Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Our Semester One Report Cards were sent home with the children yesterday. I would like to thank all our teachers for their prompt and professional attention to the reports, and a huge thank you to Mrs Sam Waldron, Mr Ben Turner and Mrs Trudy Watkin for their commitment in overcoming obstacles to get the reports out to families on schedule, despite a State-wide glitch with the OneSchool Application that prevented reports in every Queensland school from being generated and printed in bulk. The bigger the school, the bigger the problem! They individually printed every report card for every child in the school to meet this commitment to high reliability in getting the job done on time for our families!

The Annual Track and Field Carnival was held last week! I have already thanked the people who got the carnival ready in the morning, so I take this opportunity to ensure everybody knows how successful the carnival was! The participation, conduct and involvement of all of the students on the day was just amazing. I thank you all, families for getting the children here early, the energetic and spirited students (ably led by the student House Leaders), and our utterly professional staff for ensuring that everything worked smoothly. Ms Amanda Heathwood needs special mention for her planning, organisation and set up at a brand new venue….only people who have organised large carnivals would know what a huge extra task this was in 2015, and the event was as smooth and efficient as ever. Well done!

The Championship Points went to FOREST; the Participation Points also went to FOREST, to also make them the overall House Champion Team. Congratulations also to individual achievement efforts of our Age Champions and Record Breakers…

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**New Records:** Discus 11 years Boys – Joshua 18.12m (Old record was 15.65m set in 2013); Final Overall Points: 1) Forest - 3168; 2) Eucalypt - 2989; 3) Wattle – 2912; and 4) Hibiscus - 2519

Also this week, I have been amazed by the student art work being produced by our creative students during the Art Workshops. The work will be on show at our 2015 Arts Festival in September this year!!

The Year 5’s had a great excursion on St Helena Island this week, with the extra unexpected surprise of a fantastic view of the 333m aircraft carrier USS Washington as it steamed out of the Port of Brisbane. Thanks to our volunteers, students and staff for their commitment to learning last Wednesday. The only dampener (excuse the pun) was the Captain insisting the children wash their shoes off prior to boarding the boat, soaking many students’ shoes.

**SPELL-A-THON:** I have been hearing great reports about students obtaining many sponsorships and working on a second card already! The competition for Year Level and Overall school fundraisers is going to be strong in 2015. Please get behind the P&C’s Spell-a-thon to start our new Hall project off in a positive way.

“Morayfield Magic” is a new initiative designed to encourage a love for books and excitement about reading. Local MP Mark Ryan said, ”This annual family fun day is inspired by the classic Australian children’s book, Possum Magic, by Mem Fox. I was pleased that Mem Fox and Education Minister Kate Jones were on hand to officially launch this new initiative with me. As well as fun activities like a jumping castle and an inter-school challenge, the event will offer families access to important information from key government departments, community groups and service providers.”

The inaugural “Morayfield Magic” is planned for Sunday 26 July 2015 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the Morayfield State School oval, Caboolture River Road, Morayfield. The event is free to all participants and we expect a large crowd of kids and their families to attend.

**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 Service deal with the matter.

**REMINDERS:** The Term 3 Parent Calendar accompanies this newsletter….stick it on your fridge to keep track of events! Our **PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016** rose to 75 this week, so we are starting our fourth class. Please tell your friends to get in early! Also, we are desperately short of school shorts in our office uniform supplies – any families who have some at home and can drop them in, they will be greatly appreciated.

What a brilliant Semester it has been! Hard work, success stories, trials requiring resilience – it has all been there!!

**All the best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.**

Please note that school resumes on **MONDAY, July 13**.
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. Please note: The President of the P&C gives notice of a Special Meeting of the P&C to ratify the new Independent Public School School Council Constitution on Monday, July 20, 2015, commencing at 6.45pm in the Staff Lounge. The constitution is available for pre-viewing at the front office for the next month. The next P&C monthly meeting will be held on July 20 due to the school holidays returning on July 13. The venue is the Staff Lounge and the meeting commences at 7.00pm. All welcome. The next parent-admin chat will be trialled on a NEW day - Wednesday, July 22, in the Staff Lounge commencing at 9.30am. All welcome.

3. Woolworths Earn and Learn is back for 2015. Starting on Wednesday 15th July, when anybody in our community shops at Woolworths, please collect a sticker for every $10 you spend and once you complete your sticker card, place it in the collection box in the school office. The program ends on Tuesday the 8th of September. Please get on your toms to make sure all of our community is collecting stickers that we can trade for resources in September.

4. As families may be purchasing new shoes during the holidays, or during Term 3, I stress the absolute importance of appropriate footwear for school. The school policy is plain black, lace-up shoes with no coloured writing, trim or accessories (leather or vinyl preferred). This will avoid any waste of money for you as a family by purchasing inappropriate clothes or shoes that do not meet the school dress standards. Growing feet need a sturdy sole, good heel counter, arch support, and protection from hot spills, drops and garden tools. Note that now Science, HPE and the kitchen/garden program are undertaken extensively throughout all year groups in the school.

5. In the event of a child being absent from school for any reason, parental explanation is necessary. If you know in advance that your child is going to be absent for a period of time, early advice to the school would be appreciated. For your convenience, a dedicated student absence line has been set up by phoning 3491 0366 and leaving your child’s name, reason for absence, the class teacher’s name, and when their return is expected.

6. Library News:

Thank you to all our school community for your patience this week while we worked hard to get the merged collection ready for borrowing in Term 3. The senior school will see the merger for the first time in Term 3 and library staff will provide orientation to classes to help them make the most of the new space. Many children returned their books to their classroom this week and they will be processed in Week 1. Please remind your children to keep books safe over the break and bring them back on the first day ready for borrowing.

Reminder….Holidays in the Moreton Bay Libraries: Don’t forget to visit your local library these holidays for some free fun! Have a look at what is on offer at this link and make sure you book as soon as possible so that you don’t miss out. [https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/general.aspx?id=20009&libID=22439](https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/general.aspx?id=20009&libID=22439)

7. Art & Craft Workshops at Burpengary State School, every Monday during Term 3 from 3.15 to 4.30pm, afternoon tea included. Kids learn some wonderful skills and have lots of fun. Contact Cassie Skelly on 0424 160 093 or email rainbowevolutionkids@gmail.com for more information.

8. Tuckshop News: Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for 14 July – 5 chicken nuggets, chocolate flavoured milk, and a frozen juice tube - $4.50. Only available by Flexischool online ordering. Please note Tuckshop is a cash only facility – EFTPOS is not available. [Flexischools Online Ordering](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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Until next week,

Brad Fox
Principal

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