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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. I open with a correction from last week’s Newsletter. I confirm that the Book Week Dress-Up Parade is on Friday, August 21, and is an exciting launch for Book Week celebrations from August 24 to 28. This is to keep a degree of separation for families between the Book Week Parade and our community Arts Festival event on September 04.

2016 is a significant Anniversary for Burpengary State School, as we celebrate a 140-year birthday! We are looking for a small group of staff and parents to form an anniversary celebration committee to guide the event, as well as a Fete working party to run parallel with this group as the two events will overlap on the same day to make for a great carnival worthy of celebrating this wonderful school. These groups will coordinate teams within the school staff, parents, the P&C and the community to make the occasion a special one, as only Burpengary can do. Please register your interest by emailing admin@burpengass.eq.edu.au or letting our wonderful office staff know. We will be in contact with you shortly after that.

Congratulations to Aiden, Mrs Kay and Mr Tattersall as the Kitchen/Garden crew who had a lovely display at the Ekka this year – the wheelbarrow gardens looked great!

Please note the next P&C meeting is on Monday, August 17, commencing at the new time of 6.30pm and finishing at 8.30pm. All welcome. Look for details below.

I would like to flag an important upcoming event. The Arts Festival on Friday, September 04, 2015, will showcase a broad range of student art work from Prep to Year 6 completed during 2015. The Arts Festival will display the diversity and talent of every student in the school across a range of Arts areas from traditional painting and drawing, to sculpture, media and technology, dance, drama and music. It will be an event not to be missed, like a mini Woodford Folk festival for the Arts, complete with twilight markets, food, entertainment and heaps of talent on display!!!! Mark it on your calendar now!

A reminder to all parents that parking within the school grounds in either the Station Road car park or the Dental Van car park is strictly for authorised vehicles ONLY. Under no circumstances are parents to pick up children from these zones during the school day. Car parks for parents are located in the Jill Street entrance and George Street adjacent to the park. Stop, Drop and Go zones are located in George Street adjacent to the Prep Oval and in the Jill Street car park. Vehicles are not to be left unattended in these zones under any circumstances. Please be respectful of all road rules around parking in side streets and distances from corners so that students crossing are clearly visible to all drivers. Safety around a school is everybody’s business every day.

Parents/Carers please note that we will commence planning for 2016 class placements early in Term 4. You have the opportunity to put in writing for due consideration any information regarding the placement of your own child with other children in a class for next year. Please note that this is about students only, and not requests for teachers. Please put in writing (addressed to the Principal, and marked “confidential”) reasons for this consideration no later than Friday, September 18, 2015.

SPELL-A-THON: Thank you for the good response on returning Spell-a-thon Cards and money by the due date. There is still, however, a number of cards and corresponding money still outstanding. The Spell-a-thon Cards are an accountable item. We are obliged to follow through and have each one accounted for. Our P&C volunteers are working hard to process these funds, and your cooperation in getting the remaining cards and money back to school promptly is appreciated. The P&C have arranged for a series of random draw prizes of Subway vouchers, available for all students who return their cards and money, including those now past the due date.

To other news...

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Effpos 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 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. For information on payment methods available, including the newly operational BPpoint (web-based credit payment portal) please refer to your invoice, or contact our Business Services Manager, Paula Connolly.
3. **P&C News:** The next **Subway Day** is on the **19 August.** All orders are now closed. Also, remember you can order your school uniforms online with Flexischools and they will be delivered to your child’s classroom or can be picked up at the uniform shop. Due to the Ekka Public Holiday last Monday, the next **P&C Meeting** is on **Monday August 17 in the Staff Lounge** (commencing at the **NEW TIME of 6.30pm and finishing at 8.30pm**). The next Parent-Admin Chat is on **Wednesday, August 19 at 9.30am in the Staff Lounge.**

4. **Narangba Valley SHS is conducting School Tours during Term 3** on Monday mornings at 9.00am. The first tour will take place on Monday 17 August. The tour, with questions and answers, will take approximately 45 minutes. Please contact them on 3385 4555 to book your tour. The website has a Frequently Asked Questions:** www.narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au

5. **Library News:**

**Book Week Dress Up Parade one week left!!**

Last tip is………come and see us for some ideas or have a look at these websites.  

What was your favourite book when you were your children’s age? You’d be surprised that they might just be their favourite books too. Don’t forget to share what you read with your children.

**Scholastic Book Club:** The current brochures are being distributed to the students early next week. **Keep a look out for Gold Coin Books — Great books for $1 and $2.** It is easy to order. Just look over the brochure with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer. Scholastic has introduced a new system for ordering this year, so there are now two ways you can order:

1. **LOOP ordering.** Please follow the instructions on the bottom of the order form for ordering online. If you order online, you DO NOT need to return your order form to the school office. **Orders need to be placed by Friday 28 August, 2015.** If you are unsure of how to place your order, please visit the Library and we will help you to place your order if you wish.

2. If you wish to return your order form to school for ordering, please be advised we are **unable to accept cash payments** for Book Club orders. Payments need to be made by money order or cheque only. Please make cheques or money orders payable to Scholastic Australia. Orders are due in **no later than 9am on Friday 28 August, 2015.** Thank you.

Each order helps earn **free books** and teaching materials for our school, however, there is never any obligation to order.

6. **Student Council News:**

**Book Week Parade** - From Monday 24th to Friday 28th August the Children’s Book Council of Australia will celebrate the 70th anniversary of Book Week. After the huge success we had last year, the Student Council are hosting our second Book Week parade. This will take place next Friday, 21st of August during the first session. The Book Week parade is where you get to dress up as your favourite character from any book. However, there are a few guidelines we need to follow to ensure everyone can enjoy the day.

- We need to make sure we wear appropriate and safe costumes (e.g. enclosed footwear and sun safe clothing). Also, we will still need to bring along our full school uniforms as the parade will only go for the first session.
- The Prep to Year 3 students’ parade will be held from 9:00 to 9:45, followed by the Year 4 to 6 parade at 9:45 to 10:30. Both parades will be held in the P&C building. If you choose to participate and we hope you do, you will also need to bring a gold coin donation and the money raised will be donated to the Winton community when our Moreton Bay Region Ambassadors, Riley and Laura visit the outback town during the school holidays.

**Burpengary State School Christmas Card Competition** - This year, we are looking for students to enter a Christmas design that could be selected as our Burpengary State School’s official Christmas card. Students can simply create their designs on an A4 piece of paper and these will be handed into our Burpengary State School Christmas Card Design box at the Arts Festival on the 4th September.

7. **Instrumental Music News:** There are no Instrumental Music lessons or before school rehearsals (band or strings) next Thursday and Friday (20–21 August) as all instrumental music staff will be involved in the Advanced Instrumental Music Workshop. Junior Band and lessons will still take place on Tuesday 18th August.

8. **Tuckshop News:** Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for 18 August – fish & potato wedges, apple wedges, 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 is the preferred option for ordering. Free to register, quick, easy and convenient.

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**Please note:** Tuckshop helpers are urgently needed. If you can give some of your time, please see Maree Neeland at the tuckshop.

**Until next week,**

**Suncoast Hinterland Softball Association:** Sign On & Come Try Day on **Saturday 15th & 22nd August 2015 at Mooloolah Multi Sports Complex, 129 Mooloolah Connection Rd, Mooloolah, for Males & Females of all ages & abilities – 5yrs to masters. Contact 0422204661 or suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com. Register ASAP to avoid missing out on this opportunity!!

**Deception Bay Little Athletics Season Sign-on,** Friday 14 August (re-registration only), 6.00 – 8.00pm; Friday 21 August, 6.00 – 8.00pm; and **Sunday 23 August, 1.00 – 3.00pm at Zammit Oval, Zammit St, Deception Bay.** Online registration on website from 7 August. For further details visit www.deceptionbay.asn.au or contact Leigh on 0400 100 569 or Kyle on 0478 521 762.

**Puzzles Playgroup,** every Tuesday from 9.30 – 11.30am at Puzzles Centre, Building 1, 10 Station Rd, Burpengary. Cost is $3 per child or $5 per family, suitable for children aged 0-5 years. Join us at the Puzzles Centre in Burpengary for a family playgroup. Our friendly staff will facilitate an engaging playgroup session consisting of a range of fine motor activities, outdoor play and storytime. Coffee and snacks available for purchase from our onsite café. Phone 3888 9979 for further details.

**Baby Sensory Group** – Join us at the Puzzles Centre in Burpengary (Building 1, 10 Station Rd, Burpengary) for a baby sensory group. Bring a bunny rug, some baby oil/cream and your baby for a 30 minute sensory session. Each session will consist of a welcome song, some sensory exploration and finish with a calming massage. Registration is essential, suitable for babies aged 2 to 18 months, program is developed by an Occupational Therapist. Coffee and snacks available for purchase from our onsite café. For further details please 3888 9979.