Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. On Wednesday, we took the opportunity to thank the many volunteers who gave so much of their time to our school to support students during 2016. The attendees were presented with a small gift in appreciation of their fantastic service to our school, which would be a lesser organisation without their help and support. Mr Bowden led the festivities in my absence, as I was with about 25 other Principals undertaking training in the new School Review processes.

Burpengary State School falls due for our Quadrennial School Review next year, and this training was great preparation for that. I cannot believe it was four years ago that we held our very first Community Forum at Burpengary in order to collaboratively develop the four year school strategic plan. On the other hand, when you look back and see what has been achieved during the execution and implementation of that plan, it is massive and critical to the school’s development in educating children in the 21st Century – the Australian Curriculum, the Kitchen/Garden Program, our first Prep graduates and Year 7 moving to high school, the proliferation of digital learning throughout the school (and the Hub), becoming an Independent Public School, and it would be so good to add a new Hall to those accomplishments as well.

I can confirm for parents that there is now a new Pupil-Free Day in 2016. As Australia Day and the corresponding public holiday falls on the Tuesday of the first scheduled week of school, the Minister has announced that Monday, January 25, 2016, is now a Pupil-Free Day, and students will not have a disrupted start to the school year. The first day of school for students next year is Wednesday, January 27, 2016.

Speaking of next year, it will support our planning processes enormously if we can have accurate information on student enrolments and departures for 2016. Any families who know that they will be leaving Burpengary at the end of 2015 and not returning in 2016 will assist us by dropping a line to the office, or an email to admin@burpengass.eq.edu.au (just telling the teacher won’t always get the information to the right people who are planning for next year!). Likewise, known enrolments coming in 2016 will help, too.

Our school will observe Remembrance Day with a special full school Parade for Prep to Year 6 next Wednesday, November 11. The ceremony will commence at 9.00am, and parents and carers are welcome to join us. Please note that students in Years 4-6 will require their formal uniform to be worn on Wednesday, as well as Friday next week.

The formation of our new School Council is a major piece of work to be undertaken this term. Keep our special meeting date for parents free on Wednesday, 18 November, 2015, in The Hub (formerly the old Senior Library) commencing at 6.30pm, to conduct a ballot for 3 parent representatives on the Council.

P&C News: Next P&C meeting is on Monday night, November 9, commencing at 6.30pm in the Staff Lounge. All Welcome. Please note that there will be no Parent-Admin Chat this week due to the Remembrance Day Parade. On Facebook next week will appear a series of surveys regarding the 2016 school Fete...please take the opportunity to provide feedback to the Fete Committee. On December 4, 2015 the school is holding its end of year disco and the theme is “Superheroes”. Come dressed as your favourite character. Muffin Break is running an online competition that could win the P&C Muffins to on-sell and support our fundraising. The link is https://www.greatbakesale.com.au/?page=about or it is accessible through Facebook. Our tuckshop continues to need helpers – it is serving just as many meals daily now as we did when the Year 7’s were still present on the campus, so the Year 7’s in high school has not reduced the workload for our hardworking tuckshop staff – please help if you can!

To other news...

1. Coming up:

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BPPoint - A reminder that BPPoint 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 BPPoint 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.

To assist families in planning for upcoming expenses, such as the Year 6 Camp early in 2016, please also contact Paula. She can assist in organising payment plans or CentrePay deductions, for those families who receive Centrelink benefits. A small amount redirected from benefits each fortnight, directly to your child’s account, can assist in budgeting for future events. All conversations are conducted with strict confidentiality.

2. Library News:

Next week is the last week of student borrowing. All books will be due back by Friday November 27th. Students are welcome to come in to the library before school or at their allocated break times for quiet reading and other activities we are planning. Classes will still be able to come to the library at their usual borrowing time.

**What’s your reading personality** Q3 Where do you like to go to read?

November is ‘Picture Book’ month so we encourage you to read some old favourites or new discoveries with your children. Here is a website to have a look at: [http://picturebookmonth.com/](http://picturebookmonth.com/).

Many of our Junior School students have been busy reaching their library reading goals. Take some time if you can to visit the library to see their achievements displayed.

Prep to Year 2 parents; for only $5.50 you can purchase your children our preferred waterproof library bag from the Uniform Shop or Office.

3. Parent Information Session – Learning Difficulties

SPELD (Supporting People Experiencing Learning Differences) is a nation-wide organisation that supports students in a variety of ways. Their website can be found here: [http://www.speld.org.au/](http://www.speld.org.au/). SPELD Qld is listed by Education Queensland as an organisation that can provide support for students with learning difficulties and their families. As a member of SPELD Qld, Burpengary State School are offering a parent information session on Wednesday 11th November in the HUB (formerly Senior Library) from 5pm – 6pm. The sessions to be presented by SPELD will cover the following topics:

- Learning differences and how to identify
- How to assist your child at home
- Why have an assessment?

If you wish to attend, please call the school to RSVP (by Monday 9th November), then simply come to the HUB on Wednesday 11th November for a 5pm start.

4. Signature Bear & Canvas due date extended. Sports shirts now available for an additional $5. To avoid any disappointment please ensure orders and payments are returned to the office by the **13th November 2015**. Order forms are still available from the office if you would still like to purchase this graduation memento.

5. Tuckshop News: Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for 10 November – 5 chicken nuggets, packet of vege chips (GF), 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.

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**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 week,

Brad Fox
Principal

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Trina’z Totz Family Day Care** – A registered educator with peace of mind family day care at Boxwood Court, Burpengary, has vacancies for Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7.00am to 6.00pm plus before and after school care for Burpengary State School. If you are interested in care for your little one, then please phone Katrina on 0405 621 005, or visit Facebook page – Trina’z Totz Family Day Care.

**Brady Bunch Early Learning Centre**, 27 Paradise Road, Burpengary. For further information phone 3106 5454, visit [www.bradybunchelc.com.au](http://www.bradybunchelc.com.au), or find us on Facebook.

**Samantha Kirker, Personal Trainer** – Personal training, group fitness, boxing for fitness, pregnancy and post natal exercise. Call Samantha on 0474 366 494 or email sam@ptwithsam.com.

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