform in the Dress Code for Burpengary State School to be transitioned into the school from January 2015. The full policy was mailed in the post to every family with the Semester 1 Report in July this year. The essence of the new policy is:

1. **All Prep enrolments and students new to the school in 2015 must wear the new school uniform.**
2. All other students have a two-year transition period where they can elect to wear the old school uniform (in its entirety) or the new school uniform (in its entirety), but the old and the new uniform cannot be mixed and matched. **By January, 2017, all students will be in the new school uniform.**
3. The blue checked girls dresses are no longer for sale from the Uniform Shop, and will phase out with the old uniform.
4. **Girls will have a new casual uniform option of either navy culottes with embroidered BSS label, or Navy shorts with embroidered BSS label.**
5. **All Year 4 students in 2015 will now be required to wear the new formal uniform on Parade Day, or any other day as an option, just like Year 5 and Year 6 students currently.**
6. The school navy broad brimmed hat is a **compulsory uniform item** for sun safety.
7. The old and the new uniform are worn with **plain black leather lace-up shoes, or plain black joggers with leather or vinyl upper preferred.** Velcro straps are acceptable for the early childhood Prep to Year 2 students. Shoes are worn with white or navy crew length socks.

**REMINDER that with Earlybird Offer 1 the new uniforms are available in a set of top and bottom to be ordered and paid by October 31 at 10% discount, for pick up in December. This deal will get you the new uniform at 2014 prices! Earlybird Offer 2 is the new uniform in a set of top and bottom to be ordered and paid between November 1 and December 12 at 5% discount, for pick up in January, 2015. All individual items, purchases through Flexischools, or purchases after December 12, 2014, will be at full Recommended Retail Price.**

Our P&C Uniform Shop has relocated!! The shop is now located in the small cream demountable building between the Administration Block and the double storey Year 5 Block on Station Road. The new venue is much more spacious and convenient to support and accommodate our transition to the new school uniform in 2015. **Please note:** the Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 16 and Thursday 23 October from 5.00 - 7.00pm for working parents to access the Earlybird offers. **Note that due to the relocation, wireless EFTPOS may not yet be available at this time (cash/cheque only).**

We welcome to our school Mrs Deb Cahill, on contract for 7A until the end of the year for Mr Ralph Isele. Mrs Jo Laws has taken some leave, but we will see her around for TRS and contract work both this year and next.

**Quick ones:** Please remember to return your **RSVP for the Parent Community Forum** on Monday October 20 – as we are catering for food, it is important we have accurate numbers…please get your RSVPs in by early next week for this really important event! Second, **information regarding class placements for 2015 need to be made in writing to the Principal, and while the deadline was today, I will accept these early next week for those who have forgotten. Finally, the parent support for a Term 1 Week 3 camp was very strong, and I have signed off the booking agreement with Tallebudgera Camp School. Unfortunately due to only one year group going in 2015 the cost worked out slightly higher to $304.00 …as discussed, we will assist families in every way we can to ensure all children can attend this camp.**

It was great news to hear this week that in 2015 the Queensland Government is investing a further $183 million in Great Results Guarantee funding for state schools. Here at Burpengary State School, our estimated 2015 allocation is upwards of $270,000, up from $226,484 this year, to continue the great work we have already started to improve our student’s performance!

At the October P&C Meeting next Monday night there are several important agenda items: first is to finalise a proposal for a Fete in 2015 – as we are now well inside a 12-month planning period, unless there is a solid volunteer committee membership by Monday night’s meeting it will be recommending that we do not run a Fete next year. The second important item is the topics for the Life Education Van program for 2015.

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 keep in mind that we do not carry change.

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2. **The next P&C Meeting** will be held this **Monday, October 13**, commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Lounge – all welcome. **The next Parent-Admin Chat** will be held this **Tuesday, October 14, after the P-2 Parade**, commencing at 9.30am in the Staff Lounge – all welcome.

3. Queensland families are being urged to get cracking with applications for the **Queensland Government’s Get Started vouchers**, to help children stay active and healthy through sport and recreation. The initiative provides kids who can least afford joining a sport or recreation club with vouchers of up to $150 to help with club membership and participation fees. More than 65,000 vouchers have already been issued across the state, and local sport and recreation clubs have joined the cause with 3500 clubs registered to accept the vouchers. Applications for this round of the program will close on October 15. More details can be found at [www.nprs.qld.gov.au](http://www.nprs.qld.gov.au).

4. **DETE has launched a new SPEAK oral language app.** Oral language skills are important for a child’s literacy and overall academic achievement. Children with a language impairment are six times more likely to have a reading problem than children without. It therefore makes sense to be proactive in the early years of a child’s life and DETE’s new SPEAK app helps this happen. The information and activities were developed by the department with the help of speech pathologists, educators and health professionals. The **SPEAK app is available for free download** from the iTunes store and Google Play. Additional information is available from the [DETE apps website](http://www.dete.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html).

5. **2015 Book Lists**

   The lists for student requirements for 2015 will be released next week. We have chosen Impact School Supplies to provide this service to families. They offer the full range of products required for every year level, along with **FREE DELIVERY**, either to home or work address. Full instructions will be provided to make the “back to school 2015” process as easy as possible. Please contact the Business Services Manager (Paula Connolly) for any enquiries.

6. **Library News:**

   Welcome back to Term 4 in the libraries. Please remind your children that all books were due back this week and that our ROBOT and ZERO HERO awards will commence again next week.

   All Prep to Year 3 students require a waterproof library bag in order to borrow from our library. Our preferred library bags are now being sold through the uniform shop at the cost of $5.50. If you need to replace a library bag, we urge you to purchase these as they will minimize the risk of damage to our books whilst they are being transported to and from school. All bags that are not waterproof will require the library book to be wrapped in a clean, plastic bag before being placed inside the library bag. If the plastic bag is missing, your child won’t be able to borrow until it is replaced.

   Have you considered starting a book club with your child and a few friends? See us if you would like some ideas to get you started.

   The Department of Education, Training and Employment has created a range of free apps for use and download by the community. Visit [http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html](http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html) for more information and download links for Apple and Android users. Two of the apps featured on this page are **SPEAK** and **Out and About**. SPEAK (Speaking Promotes Education and Knowledge) provides lots of fun, free activities, ideas and information for parents, carers and educators to support and nurture language development in children from 0-6 years of age. Out and About gives your child a flying start in literacy by helping them practise their sight words when they are ‘out and about’. This app is aimed at Prep to Grade 2 students to help them master the first 100 sight words.

   **Scholastic Book Club** - The current brochures have been given to students during the week. 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 9.00am on Friday 24 October, 2014**.

7. **Helping Hands Burbpengary School Community Survey - $100 grocery voucher to be won.** To assist us in providing an OSHC program that meets both your and your child’s individual requirements, we would appreciate if you could please take a couple of minutes to complete this survey. Please include your name and contact details to be eligible to go into the draw to win a $100 grocery voucher. (One survey per family).

   Follow this link to complete the survey online [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S77NCXR](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S77NCXR) or email accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au to get a copy emailed to you. The survey will close on Monday 27 October 2014. We appreciate your assistance.

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

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**Until next week**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Narangba Valley State School Chaplaincy Service** presents: **Peter Janetzki - Raising Boys**. In this 2 hour seminar, author, 96.5 radio show Talking Life host and seasoned counsellor Peter Janetzki will be sharing practical tips, strategies and insight into raising boys from birth to adulthood. Tuesday 14 October at 7.00pm in the Narangba Valley Tavern Function Room, 37 Golden Wattle Drive, Narangba. Parents, carers and teachers are invited to attend this seminar! The cost is $10 per person or $15 for couples (payable at the door). To confirm your attendance please email or SMS your name to Rachel on 0409 720 709 or rcole27@eq.edu.au by 10 October.