Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter.

Over 50 Year 5 aspiring student leaders applied for leadership positions for 2015. This week, 37 students were shortlisted to present short speeches to their peers in an inspiring second round of the process of selecting our student leaders for next year. A shortlist was made today for interviews next week. A further shortlist occurs after the interviews, and those students showing the potential for the executive positions of School Captain or Vice-Captain will present their case with another short address at the Senior parade next week. Our successful 2015 Student Leaders will be announced at our Year 7 Graduation Ceremony on December 10.

Also on the morning of December 5, we host our first special Senior Parade to present Citizenship and Commendable Effort Awards to students in Years 5. This is followed by Years 1 and 2 on Tuesday December 9, and Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday, December 10.

While I have been accused in the past of being a Christmas Grinch, please allow me to explain why candy canes are an unacceptable form of gift giving at school at the end of the year. Often children will purchase candy canes for their whole class and beyond, but let us just conservatively suppose that each child purchases only 10 to distribute to their closest friends. Each class is then circulating approximately 250 candy canes. With 40 classrooms in the school, that is (conservatively, remember) 10,000 candy canes (and all the sugar, preservatives and colouring within) circulating amongst the children at Burpengary. We work really hard to promote healthy options, keep a healthy tuckshop and stick to the Red Day policy to positively role model and promote healthy eating. Things like a pencil sharpener, an eraser or a pencil are alternative, inexpensive gift ideas that are useable and healthy. A home-made card with a thoughtful, personal message conveys so much more than a commercial product. As a community, I ask us to examine and challenge the hidden messages we send out to children this Christmas. Supporting projects in our school like our Defence Force packs and the Food Bank project for those in need in our community are alternative ways to give, with quite a different message for children.

As we near the end of the year, I remind parents that their children need to maintain uniform standards at all times. I know shoes may start to wear out, but a purchase on the larger side now will easily carry through to next year, and all of our local high schools have the same black shoes policy so this works even for year 6 and Year 7 students. Hats are vitally important for sun safety in these Summer months, and Queensland families should need no reminder about wearing a hat. Please Note: Small hats are back in stock in the uniform shop as of next week!

Matthew and Joshua entered the State Championships for GKR Karate Tournament in September this year. They both won the title of State Champion in their age division for Kata. This weekend they are participating in the National Tournament which is held on the Gold Coast. Best of luck boys!

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, Bypay) 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:

Borrowing has now finished for the year and it is time to return all books so we can organise the collection, make any necessary repairs and have it all ready for the new school year. Please ensure your child returns all books as soon as possible.

The Junior Library had great pleasure in handing over lots of certificates and book prizes this week. Congratulations to all our wonderful borrowers and competition winners.
Prep to Year 2 parents; please remember that for only $5.50 you can purchase your children our preferred waterproof library bag from the uniform shop. Remember that any bags that are not waterproof will need to have a plastic bag inside it to protect library books when they are carried to and from school.

What was your favourite picture book when you were the same age as your children? Why not share it with them to celebrate Picture Book Month. Remember picture books can be enjoyed by all ages even adults!! Visit this website for some great links! http://picturebookmonth.com/2014/11/why-picture-books-are-important-by-ted-lewin/ If you are interested in watching authors speak then this website is a great start: http://www.puffinvirtuallylive.co.uk/.

Don’t forget to include a book in the stocking this year!

3. Instrumental Music Update:
Congratulations to all the Instrumental Music students for their excellent performance at the Music Concert last week.

Important dates….
- Monday Nov 24 - 7:30am Band rehearsal + lessons all day.
- Wednesday Nov 26 - All Grade 4 Instruments to be returned to Ms Druitt. No lessons for Grade 4. Grade 3 recruiting.
- Monday Dec 1 - No band or lessons due to Narangba Orientation. Band and lessons postponed to Tuesday Dec 2.
- Tuesday Dec 2 - 7:30am Band rehearsal + lessons
- Wednesday Dec 3 - 7:30am Senior Band and Strings to arrive at school in school uniform to catch bus to "AUSSIE WORLD"
- Monday Dec 8 - No band or lessons - postponed to Tuesday Dec 9.
- Tuesday Dec 9 - 7:30am Band rehearsal and 12:00 warm-up in the music room for Graduation.
- Wednesday Dec 10 - 12:00 warm-up in the music room for Graduation. All school instruments returned.

4. Reminder: The Uniform Shop will be open every morning during the last week of school (8-12 December) from 8.30 to 9.30am. They are now situated in the demountable building next to the Office. Please Note: Small hats are back in stock in the uniform shop as of next week!

5. Curriculum Resource Room: For stocktake purposes, Home Readers are to be returned to classrooms by Wednesday 26th November. It would be appreciated if parent/carers could have students collect any barcoded item they have at home and return it to their child’s classroom. The cost to replace missing or damaged books is $10.00 per item and letters will be issued to families if books have not been returned. Your assistance is appreciated in following up to avoid the loss of resources.

6. P&C Fundraising News:
The P&C is holding a Christmas Gift Stall from Monday 1 December until Friday 5 December from 8.00 to 9.00am every morning, and on Thursday 4 December it will also be open from 3.00 to 4.00pm only. A list of gifts and prices will be included in next week’s newsletter. If you are able to volunteer any time to help on the gift stall please phone Sue Slorach on 0412 753 510 or leave your contact details with the office staff.

7. Kangaroo Bus Lines would like to advise that students who currently have a bus pass with Kangaroo Bus Lines will need to collect their new 2015 pass to be able to continue to travel on our school services next year. Passes can be collected from our office at 2 Motorway Drive, corner of Pitt Rd, Burpengary, from Monday 12th January 2015. New Applications, Change of School or Change of Address Applications will be accepted for the remainder of the year with cards to be collected after the 12th of January. Bus passes will NOT be available for collection from the bus drivers of our school services.

Tuckshop News: Tuesday Meal Deal for Flexischool orders only ($4.50) consists of a sweet chilli chicken tender, lettuce & mayo roll, frozen juice tube, and a bottle of 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. Parents please ensure your child only brings a minimal amount of money to school for purchase of a snack item - less than $2 (no $10 or $20 notes preferred). This lessens the issue of peer pressure to purchase snack items for friends. Please note the price of a chocolate milk ice block has increased to 90 cents, effective from today.

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Until next week

Brad Fox
Principal

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

School uniforms for sale: 1 x size 8 cardigan, 3 x size 6 school dresses, trackpants in sizes 6, 7, 8 and 10, 7 x size 6 shorts, 2 x size 8 shorts, 2 x size 8 polo shirts. Please contact Tania on 0458 315 260 to make an offer.