Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter.

I open with safety…..safety…..safety. It is everybody’s business everyday around a school, not just when it is convenient. The rule about not parking too close to a corner is so vision of pedestrians and other vehicles is not impaired – the cars including 4WD’s that park too close to the corner on Hewson Street obstructed the vision of both a driver and an unidentified Year 3 or 4 girl who ran across the road to greet a parent – a near tragedy. We are the adults and have to take responsibility and care for children – your decision-making can’t be about convenience, it has to be about safety. I have a number of other concerns that I have witnessed personally, talked to people about, or have had reported to me that I have reported to the local Police. It can’t be about convenience or laziness around a school, it has to be about safety.

Our school has been selected to participate in TIMMS (Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study). This is an International test designed to provide comparative data regarding Science and Mathematics achievement in children in 60 countries worldwide. One Year 4 class and a few other students have been identified to participate in this Test. Letters will go home to parents giving details of the test, as well as a survey for parents for the students involved.

This Friday we celebrated the great work and commitment of our teachers on World Teachers’ Day. A big “thank-you” goes to Mr Ross Tattersall for cooking up a great breakfast, and the wonderful Teacher Aides who helped. I hope that you will take every opportunity to join us in thanking our teachers for the work they do.

Regarding the new school uniform item of the girls’ culottes, please note that there are a few tacked stitches on the pleats of the item that are designed to be cut off the Culottes before wearing them – best done from the back. I will also take the opportunity to repeat a clear message from last week - 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). 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.

Tuckshop Day is Friday, November 7….please take the opportunity to thank Mrs Maree Neeland, Mrs Jenny Grzesiczak, Mrs Kelly English and the wonderful volunteers who support this very important service for families in the school.

Channel 7 News ran a recent article on the inherent dangers for children surrounding the "hook up" app called Tinder. Cyber safety advocate Brett Lee, who ran workshops in our school, highlights to a Brisbane family how this program enabled him as an adult man to locate multiple girls and boys aged 13 and 14 showing their profile and approximate location in a matter of seconds. Primary school age children are using this frightening app. We encourage our parent community to be aware of the online sites your kids are visiting. Click here to view the news article off our website or Facebook.

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.

2. Library News:

The libraries continue to be busy especially with the hot days we’ve had this week. We apologise in advance for starting Christmas activities and maybe getting your children on that track early! We try to spread out the activities so that the maximum number of library visitors can participate. Last week, the students in the Senior Library created some beautiful dough ornaments, this week they are making reindeer tags and Santa gift boxes.

We are enjoying seeing lots of children borrowing in their own time. We are able to spend extra time helping them with their choices during break times.

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Prep to Year 3 parents - for only $5.50 you can purchase your children our preferred waterproof library bag from the uniform shop.

3. With the sun coming up earlier and children out of bed and raring to go, this is just a timely reminder about safe supervision at school. Parents are requested not to send their children to school before 8.30am. Should the need arise for students to arrive prior to this time, they should either:
   I. make their way to Outside School Hours Care, operated by Helping Hands (registration required - see information below); or
   II. sit quietly outside the Canteen until the first bell sounds.

No supervision is provided prior to school and adventure playgrounds are out of bounds to all children as a matter of safety. Official school hours are 8:55am to 3:00pm.

Supervision after 3:00pm cannot be guaranteed, apart from that provided at bus and gate areas until 3:30pm. Children waiting to be picked up by parents must wait inside the school gate away from carparks. The school office closes at 4:00pm daily. Where children cannot be collected from school by 3:30pm, once again registration with OSHC is required.

Burrpengary State School OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE Bookings & registration are essential – go to www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au or contact them on 0458 010 433.

4. Signature Bear and Canvas orders have been extended for one week only. 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 Friday 7th November. To avoid any disappointment please ensure you have your order in by this date.

Tuckshop News: Tuesday Meal Deal for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of 1 Sushi Roll (chicken lettuce mayo) with a soy sauce sachet, apple, and an orange flavoured spring water. This meal deal has a cut-off for ordering of Monday 2.00pm. 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.

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Until next week

Brad Fox
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

C Breeze Cuts and Colours will unfortunately, no longer be operating at the Burrpengary Community Markets of a Saturday. To all my valued clients I am still available for appointments from my home premise. Please contact Chantelle on 0415 620 219 to book your appointment. Thank you for your continued support and patronage.


Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs. Children are free to move around, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim and sound lowered, earmuffs available to borrow, fire exit doors are monitored by volunteers. No judgement, spot prizes, face painting & Balloon animals. Movie - Tinkerbell and the Pirate Fairy at 2.00pm on Sunday 26th October at Birch Carroll & Coyle Morayfield. Tickets are $8 each, children 2 years and under are free.

Sensory Santa is for families with special needs, bookings only, so no lines or queues, no background music, before Shopping Centre’s trading hours, and understanding Photographer and Santa... book now or you may miss out as only limited places.

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Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes? Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment. Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P- Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour. Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes, for more information.