Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The Minister for Main Roads has advised our local MP (Mr Mark Ryan) this week that flashing school zone lights are scheduled to be installed on Station Road, Burpengary (near the School) before the end of the year. I thank our community and the previous MP Darren Grimwade for their lobbying work through petitions, and Mr Mark Ryan for continuing this project for Burpengary State School. What great news for an important road safety feature for our children.

As you are aware, the **Year 3 and 5 children will be participating in the National Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (NAPLAN) next week.** Due to the tight time requirements of the tests, children need to be in attendance no later than 8:45am each morning, for a prompt start at 8:55am. Days and dates of the tests are as follows:

- **Tuesday 12th May** Language Convention and Writing
- **Wednesday 13th May** Reading
- **Thursday 14th May** Numeracy

We also ask for the children to bring a light snack, for Tuesday only. This snack, such as fruit, is intended as a quick energy boost for the children and is in addition to their normal lunch. It is important that the children have breakfast and a good night sleep prior to the exams, and understand that the purpose is simply for them to show what they know.

I remind parents that it is inappropriate to withdraw children from NAPLAN without following the **correct process.** This requires prior written application to the Principal, on a pro-forma page for this purpose, and would need to be completed by Monday May 11, before testing starts. Students who are sick on any day will have the opportunity to catch up the test(s) on return to school up to Friday 15 May.

I became aware this week of a student in a Burpengary State School uniform selling fundraising chocolates door to door. This may well have been a legitimate fundraiser for a local sports team or organisation like Scouts, but it is completely inappropriate to be wearing our school uniform while conducting this non-school business. I ask families to ensure that their child is **not in school uniform when conducting any activities after school,** particularly when they are unsupervised.

Some families have been parking in the drop of zone in the morning and leaving their cars again of late – this is seriously inconsiderate, disruptive of traffic flow and endangers children around our school. It is a two-minute **Stop, Drop and Go Zone**, and **vehicles must never be left unattended at any time.**

The P&C Uniform Shop is now fully stocked with **formal uniforms**, and I remind the **Year 4 and Year 5 students** that they are required to be in full formal uniform on Friday’s Senior Parades. As the Uniform Shop stock impeded new families to the senior school complying with formal wear, we have given everybody plenty of time and space during the first part of the year. This is now the time in transition where the formal uniform requirement will begin to be enforced as of next week, and will have consequences for students’ Citizenship Awards from now on. If families require support in order to fulfil this requirement, there are ways and we are only too happy to help – please do not hesitate to phone myself or Mrs Paula Connolly (Business Service Manager) on 3491 0333.

Next week, **we will be sending out to all families an Emergency Contacts Update sheet.** This is a vitally important routine matter for families to check and update any details that are no longer accurate. However, it is **even more important** this time as we are also exploring a variety of ways, in the wake of last Friday’s East Coast Weather Event, of digital communication solutions (including email) that can be used by the school to get critical information to families in a timely manner. I ask all families to check or (in most cases) add a working email address that is regularly checked and accessible to the emergency contact details.

Joining our official Facebook page is also recommended!

As Winter approaches, I ask families to ensure that your family is adequately prepared and uniform-standard-compliant for the cooler weather ahead if you have not already done so. The **Winter Uniform standard is (for all Year levels):**

- School Jacket: navy blue, with no crest or old school crest, front close, pale blue stripes at neck, wrist and waist; or Plain navy blue pullover, Plain navy blue track pants (**No other colours, writing, hoodies, stripes or insignia**).

A reminder to **all families who have not already done so:** please prioritise the payment of the $25 voluntary contribution at **your earliest possible opportunity?** We can arrange for this contribution to be paid in small, manageable instalments over time. The **current priority that we are undertaking throughout every classroom** is replacing blackboards with whiteboards. We have to date replaced 18 of the 48 spaces that need replacing in the school. Whiteboards are cleaner (no chalk dust and allergens) and enable teachers to work interactively with the data projector technology in the rooms. We can achieve these enhancements literally years ahead of our current schedule with your assistance in this voluntary contribution scheme. It benefits all children in our school.

This week we congratulate **Laura and Riley** who have both been selected as Moreton Bay Region Ambassadors for a Western Queensland visit to Winton. This was a very competitive process amongst school students from Pine Rivers through Caboolture and to Redcliffe Peninsula. Well done!

The Queensland Government is committed to providing both immediate and ongoing support to those who have been directly affected by a natural disaster. **For further details please see the attached flyer.**

To other news...

CRICOS Provider No.: 00608A
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. Final Reminder that the **Totally Wild** story "Food Revolution Day – Garden & Kitchen" featuring our Burpengary State School students in Year 2, 5 and 6 will be going to air on **Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 8:00am on Channel Eleven**. The Ten Network have informed us that they are unable to supply copies of the show, so we encourage you to make your own arrangements regarding viewing &/or recording this episode. After this episode goes to air, it will then be available to watch online. Just visit the website - [http://tenplay.com.au/channel-eleven/totally-wild](http://tenplay.com.au/channel-eleven/totally-wild) Channel 10 informs us that if you “like” their official Facebook page it will keep you up-to-date with all the TOTALLY WILD action at https://www.facebook.com/TotallyWild and feel free to share this link on social media so that your friends & family can also see the finished story. They thanked the school for our assistance in the development of this story. Enjoy!

3. **P&C News:** The next **P&C Meeting** will be a special meeting to validate a new P&C Constitution, and will be held in the Staff lounge on Monday night, May 11 commencing at the special time of 6.45pm. The regular May general meeting will follow, commencing at 7.00pm. **All Welcome.** The next Parent-Admin Chat Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 12**, commencing at 9.30am in the Staff Lounge.

4. **Library News:** We’ve had a couple of weeks of competitive fun in the Junior Library with classes trying to get points for borrowing. The shouts of joy when children selected a flower with, ‘20 points’ hidden at the bottom of the stem were priceless. Some lucky mother/grandmother/aunt will have the pot with flowers delivered to them for Mother’s day. The winning classes in each year level will receive a $10 Scholastic Bookclub Voucher. In the Senior Library, a group of students made beautiful sun-catchers in the first of our fortnightly craft classes. No doubt there will a few lucky mothers receiving these for Mother’s Day on Sunday.

Don’t forget that Prep students are welcome to come into the library and borrow before school if they are accompanied by their parents or caregiver. Please note they cannot borrow on their borrowing day or on a Tuesday when the Junior Library is closed before school.

Microsoft Office 2013 Suite – All state school students from Prep to Year 12 can install the free Office 365 Student Advantage package on your home computer or Mac and other personal devices. For instructions on how to do this, go to [http://education.qld.gov.au/learningplace/](http://education.qld.gov.au/learningplace/) and look for the Office 365 Student Advantage logo. Click on this to be taken to a PDF document outlining the procedure for downloading and installing this on your home devices. Students who want the free software will need an active Managed Internet Service (MIS) login, school email account and password – if your child is unsure what their username and password is, please contact their class teacher.

5. **Tuckshop News:** Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal - Sweet chilli chicken tender roll with lettuce and mayo, 3 ANZAC biscuits, and a small juice popper - $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. 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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Did you know **Smart** choices, the Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland schools, is all about offering healthy food and drink choices to students in Queensland schools. **Green Smart** snack choices are boiled egg, fresh popped corn, carrot sticks, apple slinky, fruit salad, vaalia yoghurt, and fruit salad & custard.

Until next week,

Brad Fox
Principal

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

The St Eugene Catholic Parish, Burpengary wish to advise that registration for this year’s Confirmation and First Eucharist (First Holy Communion Program) is now open. Registration forms are available on our website [www.steugeneparish.org.au](http://www.steugeneparish.org.au) or at the back of the church for those families wanting their children to participate in this year’s Sacramental Program. Parent information meetings will take place **Tuesday 19th May at 7.00pm and Saturday 23rd May 2.00pm at St Eugene Church.** All children will need to attend a workshop on **Saturday 13th June from 9am – 3pm.** Mons Peter Meenely will celebrate the Masses for Confirmation and First Eucharist on **Saturday 25th July.** Brochures are available with details of the program at the back of the church or from the parish office. **REGISTRATION FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY FRIDAY 15th May 2015.** For further information please phone 3888 3973 Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm.

**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.

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Community recovery support

The Queensland Government is committed to providing both immediate and ongoing support to those who have been directly affected by a natural disaster.

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) is responsible for leading human and social recovery activities following a natural disaster in Queensland. DCCSDS provide information and referrals to people seeking assistance who are unable to meet their immediate essential needs.

DCCSDS works closely with Police and Emergency Services, local governments and a range of government and non-government organisations to coordinate and provide Community Recovery support.

People who are affected and require assistance should contact the Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349 or download the “Self Recovery” mobile app through the Apple or Android stores.

What support is available?

DCCSDS works closely with a range of government and non-government providers to provide a range of services which may include:

- information on self-recovery
- referral to support agencies
- direct personal support
- referral to counselling
- referral to financial counselling
- referral to mental health
- financial assistance
- referral to agencies providing material assistance
- emergency relief funding
- referral to accommodation and housing services
- referral to other agencies to assist resilience building

Long term support is also provided to assist with individual and community resilience through community development strategies and activities.

Disaster relief activations are based on the area of impact. This is triggered when local capacity to provide immediate support and assistance is or will be exhausted.

Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme (PHAS) grants are activated when application of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements are made and approved by the Federal Government.
Outreach and community recovery hubs
Assistance will be provided directly to people through mobile outreach teams and for a larger disaster in high population areas, through a combination of outreach teams and community recovery hubs. Immediately following a disaster, many people want to focus on the clean-up of their homes – that is why outreach teams may go directly to people to help arrange assistance. These teams also help people access other support through non-government organisations to help them get back on their feet.

Eligibility for financial assistance
In the first few days following a disaster, people who are unable to meet their immediate essential needs for temporary accommodation, food, essential clothing and medication may be eligible for financial assistance.
Immediate Hardship Assistance is for people affected by disasters in approved activation areas who:
• Unable to meet immediate essential needs
• Unable to seek support from family or friends
• Demonstrate direct impact such as loss or damage to their home, loss of essential personal items and/or isolation from home for more than 48 hours.
NB: If you don’t live in an activation zone, some non-financial assistance may be able to be provided – so please ask.

The four grants we pay to eligible for people living in disaster affected areas when Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme is activated are:

1. **Immediate Hardship Assistance** –
   a. This grant is for immediate essentials including for food, clothing, medical supplies or temporary accommodation.
   b. The grant is not means tested and is paid where people are impacted and need assistance urgently.
   c. Payments are $180 for a single person and continuing in $180 increments up to $900 for a family of 5 or more.

2. **Essential Household Contents Grant** –
   a. To assist people who are uninsured or unable to claim insurance, with a contribution for repairs and essential household contents
   b. A means tested grant for the uninsured, based on assessed loss in field
   c. Maximum payment to an individual is $1,765
   d. Maximum to a couple/family is $5,300.

3. **Structural Assistance Grant**
   a. Helps eligible homeowners repairs their homes sustaining damage from the event
   b. A means tested grant for the uninsured and underinsured
   c. Maximum payment to an Individual is $10,995
   d. Maximum payment to a couple/family is $14,685 (covers houses, caravans, vessels).

4. **Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme**
   a. Provides assistance to homeowners to reconnect essential services and repair damaged service items
   b. A means tested grant for the uninsured
   c. Scheme covers up to 4 essential services reconnections at a max $200 each i.e. gas, water, septic, electricity and 
   d. Repairs to those service items up to a total of $4,200.

The Community Recovery Hotline number, 1800 173 349, can assist with information or arrange for any assistance that people affected by a disaster might require to recover from the event.


Other personal supports and counselling contacts include:

- Dedicated Cyclone counselling line 1300 HELP (1300 4357)
- Lifeline Counselling: 13 11 14 Australian Red Cross: 1800 733 111
- Salvo Care Line: 1300 36 36 22 Queensland Health:13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)