Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

The suburb of Burpengary was in the news this week. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the quality work of Senior Sargent Ashley Stanke and his team at Burpengary Police Station. He kept me well informed (through direct contact) as developments occurred to ensure that at all times our students were safe throughout the event. This is a quality relationship in the community that we treasure as a school, and I trust that our parent community values it highly as well.

Further to last week’s notice, flashing 40 km/hr School Zone lights have now been installed on both Northbound and Southbound directions on Station Road. Thanks to Mr Mark Ryan, local MP for Morayfield, for seeing this great road safety project through for Burpengary State School!

Congratulations to Amelia who won the design competition for the Burpengary State School 2016 Christmas Card!

Planning work is continuing on the renovation of the P&C Centre into an enclosed Hall: Meetings have taken place with Caboolture Sports Club, Caboolture Basketball Inc, Department of Sport and Recreation, local MP Mark Ryan, and David Dobbs (DET Advisor). Phone conversations have taken place with Moreton Bay Regional Council, and Caboolture Badminton Association. A key deadline has been met today for an Expression of Interest in submitting a Smart Schools Subsidy application for $500,000 in 2016. Thanks to Mr Wayne Summersford, P&C President, for his continued and relentless hard work on this project.

Mrs Weaver is out of hospital and recovering at home – she is expected back with Prep C at the start of Term 4. Mrs Burnett is still waiting on news about her knee and we continue to wish her well. Mr Tattersall underwent surgery today, and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family for a quick recovery.

Reminder that TODAY, September 18, is the last day for student information to be considered for 2016 class formation. Requests must be in writing to the Principal, but you can email to get them in! (the.principal@burpengass.eq.edu.au)

Prep enrolments for 2016 now number 120, and the school capacity is 150. Please enrol early to avoid disappointment!

Date claims:

The Star Generation Final will take place at the PALACE on October 14, involving the very best talents from our school, Burpengary State Secondary College, Narangba Valley SHS, Burpengary Meadows, Narangba Valley, Narangba and Jinibara SS’s. I hope that we get a huge show of support for our students as they compete at the next level in October!

Opening of the new technology space - The Hub – will take place on Wednesday, October 21. This is an essential night for all parents to understand this component of education as your children grow up in the twenty first century into future jobs that have not even been invented yet!!

The Prep-Year 3 Lil’ Athletics Day that was rained out has been postponed to Thursday, October 15.

School resumes for Term 4 on Tuesday, October 6th, as Monday is a public holiday.

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.

Lastly, but most importantly, a reminder to stay safe during these holidays, and enjoy your family time!

To other news...

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BPoint - A reminder that BPoint is now the preferred method of payment for all of your school invoices, etc. A flyer was sent home with a recent newsletter, outlining the benefits of the system and how to use it. Unfortunately, the flyer is a little bit misleading as it appears that both the student name and EQID No. should be entered into the BPoint payment screen. This is not the case. Only the student’s name is required, along with the CRN, invoice no. and amount. Please call our Business Services Manager, Paula Connolly, if you require any assistance.
2. 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.

3. **String Program** - There are no string lessons or ensemble rehearsals for Week 1 or 2 next Term as Mrs Jones is on leave. Lessons and ensemble rehearsals will resume in Week 3 on Thursday 22nd October.

4. **Library News:**
   - We hope you enjoy the break and find time to sit back and relax with a good book. Don’t forget to remind your children to bring their library books back from holidays and return them in the first week of school.
   - If you are doing a little spring cleaning, you might like to print and frame free printable artworks to encourage reading and brighten the walls in your house. Check out these lovely freebies:

5. The Moreton Bay Regional Council’s **Bush Tucker Workshop and Lunch** scheduled for 16 October 2015, has been cancelled due to Mr Tattersall’s health concerns.

6. **Lost Property:** There is a large quantity of lost property at the Office and the Uniform Shop for families to look through if you have lost an item. Please note, if you mark your child’s hats and jumpers with their name, we are able to return them to their class.

7. **P&C News:** The next **P&C Meeting** is to be held on Monday, October 12, commencing at the new time of 6.30pm, in the Staff Lounge. The next **Parent-Admin Chat** is to be held on Wednesday, October 14, commencing at 9.30am, in the Staff Lounge. All welcome.

8. **Tuckshop News:** Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for 6 October – 5 chicken nuggets, frozen juice tube, chocolate milk - $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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Until next term,

Brad Fox
Principal

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

The weather is warming up and that means fun in the water. If you have a keen swimmer who loves the water how about giving synchronised swimming a try? The Moreton Bay Dolphins Synchronised Swimming Club is holding ‘Come and Try’ sessions for new members interested in this great sport. ‘Come and Try’ sessions are being held in early October. To register your interest or find out more information either email mbdssclub@gmail.com or phone Annette on 0435 032 159.

**KSP Theatre** presents ‘One Hit Wonders …and More’ on 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26 September at 7.30pm and 20 September at 2.00pm. Please note the doors open 30 minutes prior to curtains up. Tickets cost $20 for adults and $17.50 for concession, members and groups of 10 or more (also includes a light supper). Held at the KSP Theatre, Cnr Old Bay and Maitland Roads, Burpengary. For bookings phone 3888 8580 (bookings essential for catering purposes).

**Is Everybody Here** School Holiday Event (Communities and Community Services Expo) at Centenary Lakes, Caboolture on Friday 25 September from 10.00am to 7.00pm. Free entry, rides, food, stalls, demos, fireworks at 7.00pm, music, sideshow alley, face painting, plus lots more.

"Mountain Bike Nav Challenge" - 20th September. Cross country riding in a forest, with a map, searching for targets, take on your mates, your family or yourself, 3 hour race to test you to the max, solo or in a team. OR 90 min recreation course for beginners, not so fit, or the family ride, 8:30 - 12:30 pm, Beerburrum State Forest. Prices range from $25-$50, [www.sunshineorienteers.com.au/events](http://www.sunshineorienteers.com.au/events). For further details phone Neil on 0491 161 678.