Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. Monday night’s Annual General Meeting of the P&C attracted 31 keen people in a great show of community support for the school and our students. Retiring President, Mrs Lyn Roberts, has been a strong leader through some challenging times for school, and the legacy is a robust and resilient P&C who saw the last repayment for the P&C Centre we have enjoyed for so many years, and have since have been contributing $35,000 annually to the school to support students and their learning during the last four years. This translates into things like well-maintained ovals for every student to enjoy at lunch and in HPE lessons, data projectors and technology in every classroom of the school for every student, a program of whiteboard replacement of blackboards that will eventually unfold to every classroom and student in the school, and most recently soft soap dispensers and hand dryers in every toilet block.

In 2015, I congratulate the following community members to a very strong P&C Executive: President, Mr Wayne Summersford; Two Vice-Presidents, Mrs Michelle Carter and Mrs Karen Eckel; Treasurer, Mrs Christine Linnane; Correspondence Secretary, Mrs Karyn Swindells, and Minutes Secretary, Mrs Marie Wright. Thanks also to Tanya Russell, Judy Batham, Sheree Crutcher, and Donna Harrowell who volunteered to form part of a P&C fundraising team. I know they will work hard to make our school a better place for students, and I look forward to the continued community support and emerging community warmth that we are seeing grow annually through volunteering, support for Fetes and the Arts Festival where thousands of people enjoyed the events, and improved attendance at parent teacher meetings. This strong community engagement gives our children the best possible outcomes for their primary schooling and ensures a great school environment for them to thrive and learn.

As part of our ongoing program to enhance communication, engage our community in school life and provide first class service for our parents, I would like to draw your attention to our official Burpengary State School Facebook page. To join and gain access to the page is a two-step process. First, go to http://www.facebook.com/groups/burpengarystateschool/ and request to join. Second, obtain the application form that is available at the office, or on our website. Read and sign this application form and return it to the school office. You will need to state your bona fide direct connection to the school, and sign to say that you understand and will follow the agreed protocol. Once you have requested electronically to join the page, AND our administrator is in receipt of this signed application, access will be granted within two working days.

This page has been extremely useful for families in recent situations, and it is a quick and easy way to get a newsletter!

School photos take place next Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20.

The 2015 National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is on Friday, 20th March. This day provides a focus for schools across the country to say, ‘Bullying – No way!’ This day also allows us to strengthen the messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. To help raise awareness and to make a stand that shows that we say NO to bullying and violence, the Student Council have organised a ‘Dress in Orange Day’. We are aware that the National Day is held on Friday, 20th March, however, this official day has unfortunately clashed with school photos. Therefore, we will conduct our ‘Dress in Orange Day’ on Monday, 30th March. Students can participate by adding orange to your school uniform. This can include wigs, ribbons, glasses, socks, wristbands, shoelaces or stockings, the opportunities are endless, just make sure it is added to your FULL school uniform. If you choose to participate on the day, a gold coin donation will be required. The Student Councillors will also be selling orange wristbands in the tuckshop area before school and during both breaks in the lead up to this event. Wristbands will cost $1.50 and $2.00 each. We hope to see you all with some orange on Monday, 30th March to help us promote the message that we say, ‘Bullying – No Way!’

The wonderful tradition of the Burpengary State School Easter Bonnet Parade for Prep to Year 2 will take place on Thursday, April 2, in the P&C Centre commencing at 2.15pm. All families are welcome to enjoy this brilliant event!

The ordered formal uniforms arrived this week and were quickly distributed by our wonderful Uniform Shop volunteers, Mrs Linda McTaggart and Ms Tamara McTaggart. It was wonderful to see many of the Year 4’s wearing them so proudly on Wednesday’s Parade, and they look very smart. In this transition I take this opportunity to reaffirm that all Year 4 students need to have a formal uniform for Parade day (which is currently Wednesday, but will change to Friday and the Senior Parade in Term 2). I ask all families to do the very best they can to ensure that your child is in the correct uniform for School Photos next week. If there are financial reasons that make it difficult at the moment, please discuss the matter with our BSM, Mrs Paula Connolly, and we will work towards a quick solution.

Complicating this is the extremely fast movement of stock when it does arrive! The Uniform Shop is currently OUT OF STOCK in: Boys Formal Shirts sizes 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16; Girls Formal Shirts sizes 12 and 14; Casual Polos size 12; and Unisex Shorts size 8. We are endeavouring to have the formal shirts and blouses ready by Thursday morning for Photos, but it will be tough and go and unfortunately not guaranteed time-wise.

As house shirts are not part of the new uniform and not sold in the uniform shop any more, new children to the school in Year 4 to 6 will need to dress in a suitable plain shirt of their house colour for the Annual Cross Country Carnival next Friday – Sky Blue for Eucalypt, Red for Hibiscus; Green for Forest; and Yellow for Wattle. These need to be plain-coloured shirts with no slogans or prints, preferably polo shirts with a collar and good sleeves for sun safety – we recommend the plain coloured polo shirts that are readily available and inexpensive at Lowes or Big W.

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To other news...

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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. Student Council News: Sports day wristbands - As cross country is fast approaching in Week 10, the Student Council will be selling coloured wristbands to help build team spirit in the lead up to this big event. These wristbands will be on sale before school and during both breaks next week. The cost of each band is $1.50.

3. Library News: In the Junior Library, the Preps have started their borrowing adventure. We are very pleased with how quickly they have learned the borrowing procedure. We hope that they will be able to start borrowing before school with parent assistance very soon.

What comes to mind when your see or read the word, “Library”? That’s what we asked the Junior School this week. Each class had the opportunity to give us a word. We will be creating a Wordle to remind us why we love the library!

Did you know? You don’t need to be an expert to read to your child! By reading aloud to your children regularly, you’re: stimulating their imaginations, developing their understanding of how language works, reinforcing the value of reading, helping them to discover the joys of reading, strengthening the relationship with your child, and giving them a great start to their education. Which book are you going to read to your child tonight?

4. P&C News: Our first P&C Disco for the Year is on next Friday night, March 20. It has a Beach theme. Parents and students are reminded about these important things:

(1) Parents/Carers must accompany your child to the door on arrival, and children will only be permitted to depart the disco at 7.30pm accompanied by a parent/carer.

(2) Older siblings are not permitted into the disco unless they have the direct permission of the Principal by prior arrangement. It is strictly Burpengary State School students only.

(3) 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.

(4) 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 shoestring singlet tops, visible undergarments, or clothing emblazoned with inappropriate images, slogans or words.

(5) Parking will be available on the Junior Oval, but the entrance is through Sasha Street ONLY. This leaves the George Street gate as a pedestrian entrance only, keeping people well away from traffic movement.

(6) Please note there will be no glow products allowed, including shoes. Cost of entry is only $5.00 per student.

5. Tuckshop News: Flexischool Meal Deal: St Patrick’s Day - 5 chicken nuggets, bag of green grapes, and green spring water (lemon lime) - $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 is the preferred option for ordering. Free to register, quick, easy and convenient. Please ensure you confirm your order on the 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.

Reminder to families of gluten free options available - toasted white bread sandwich, rice cakes, curried chicken and rice, fried rice, corn cob, salads.

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Until next week,

Brad Fox
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

North Lakes Mustangs Soccer Club: Inclusive Program is proudly supported by the Brisbane Paralympic Football Program. Term One and Registration Day on Saturday 14 March from 2.00 - 3.00pm at Woodside Oval, Cnr Discovery Dve and Gardenia Pde, North Lakes. If you wish to participate in the program you must register as a member of the North Lakes Mustangs SC to be covered by QCSA Insurance and to receive the member benefits - training shirt, trophy and team photo. For all enquiries phone Kerri Hutchison on 0408 348 500 or email managerbpfp2@gmail.com.

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