Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s Newsletter.

Congratulations to Morpheus who this week had a piece of Literary work published in the November Edition of Oz Kids in Print. He now becomes eligible eligible for nomination in the 2014 Young Australian Writer’s Awards. What a wonderful achievement and a great talent!

Our final P&C Disco for the Year is on Friday, December 5. It has a Christmas theme. Parents and students are reminded about three important things:

1. **Students must wear closed in shoes** as a workplace health and safety precaution, as large numbers of students (of all ages and sizes) are dancing and moving around a confined space in unpredictable ways.
2. **Students must wear appropriate clothing for a school function**, inclusive of a large range of students. As a guide, there are to be no strapless or strappy singlet tops, or clothing emblazoned with inappropriate images, slogans or words.
3. Please note for safety reasons, there will be no glow products or lighting products permitted.

It is always such an enjoyable night for the children so please ensure as a family you look after these necessities to avoid the embarrassment of not being permitted entry to the disco.

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. Congratulations to the students on the accompanying list who have earned their Citizenship and Commendable Effort Awards for this term. This is followed by Years 1 and 2 on Tuesday December 9, and Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday, December 10.

Two Graduation Ceremonies take place in this historic year. Our Year 6 group celebrates on Tuesday, December 9.

The final step in the Student Leaders’ process was the presentation of speeches by the shortlisted students for executive student leadership positions of School Captain and Vice-Captain at this morning’s parade. What a brilliant cohort of students the entire Year 5’s are, and I am looking forward to their leadership and role-modelling in 2015. Our successful 2015 Student Leaders will be announced at our Year 7 Graduation Ceremony on December 10.

Future Date Claimer: The 2015 NAPLAN Tests will be conducted in all Queensland schools on Tuesday 12 May (Language Conventions and Writing tests); Wednesday 13 May (Reading); and Thursday 14 May (Numeracy), 2015. Please avoid making commitments on those dates like appointments or holidays, and keep them clear. NAPLAN provides our school with valuable information to support and personalise your child’s learning development. **We value NAPLAN as a learning community.**

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:**

As we move to the end of the year, please check that your children have returned their library books. We usually contact parents by phone in the last week to inquire about outstanding books.

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.

The Junior Library would like to say a special thank you to Rebekah and Ella-Jade who have given freely of their time over the last two years to come and read stories and run craft sessions with the Junior school students. Their enthusiasm and dedication touched our hearts and they should be very proud of themselves. We wish you...
both all the very best in the future.

3. **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!**

4. **Curriculum Resource Room:** For stocktake purposes, Home Readers are to be returned to classrooms now. 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.

5. **Student Council News – Dress in Red Day for Daniel**
   A Day for Daniel focuses on Child Safety Awareness and works hard to promote the foundation’s aims of making the world a safer place for children. During Weeks 8 and 9, the Student Councillors will be presenting seminars to all students, from Prep to Year 7, to further promote this important message. Next Thursday 4th December, the Student Council has also organised a “Dress up in Red, Day for Daniel”. This is not a memorial day for Daniel but is a learning day about personal safety for all children. If students would like to support this foundation, you can add the colour red to parts of your uniform. For example, red ribbons, red socks, red badges, red wigs and red wristbands. Please remember, that hair dye and coloured spray will not be allowed and school hats will need to be worn during break times. If you would like to participate and dress in red, there will be a gold coin donation and the funds raised will go back to the Day for Daniel Foundation so they can keep promoting child safety.

6. **Instrumental Music Update:**
   All Grade 4 Instruments (not Senior Band students) should have returned their school instrument by now…. if not, please take immediately to Mr Pacey.

   **Important dates…:**
   - Monday Dec 1 - No band or lessons due to Narangba Orientation. Band & 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.

7. **P&C Fundraising News:**
   The P & C is holding a Christmas Gift Stall from Monday 01 December until Friday 05 Dec 14 and it will be open from 8.00 - 9.00 am every morning and on Thursday 4 Dec it will be open from 3.00 - 4.00pm. The Gift Stall will be located at the opposite end of the new uniform shop building. There is a list of gifts attached to this newsletter for the whole family and prices range from 50c to $6.00. Please come along and support the school. If you are able to volunteer any time to help on the gift stall please phone Sue Siorach on 0412 753 510 or leave your contact details with the office staff.

   The next **P&C Meeting** will be held on Monday 8 December 2014, in the Staff Lounge, and it is the final meeting for 2014. Please note that there will be no **Parent-Admin Chat on Tuesday 9 December**.

8. **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. 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.**

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Until next week

Brad Fox
Principal

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