Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The school’s enrolment on Day 8 was 920 children in thirty-eight (38) classes, with the one structural change of the removal of the Prep/1 composite into 5 straight Year 1 classes and 5 straight Prep classes. To give the community a comparison, if we added the 106 Year 6 children who would have moved to Year 7 in the old system, our Day 8 numbers would look like 1026, and represent growth of 24 students on 2014. This growth enables us to keep a good economy of scale with staffing special programs like our intervention program and Kitchen/Garden Program.

All families have received your child’s Classroom Management Plan. Please take time to read this through with your child to support the partnership development of an effective classroom learning environment. These Classroom Management Plans have been developed by each class teacher in collaboration with the students in each class and across year levels. These plans clearly state the processes for each class and support the whole school Student Behaviour Expectations.

Our whole school Student Behaviour Expectations have been simplified to three global rules:

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be a Responsible Learner**

I encourage you to share this with your child to support our school in furthering our high standards of student behaviour and strengthening home school partnerships to create an outstanding learning environment for every child across the whole school. Please remember to sign the sheet and return to the class teacher if you have not already done so.

Some important date claimers for the coming week is our Parent Welcome afternoon on Thursday, February 19 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm, and our Student Leaders’ Investiture coming up on Friday February 20, 2015, at the Senior Parade in the P&C Centre, commencing at 9.00am. Parents and family guests are welcome to help celebrate this important occasion for our Year 6 leaders.

Apologies for a badly worded sentence on the uniform that may have confused people in last week’s newsletter ...it was stated much better in my letter home to families! While the uniform delay is inconvenient, in the big scheme of things it is better to have a first class product in 4 week’s time rather than an inferior product that we have to live with forever after.

Our Uniform Shop is still reporting high sales. Thank you for your outstanding community support of the new uniform. It is my job as Principal to ensure that students wear the uniform that our community has strongly and thoroughly endorsed. The students’ pride in presentation is a very important part of our school culture and high expectations, a culture which brings superior learning and opportunities for children to learn, grow and develop into active, healthy, engaged participants in life and school. It is these high expectations that have earned our school a quality reputation within and beyond our local community. Other schools may have different standards, but at Burpengary State School, these are our unwavering expectations.

Our school is currently reviewing before-school procedures, and details will be released in a future newsletter following a consultation process with the staff and the P&C.

To other news...

1. **Coming up:**

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2. We have a large number of Facebook applications that we cannot process to final stage. I remind families that connecting with our Facebook page is a two-step operation. We have significant numbers of written applications who have not connected electronically to complete the second step (until then we can’t connect you!). There are a further significant number who have connected electronically, but have not completed the written application. This two-step process keeps our site a safe, bon-fide school community site, and I am excited by this way of communicating with our community and keeping people connected to our school! Please act now to continue to build our membership.

3. The first P&C Meeting for 2015 will be on Monday, February 9, commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Lounge. All welcome. On Tuesday, February 10, there will be a Parent-Admin Chat commencing at 9.30am in the Staff Lounge.
Reminder that the **P&C Annual General Meeting** that will be held on **Monday, March 09, 2015**, commencing at 7.00pm in the **Staff Lounge**.

4. **Please Note:** School Photos – Thursday 19 March and Friday 20 March, 2015.

5. **Library News:**

   Welcome to February in the libraries. It’s **Love Your Library** month as we begin our class borrowing for the year. Year 2-6 classes begin class borrowing in Week 3. Year 1 classes will start borrowing in Week 4 as they learn new procedures. Prep classes will commence their library orientation programme in Week 3. We will let you know when they are ready to start borrowing. All Year 4 and 5 classes will commence borrowing next week in the Snr Library and Year 6 classes when they return from camp.

   **10 Minutes a Day – it can make a world of difference! How do I start?** There is no magic formula, no right way of reading and no special rules. A book, a quiet place, you and your child – it’s all you need. Try to make it a consistent event. At the same time, or times, each day in a comfortable place. It’s never too early to start reading to your child. Even babies love hearing stories and nursery rhymes. Try to make your reading as expressive as possible. Let the emotion of the story show through your facial expression and your voice. It really brings the characters and story to life.

   (From: [http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/4904/library_ten_minutes_a_day_bro.pdf](http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/4904/library_ten_minutes_a_day_bro.pdf))

   **Scholastic Book Club:** Just a reminder that Scholastic Book Club orders need to be placed by Friday 13 February. 2015. Orders can be placed via the New Loop System online or by returning your order to school with payment by credit card, money order or cheque. We advise we are unable to accept cash payments for Book Club orders.

6. Parents of Year 6 students – This year’s **student diaries** are available from the Office at a cost of $7.50.

7. **Active Kids:**

   Burpengary State School has been participating in the Active After School Communities Program for some time. However, this program is being replaced in 2015 with a new federally funded initiative called Sporting Schools. We are already registered to take part in this new program, but we won’t be able to apply for funding until at least May. If our application is successful, activities will commence in July this year. Please use the following link to access information:


8. **Get Started vouchers** worth $150 are available now for kids to participate in Sport and Recreation activities e.g. Cricket, Soccer, Dance and Netball. There are 4 rounds of funding this year and the first round is open now. Go to the website [www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame) to get started. To be eligible you need to hold a Centrelink Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card. If you don’t have one of these cards you can still apply under certain conditions. There are fact sheets available at the school office, which give further information about the program and how to apply.

9. Please note that **Student Banking** starts next Friday. Bank books are to be handed in by 9.00am.

   **Tuckshop News:** **Tuckshop for Prep students does not start until Week 6 (from 02/03/15)**

   Flexischool Meal Deal! Sweet chilli chicken tender roll with mayo and lettuce, bag of grapes, and bottle of water - $4.50. Only available by Flexischool online ordering. 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. 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.

   Until next week

   **Brad Fox**
   **Principal**

   **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

   If you’re looking for some fun then you’ve come to the right place. Build paint and drive your very own **Billy Kart**! This fantastic program is available to all the children at Burpengary. On this extraordinary 5 week program, children will have the opportunity to engage in putting the Billy Kart together and building it! They will then paint and decorate their Billy Kart before finally racing it against their friends! The best part is, they take the Billy Kart home to keep racing away! 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 will also be available from the school office and Helping Hands Burpengary service.

   **Caboolture Cougars Hockey Club Sign-On Day** is Saturday 7 February from 9.00am to 12.00 noon. Come and try from 10.00 to 11.00am at Caboolture Hockey Club, Lindsay Road, Morayfield. For further enquiries phone 0438 545 988.

   **Deception Bay Football Club Sign-On, 7 & 8 February and 14 & 15 February from 10.00am till 2.00pm at Deception Bay Football Club, Progress Park, 24 / 52 Old Bay Road, Deception Bay.** For further details phone Kim on 0437 637 771 or email - deceptionbay.soccer@bigpond.com.

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