Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter.

This week I received a phone call from Mr Darren Grimwade that the Minister for Education, Training and Employment, Mr John-Paul Langbroek announced that Burpengary State School’s application for Independent Public School (IPS) status for 2015 was successful. This is great news for our school and the journey we are on. Along with our secondary school partners who are also IPS schools, Narangba Valley State High School and the new Burpengary State Secondary College, we can collaborate on innovative agendas that will be good for our children’s education from Prep to Year 12.

On Wednesday we had an afternoon tea to say a warm “thank you” to our generous volunteers who dedicate their personal time to support our school and students and enable us to do that much more for our children. Whether it is reading, kitchen/garden, swimming, Arts Festival, P&C commitments, classroom help, extra-curricular activities or many other areas too many to mention, our school is a better place because of it. It was a delightful afternoon in the coolness of the garden surrounds. To give you a sense of the magnitude of the volunteer effort, 160 invitations were sent out to our parents and community who graciously give of their time: thank you from our school community…you are special people.

I remind parents to ensure that students do not bring toys or collector cards to school at any time. The school day is sacred for learning, and must not be interrupted by disputes surrounding these items. There are plenty of other children, activities and play spaces to engage children during breaks while at school, and these items are not to be brought to school under any circumstances.

Today, a letter went home regarding a campaign commencing to seek Flashing “School Zone” Lights for Burpengary State School on Station Road. Local member, Mr Darren Grimwade, is a keen advocate and campaigner for this innovation. As a community, we can get right behind the campaign by signing the petitions available in the school office, or on the clipboards if you see them with staff at the school entrance ways during next week, or on Mr Grimwade’s website you can do an on-line sign up. The more families who get behind this, the more likely that we will be successful. A visual cue such as flashing lights could be just the reminder needed for motorists to slow down and be safe around our school, and avert a tragedy.

A tree branch from our school came down on to Station Road on Thursday evening. I had an Arborist in the school very early on Friday morning to inspect the trees and inspect for any other risky branches before school travel and school hours commenced. I thank our Schools Officer, Mr Denis Houlihan, who came out of hours to clean up the branch and clear the debris off a lane on Station Road for motorists. We were able to complete the task promptly before any civic response came from emergency services. Thanks, Denis, and some obliging neighbours.

Some big events next week include our whole school Remembrance Day Parade from Prep to Year 7 on this Tuesday, November 11, commencing at 9.00am. This will be the very last time we observe this special occasion with Year 7 students in the school. I invite families to join us in observing this very important ceremony. Children in Years 5 to 7 are asked to wear their Formal Uniform on Tuesday, as well as Friday next week.

Also next week, we host a Musical Evening on Thursday, November 13, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the P & C Centre. On show will be our Senior Band, Senior and Junior Choir, Senior and Junior String Ensemble, as well as several soloists and small ensembles performing in front of a live audience. Light refreshments will be served at interval. I look forward to seeing you there!

I take this opportunity to make clear to all families that Friday November 14 is a normal school day. The G20 Public Holiday scheduled on Friday, November 14 is for Brisbane Metropolitan schools only. It appears on our school Website only because of a Central designation, but has no relevance to Burpengary State School, or any other school North of the Pine River.

To other news…

1. Coming up:

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CRICOS Provider No.: 00608A
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:
Next week is the last week of student borrowing. All books will be due back by Friday November 28th. We will spend the rest of the year on Christmas craft and other lunchtime activities as well as encouraging students to come in and read in the library at break times. Classes will still be able to come to the library at their usual borrowing time.

Have a look at the following website if you want some tips on how to help your child when they get to a word they don’t know in a book. http://thisreadingmama.com/strategies-for-unknown-words/

November is ‘Picture Book’ month so we encourage you to read some old favourites with your children. Here is a website to have a look at: http://picturebookmonth.com/2014/11/why-picture-books-are-important-by-chris-barton/.

Prep to Year 2 parents: for only $5.50 you can purchase your children our preferred waterproof library bag from the uniform shop.

3. Instrumental Music News:

   Monday November 10
   • Senior Band students’ rehearsal 7:30am
   • Grade 4 Instrumental Music students need to bring their instruments for a combined band rehearsal.

   Thursday November 13
   All Instrumental music students (Senior Band and Year 4) to meet Ms Druitt in the music block at 5:15pm to prepare for the concert.

   Wednesday December 3
   Senior Band and Senior Strings Performing at Aussie World - permission note coming home next week.

4. For Sale:
We have 1 x size 16 Year 6 Graduation shirt available for sale; also 1 x size 16 Year 7 Graduation shirt. They are being sold at the reduced price of $25 each. Please contact the School Office if interested.

Tuckshop News: Tuesday Meal Deal for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of 1 Sushi Roll (chicken lettuce mayo) with a soy sauce sachet, packet of Red Rock Deli sea salt chips, and a plain milk. 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

Caboolture Early Years Centre - The Pre-Kindy and Families Program is taking enrolments for 2015 now! This play-based program, designed around the ‘Early Years Learning Framework’, provides a positive and dynamic springboard to learning. Pre-Kindy is facilitated by a qualified Kindergarten Teacher and an Early Childhood Educator in the year prior to Kindy. The program runs from 9.30am to 12.00pm. It caters for children who turn 3 years of age by 30th June in 2015. In 2015, children born between 01/07/11 and 30/06/12 living within the old Caboolture Shire boundaries, can be enrolled. There is no cost involved and some morning tea is provided. The program is conducted during school terms at: Narangba, Caboolture, Woodford, Burpengary and Morayfield. This is a year-long program of play-based learning and fun, inspired by the interests of the children and families who attend. Parent/s and their children attend together. Enrolments are essential. To book in your child simply contact the Caboolture Early Years Centre to complete an Expression of Interest Form. Phone 5428 1477 or email admin@eyc.ladygowrie.com.au.

Garage Sale: This Saturday 8th November at 72 Ridgegarden Drive, Morayfield from 7.00am to 3.00pm.

Ramp Day Out: Saturday 15 November at the Redcliffe Skate Park, Cnr Oxley & Anzac Avenues, free family fun from 9.00am to 4.00pm, free event. For further details visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/rampup.