Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter.

At our very first Parent Community Forum in 2012, we had 18 parents who shared the tables with about 10 students and 55 staff to collaborate on the four-year Strategic Plan 2013-2016. It is really pleasing to see that as we head towards the half-way point of this very plan, one of our goals of “enriching relationships and connectedness with our community” is demonstrably working because on Monday, October 20, we have more than doubled the number of parents who have RSVP’d to our 2014 Parent Community Forum Invitation, and this is in a context where over 215 of our students will be leaving for high school and no longer at Burpengary next year! In response to what you are telling us in School Opinion Surveys, we will be explaining the Australian Curriculum journey, we will be explaining how assessment is very different in this context, and more importantly we will be seeking your input into clarifying expectations for A-E ratings in Effort on Report Cards, reviewing the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, and clarifying expectations for A-E ratings for Behaviour on Report Cards! We want to hear about what innovative and exciting new facilities you want to see built for Burpengary students in the next 10-years. I thank our very professional staff who are selflessly working variable hours in order to undertake the Parent Community Forum in hours that are accessible for our families. We can’t wait to work in conversation with you next week.

In excellent news last Monday, we were informed that Burpengary was successful in our application for a Gaming Commission Grant of $35,000 to renovate the Year 1 and 2 playground. A big congratulations to Mr Scott Bowden who oversaw this successful application.

This year will mark the final year that Year 7 will be a part of primary school in Queensland. At the end of the school year, we will say farewell to both our Year 6 and Year 7 students as they join approximately 100,000 students who will enter high schools across Queensland. We have been working closely with our local high schools, Narangba Valley State High School for the past three years, and Burpengary State Secondary College since July, to ensure the move is a great success. If you have any specific questions or concerns related to the transition of Year 7 to high school, please contact us or the high school where you are planning to send your child. Enrolment Packs for Burpengary State Secondary College are now available from our office.

Thank you to families for embracing the new school uniform for 2015!! Sales this week have been very busy both in the morning and Thursday evening, and the new uniform looks really smart on our students trying them on. REMINDER that the Earlybird Offer 1 of new uniforms in a set of top and bottom to be ordered and paid by October 31 at 10% discount, for pick up in December, will close on October 31. 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. EFTPOS is now available in the new Uniform Shop, and it will be open extra hours next Thursday evening, October 23 from 5.00pm to 7.00pm to support busy families. The shop is open at the usual times of Monday and Thursday from 8.30am to 9.30am.

In regards to the Stop, Drop and Go Zone in George Street, Prep parents who deliver their child to the Prep classroom, or parents in other year levels who choose to drop your child at the classroom, have to use the George Street car park for this purpose, because clearly you will have to leave the vehicle unattended for a long period. It is against the Law to park there, and therefore “fair game” for a ticket if you misuse this zone….just letting you know.

Reminder that Monday, October 20 is a Student Free Day across all Queensland schools. School resumes on Tuesday.

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 keep in mind that we do not carry change.
2. **Helping Hands Burpengary 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.

3. **Library News:**

Congratulations to this week’s Zero Hero 6D. If your child loves animals and reading, they’ll love being part of the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors Readathon! What better way to help our precious wildlife than by reading? Read a little on the WILD SIDE - the more books your child reads, the more patients we can save! So get some sponsors and raise much-needed funds for our Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. Read as many books as you can from 15 October until 15 November and help save our precious wildlife at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. Sponsors can donate per book or per minutes read. It’s that easy! For more information, go to [http://www.wildlifewarriors.org.au/get-involved/readathon/](http://www.wildlifewarriors.org.au/get-involved/readathon/).

**QSchools App** - Interact with your favourite Queensland state schools through the QSchools app and receive up-to-the-minute updates. The app integrates with the department’s preferred school website platform to allow users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their favourite school website. Users can also see other useful information provided by the school such as tuckshop menus, uniform shop information, class times and social media feeds. The app will enable the school community to receive real-time notifications about state-wide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications through the app. Go to [http://det.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html](http://det.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html) for more information and download links for Apple and Android devices.

The Junior School is running a variety of final competitions for the year. Most of them depend on students borrowing in their own time so please encourage your children to come in and join us. Preps have joined us in break times and are slowly learning the lunchtime procedures.

Please remember that our preferred library bag is now on sale at the uniform shop for the low price of $5.50.

4. **Signature Bears and Canvases** for Year six and seven are now available for order. If you did not receive an order form, spare forms are available at the Office. The Student Council will receive a donation of $2.00 for every bear or canvas ordered. All orders and payments must be returned to the Office by the 31st October. To avoid any disappointment please ensure you have your order in on time.

**Tuckshop News:** **Tuesday Meal Deal** for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of 5 chicken nuggets and bbq sauce sachet, chocolate chip muffin, 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.

Next Friday, Junior Sports Carnival day, parents are welcome to purchase snacks/cold drinks from the Tuckshop preferably ordering lunch items by paper bag system/flexischool prior to 9.00am.

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Until next week

Brad Fox
Principal

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Garage Sale** - This Saturday from 6.00am at 95 Bellini Road, Burpengary. Heaps of books and clothes, DS consoles and games, camping bunks, pushbikes, toys. etc.

Caboolture Warplane & Flight Heritage Museum - **Wheels and Wings 2014** at Hanger 104 McNaught Road, Caboolture on Sunday 2 November from 8.00am to 3.00pm. Please pre-book to secure your place. Visit [www.caboolutewarplanemuseum.com.au](http://www.caboolutewarplanemuseum.com.au) or phone 5499 1144.

**Narangba Valley State School Chaplaincy Service** presents: **Liz Walker - Raising Girls.** In this 2 hour presentation Liz Walker will share her experience and knowledge working with girls, highlighting the conversations needed as they head from childhood into the teen years and then onto womanhood. With a high focus on increasing protective factors, Liz equips parents, counsellors and educators with real strategies for proactive parenting and building strong channels of communication. Come prepared to receive insight into raising girls with a positive attitude towards their bodies and peers, and tips for health emotional, physical and sexual development. Thursday 23 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 19 October.

**Autism/Asperger’s Training Sensory Detective Workshop** for Teachers, Health Professionals and Families - Friday 24 October from 9.00am to 3.30pm at the Millwell Road Community Centre, Millwell Road East, Maroochydore. Cost is $70 (1/2 price special), Registration is from 8.30am, bring your own lunch (morning tea is provided). For further information phone Nelle Frances on 0422 621 749, or email support@aspiechild.com.au.

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