Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. First I will be describing a *hugely busy week to close out Term One* at Burpengary, but in the next part I will dedicate this edition to a special commentary about the school’s *Kitchen/Garden Program*.

Congratulations to **Mrs Fraser** who will be leaving us until the end of the year to work in **Central Office** on an *Inclusive Schools* project. I interviewed candidates this morning for Acting Deputy Principal during her absence, and announce that Ms Sharelle Hall, from Hercules Road State School, has been the successful candidate and will commence in Term 2.

Our **Year 1-4 students** celebrated their special *Citizenship Awards Parade* this week. I was so pleased to be signing off on so many awards, and to be recognising so many Principal’s Awards. **We conducted our ‘Dress in Orange Day’ to observe the Bullying-No Way message on Monday**. Students participated by adding orange to their school uniform, and promoting the message that we say, *‘Bullying – No Way!’* Our Burpengary State School Easter Bonnet Parade for **Prep to Year 2** was affected by the rain, but not to disappoint the eager Bunnies and sensational hats, the children conducted a scaled down version of the parade in their classrooms. I don’t think I have seen the P&C Centre so inundated with water — it is times like these that reinforce what life might be like with a closed in Hall!

The **Annual Cross-Country Carnival** has been *postponed* due to the weather until **Wednesday, April 29**.

The *new formal uniforms did not arrive this week*, but will be distributed by our fantastic Uniform Shop ladies as soon as they do. As Winter approaches and we are clear of the hot weather, I ask all families to ensure that your child is *adequately prepared and uniform-standard-compliant for the Winter* if you have not already done so. The minimum standard is a *plain navy blue pullover*, and/or *plain navy track pants*, with *no other* colour slogans, designs, stripes or logos. The school winter jackets are warm and highly durable, and available in the Uniform Shop for $37.50. Please note, “hoodies” are *not permitted under any circumstances*.

I remind families that our parades will changeover in Term 2, and that **Year 4 students will require a formal uniform to be worn on Fridays as they join the Senior Parade for the first time this year**! The **new Parade timetable in Term 2** is: **Tuesday - Prep and Year 1; Wednesday - Year 2 and 3; and Friday - Year 4 to Year 6** (Formal uniforms to be worn).

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**: We need you to look out for after-hours crime at our school. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the **School Watch number –13 17 88** – and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

**REMEMBER TO FAMILIES**: School commences for Term 2 on **MONDAY, April 20, 2015**. Have a safe and happy Holiday!

The **Burspengary State School Kitchen/Garden Program** is a wonderful co-curricular program that has captured the imagination of students, staff, parents and the wider community alike. When I say wider community, I mean WIDER! The **Farm Fantastic Event** is featuring our Kitchen/Garden team in their 2015 program in a big way with ongoing blogs and cooking events throughout the weekend event coming up in July. This is brilliant local recognition of a significant program, but that is not all.

The Network 10 television show **Totally Wild** last week filmed a segment in our school with Years 2, 5 and 6 students. This program will **showcase our Kitchen/Garden program to Australia and the world**, with Burpengary students harvesting fresh food from the garden and cooking up a meal. The show coincides with Jamie Oliver’s world-wide Food Revolution Day, designed to encourage children to eat healthily and appreciate fresh food as an important part of their life. **This Totally Wild episode is tentatively going to air on Tuesday, May 12, at 8.00am in the morning on Channel 11, but we will confirm**.

What makes me most proud about this program, however, is not the accolades and recognition it is currently receiving, but the fact that it is a **well-respected and valued co-curricular program** amongst our students and our parents. The children are learning an enormous number of Life Skills through careful integration with the Australian Curriculum in Health and Science, and learning through a hands-on and real-life environment — and they love it!

The program **epitomises community engagement** in our school because it is so well supported by a huge range of parent volunteers who help in the kitchen, help in the garden, volunteer for events, or support **Ross Tattersall** on his adventures into the Ekka and Farm Fantastic. We have support from the Moreton Bay Regional Council, and businesses like **Bunnings, Harris Scarfe, Zoom Nurseries** and the **Burspengary Foodworks**, who regularly sponsor and support us.

This quality program doesn’t come about by accident. This wide range of people do not get involved unless something magic is happening for the children and their learning. I take the opportunity to thank previous school leaders for their vision, former Burpengary parents Darren and Janene Kay for their passion and commitment to help get it up and running, the passion of the indefatigable Mr Ross Tattersall for his drive and commitment to the program, and the small army of volunteers (too numerous to mention here) who help in so many different ways every week to ensure that the children have a special experience in the kitchen and garden — **THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL! THIS IS QUALITY EDUCATION!**

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**BURPENGARY NEWSFLASH**

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF BURPENGARY STATE SCHOOL**

Website:  [www.burpengass.eq.edu.au](http://www.burpengass.eq.edu.au)
http://www.facebook.com/groups/burpengarystateschool/

School Student Absence Line to leave message details: Phone 3491 0366

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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. **ANZAC DAY:** Moreton Bay Regional Council is organising a very local ANZAC Day March for this Centenary Observance of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli on Saturday, April 25. Our school observance of ANZAC Day will occur on Friday, April 24 at 9.00am with a very special Prep to Year 6 Parade. I invite families with an active service member who would like them to be specially acknowledged on this parade, please let us know their names and service details by Tuesday, April 21.

3. **P&C News:** The next P&C Meeting will be held in the Staff lounge on Monday night, April 20, which is the first day back at school for Term 2. All Welcome. The next Parent-Admin Chat Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, commencing at 9.30am in the Staff Lounge.

4. **Tuckshop News:** 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. HINT – Flexischool orders cost you 25 cents each break. In order to maximise your expense, an order for an iceblock for second break could be made on first break’s order and student receives an iceblock ticket which is swapped at second break.

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**

Moreton Bay Regional Council is running the Active Kids Free Park Sessions Program from 7 to 17 April. Active Kids is for children aged 3 to 12 who live in or are attending schools in the Moreton Bay Region. Activities are run in various parks throughout the Region and require no bookings or payment to attend. For further information phone Brendan Arthur on 3283 0328 or email Brendan.Arthur@moretonbay.qld.gov.au.

A free course that will assist parents, families and carers who live and work with individuals on the Autism Spectrum will be launched at Swinburne University of Technology in April 2015 - visit http://www.swinburne.edu.au/media-centre/news/2015/02/swinburne-offers-free-course-on-autism.html.

Warehouse Cricket Assoc. Qld (Inc) 2015 Junior Winter Cricket for boys and girls - Cost is $13 per day, matches are Saturdays 11.45am to 4.35pm, one day and two day matches, nominations close 7 April. For further information contact Angela on 0401 422 585.

S.O.S. Home Tuition: All grades, Maths, Reading, English, from a qualified teacher with 20 years experience, will come to you. Phone Shawn on 0431 239 006.

Bulpengary State School has spaces and classrooms that can be used after hours by community groups on a user pays basis. Please talk with the Business Services Manager, Mrs Paula Connolly, for further details on phone 3491 0333.

Please join us for a Family Fun Day to Close the Gap in Early Years, Saturday 18 April at the Suncoast Christian College Hall, Cnr Schubert & Kiel Mtn Rds, Woombye from 10.00am - 1.00pm. Free kids’ activities, face painting, jumping castle, balloon animals and lots more.

Hello, my name is Lynn Chapman. Do you have a child who is under 5 years of age and not enrolled in playgroup or kindy? Do you need some assistance to enrol your child? Then I can help. As a Community Engagement and Participation Officer, I can support you and your family to access Early Years services. If you would like more information give me a call on 3491 0389 or 0455 096 309 (call or text) or email lynn.chapman@dete.qld.gov.au. Kindy counts!

After School Art and Craft Classes at Burpengary State School every Monday of Term 2, starting 20th April from 3.15pm-4.30pm. Classes will include a huge range of fun projects like tie dying, dream catchers, weaving, bunting, leatherwork, windchimes and more. Nurture creativity, build self esteem, improve motor skills and have heaps of fun! convenient and affordable. Classes run in 5 week blocks so you can try it and see if you like it! For more info and to book call Cassie 0424 160 093 or Carmen 0439 818 733 or email rainbowevolutionkids@gmail.com or clizasoain@bigpond.com.

Volunteer to host an international high school student. Students arrive in July 2015 for one term, one semester or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Spain, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our website www.scce.com.au, email us at scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501.