Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. Congratulations to Mia and Ethan who proudly presented Indigenous dance and culture at the re-enactment of British settlement during the recent Redcliffe Festival. Great job!

I invite all parents from Prep to Year 6 to the official opening of our new technology space - The Hub – on Wednesday, October 21. This is such an essential night for all parents to understand this essential component of education as your children grow up in the twenty first century, into future jobs that have not even been invented yet!!

While talking technology, I remind and urge parents to take every possible precaution with your family in regards to cyber safety, and knowing what your children are doing while in the online environment. Technology is not in and of itself a good thing. When used appropriately, we know that work environments can be much better, that communication can be improved, that we can construct all manner of customised things, that medical treatments are precise and accurate, that we can process and analyse more and more data so much more quickly. However, the internet can equally be the cesspool of human development when used inappropriately for harassment of others, for brainwashing the vulnerable, and for frightening sexual abuse and pornography. Our protection from this comes only with multilayers of strong family values communicated to your children regularly, with parents paying attention to what children are doing online, installing the physical checks and balances for online environments, managing what information we release to others online, and active parental supervision when children are online. It is sometimes hard being a parent, but it is so worthwhile when you hear of the destruction reaped upon innocent children whose parents did not care enough to do the hard work, but you have taken the responsibility to ensure that your own kids are safe.

I just got word this week from our local member for Morayfield, Mr Mark Ryan, that more flashing school zone signs have been approved for installation in George Street. This is fantastic news for Burpengary State School, and helping to keep our kids safe. Thanks, Mr Ryan!

Planning work is continuing on the renovation of the P&C Centre into an enclosed Hall: A key deadline occurs next week for an Expression of Interest in submitting a Sport and Recreation Department’s Get Playing Plus application for $333,000 in 2016, and we are busily working on this.

Welcome back to Mrs Dennice Weaver who returned to Prep C at the start of Term 4. Mrs Katy Burnett is trying to return to 1D next week, however, Mr Stuart is able to continue in her absence. Mr Ross Tattersall has had his ups and downs during recovery, but is expected to go home today from hospital following open heart surgery. We welcome Mrs Helen Canavan who is managing the Kitchen in Ross’s absence.

Prep enrolments for 2016 now number 127, and we are officially enrolling our sixth and final class (as the school capacity is 150). I believe some of our existing families still need to enrol siblings. Please enrol early to avoid disappointment!

Best wishes to Max, Rylee, Ella, Tavarnia, Darcy and Cooper, who all compete in the Star Generation Final at Narangba Valley State High School PALACE next week on Wednesday, October 14. They will come up against the very best talents from Burpengary State Secondary College, Narangba Valley SHS, Burpengary Meadows, Narangba Valley, Narangba and Jinibara State Schools. I hope that we have a huge show of support for our students as they compete at this outstanding level! Entry is $5 per adult, and gold coin for children.

Narangba Valley State High School’s Preparation Day for Burpengary State School Year 6 students going into Year 7 is on Tuesday, December 1. They will be hosting students from Narangba Valley State School and Burpengary Meadows State School on the same day. The session will run from 8:30 until 12:30pm and is for students who are enrolled at Narangba Valley State High School for 2016. Please note that students will not receive an invitation to this day unless they have submitted enrolment paperwork. On the day students will compete the TORC-3 Test and then participate in a range of orientation activities. A detailed program will be sent to schools later in this term. Narangba Valley State High School will organise buses for all schools, except for Narangba Valley State High School.

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

Please Note: Monday 19 October is a Student Free Day!

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

3. 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.

4. **Library News:**

   Welcome back to the libraries for Term 4! The first two weeks of term are usually times where there are lots of overdue books. It would be greatly appreciated if you could check with your child to ensure they have returned their books so others may borrow them and their class can be eligible for a ROBOT or Zero Hero award.

   Internet Safety – Learning more about specific apps and online services and how your child might be using them can help you to recognise any suspicious or inappropriate behaviour, and help you in talking to your child about what they do online. ThinkUKnow - [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) – is a great Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, carers, teachers and youth across Australia. The site is divided into two sections – one for parents, teachers and caregivers, and the other for youth aged 11 to 17 years.

   **Scholastic Book Club:** Your children will be given the current brochures over the next couple of days. You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. It offers a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests. **Keep a look out for Gold Coin Books – Great books for $1 and $2.** It is easy to order. Just look over the flyer 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 to order your books online. If you order online, you DO NOT need to return your order form to the school office. **Orders need to be placed by Thursday 22 October, 2015. If you have any problems ordering online, please call into the library and we would be only too happy to help you. OR**
   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 would need to be made by money order or cheque only. Orders are due in **no later than 9am on Thursday 22 October.** Thank you.

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

5. **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.

6. **Please note:** When providing written requests to the school to administer medication, you will also need to indicate your consent for the school to provide information to the Outside School Hours Care Service, if appropriate, concerning medication.

7. **News from Helping Hands:**

   We will be open on the Pupil Free day 19th October. **Creepy, Kooky and Spooky Day.** Dress to scare and join us for our spooky day. Full of creepy games and activities along with Kooky food. Open 6.30am - 6.00pm. **$44.00.** If you require care please contact us on 0458 010 433, in person at the service, or via email at burpengary@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au. We do require a minimum number of children to attend to run the program so bookings are essential. We hope to hear from you soon. **Helping Hands Team**

8. We are looking for any donations of small sized (4 to 8) shorts and underwear for the health room, please?

9. **Tuckshop News:** Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for 13 October – 5 chicken nuggets, frozen juice tube, chocolate chip muffin, and 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.

   **Parents please note** – Gluten free chocolate chip muffins are available (preferably orders only – not over the counter).

   **Helpers** needed for Thursday morning 8.45 to 11.15am. If you are able to assist any Thursday, please contact Maree at the Tuckshop.

   Until next term,

   Brad Fox
   Principal

   **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

   **Kids craft classes** held in Burpengary every Thursday 3:30-4:30pm starting 15th October. $15 per lesson, sibling discounts. A variety of items made at each lesson including cards, scrapbooking pages, mini albums, gifts, decorations, Christmas craft and gift boxes. Call 0419 380 133 or 3888 8384 or email stampinamity@gmail.com for more information.

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