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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter.

Our Parent Community Forum last week saw over 40 parents participate in conversation with staff. The Forum gave a perspective on the progress of our four-year Strategic Plan, to learn about the Australian Curriculum, to provide feedback and input to establish understanding, and set consistent standards for key aspects of Behaviour and Effort on future Burpengary Report Cards, and to review our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. Thank you to all parents, students and staff who participated. Thanks to Mr Scott Bowden for his organisation of the night, ably assisted by Mrs Samantha Waldron.

How good was it to see hundreds and hundreds of children active and teaming up socially during our P-3 ‘Lil Athletics Carnival today!!! Thanks for the wonderful parent support. I know the children love having you involved. Ms Amanda Heathwood organised this one on her own, so a big thank you to her, and (of course) our brilliant staff who stepped up and ran the events so smoothly for the children.

I thank the community for the way you are embracing the new uniform for Burpengary State School in 2015. Sales this week have surpassed last week’s very busy mornings and Thursday evening. So much so, in fact, our lovely volunteers have volunteered “even harder” and will open the Uniform Shop every morning next week for your convenience, before the first Earlybird 10% off sets shut off date on October 31. I take this opportunity to thank Linda and Tamara in the Uniform Shop for their willingness to provide a brilliant service to our community, and ask all our parents to smile and thank them (even if there is a line up, or a machine glitch occurs!). Our uniforms are one of the cheapest in the whole District because these ladies volunteer their time to enable a cheaper cost for you – and that is even when matching uniforms are the cheapest in the school a great education at this school – we cannot have one without the other.

I also want to make a very strong and clear statement to the community about “why the new uniform?” This will clear up any misconceptions about how the implementation will occur in 2015. In 2012, our whole school community undertook its first Community Forum as part of a full school review process. Featuring amongst the distinct themes coming through the review were the need to maintain the great traditions, standards and culture of the school, while also renewing and reinvigorating things like technology and uniforms. Following the review, a four-year Strategic Plan was collaboratively developed to deliver on the community input. A representative community uniform committee (with parents, community, staff and students) was established to set the new school uniform. These processes and the outcomes were ratified through the School Council and P&C Association, and are legislatively endorsed in Queensland State Schools through the Education Act.

The new school uniform IS the new school uniform. No matter where you may have heard otherwise, there is no mixing and matching of old and new uniforms (it is one OR the other for no more than two years), there is no purchase at Lowes or Big W for “something like” the school uniform. I have tolerated this only in these final stages of the run in to the 2015 transition because I don’t want families expending large amounts of money for only a few weeks of wear. Come 2015, the implementation is clear and will be firmly enforced (including shirts in for the old uniform). Please do not waste your money on non-Uniform Shop purchases for 2015. This is all part of the strong tradition and culture that gives your child a great education at this school – we cannot have one without the other.

Our partner high schools are asking parents to ensure that the enrolment forms are submitted to your school of choice for 2015 at your earliest convenience. This year is an unusual transition as it is the final year that Year 7 will be a part of primary school in Queensland. Both Narangba Valley State High School and Burpengary State Secondary College need early and accurate information for their planning. Enrolment Packs for the new Secondary College are now available from our office, as the school is not open yet.

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. **Instrumental Music News:**
   * Senior Band Rehearsal on Monday October 27 at 7.30am
   * Very important that students attend all rehearsals this term as the Senior Band will be performing at the Arts Concert, Graduations and Aussie World in December
   * Lessons on Monday too for all woodwind and brass band students.

3. **Library News:**
   Congratulations to this week’s Zero Heroes: 5C, 5E, 6A and 6D. Win your summer reading list! Scholastic is running a competition for students to win their summer reading wish list to the value of $100. To enter this competition, go to [www.scholastic.com.au/summerreading](http://www.scholastic.com.au/summerreading), download and complete an entry form and post or email it to addresses provided.

   Our latest Super Series in the Senior Library is Conspiracy 365 by Gabrielle Lord. Suitable for children for 9 to 14 years, it tells the gripping story of teenager Cal Ormond, who is forced to go on the run and become a fugitive as he searches for the truth behind a deadly family secret. Your child may already be familiar with the TV series of the same name but, of course, the books are always better!

   **DETE Apps:** **Take a Stand** - Read up on tips and advice about bullying.
   **The Allen Adventure** - This story is about Allen, a young visitor from another planet, who is new to school and learning how to get on with his Earthling classmates. It is suitable for children from 3 to 8 years of age. The Allen Adventure explores social and emotional skills that children need to make friends, to get on with others and to deal with unpleasant or difficult behaviour from other children.

   It’s great to see the Junior Library busy with lots of children borrowing in their own time. The Preps are enjoying visiting the library at Afternoon Tea time and playing board games, listening to stories as well as other activities. They are reminded by their teachers of the day their class are able to come in. This allows us to work with smaller numbers to familiarise them with the lunchtime routines and expectations.

   **Prep to Year 2 parents:** Please have a look at your child’s current library bag to see if it needs replacing. Our preferred waterproof bag is sold at the Uniform Shop for only $5.50.

4. **SURVIVAL CAMP**
   **Are you tough enough?** Learn lots of skills and techniques to become healthy, happy and tough! Helping Hands is pleased to be able to offer this unique opportunity for all the children at Burpengary. Join Captain D Pendable for a program of fun and energetic activities! Obstacle courses, tactical activities and team games are included on this action packed program! Our program is designed to get children active while developing important physical skills to ensure continued participation and enjoyment of activities. Apart from increased physical fitness and better health, the program also promotes team work, communication skills, lateral thinking, self-confidence and leadership skills. It allows children to improve their co-ordination, cardio-vascular fitness, strength and endurance. It helps to increase social skills such as learning to interact with others, sharing and taking turns, as well as developing relationships and meeting new friends. For more information or to book into this exciting 5 week program please contact Helping Hands Burpengary on 0458 010 433 or email burpengary@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au. Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands Burpengary service.

5. **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.

6. **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.

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Brad Fox
Principal

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