Welcome to this week’s newsletter. I pay a tribute and a vote of thanks to students, staff, parents and special guests who shared our special observance of Remembrance Day on Wednesday with a full Prep to Year 6 parade. It was a fitting tribute to our very own fallen ex-Burpengary State School students from WW1:

- Frederick Gall, 15th Battalion, wounded in action and later died on 04/07/1918.
- Archibald Williams, 47th Battalion, died of disease while in AIF service and buried at sea on 03/10/1916. Lest We Forget.

Thanks to Mr Scott Bowden for his organisation of the event, and to our invited guests Councillor Peter Flannery (MBRC), Ms Susan Lamb (who stood in for the honourable Mark Ryan who was sitting in Parliament), Mr Richard English (Principal, Narangba Valley SHS), Mr Wayne Summersford (P&C President), and Ms Marie Wright (School Chaplain). Special mention must be made of our school leader compères (Cai, Maliah, Rhiley and Eda), past student Nick (who played the Last Post and Reveal), and current Year 4 student, Hollie, who so diligently researched our ex-Burpengary SS servicemen, who died while serving for the Australian Imperial Force in World War 1 – well done students!

This last week I had the pleasure of seeing Burpengary State School students performing in public at exceptionally high levels. First, on Wednesday, I witnessed the culmination of the Coalition of Schools Public Speaking Competition at Narangba State School. Seventy Year 4 to Year 6 Burpengary boys and girls entered the competition, and performed to audiences at Burpengary, in order to select our school’s two finalists to represent us at the competition. They were: Chalice in the Year 4/5 Category; and Madison in the Year 6/7 Category. Chalice spoke to the topic “What ANZAC Day means to me” and Madison spoke to the topic “Why Do We Remember on Remembrance Day.” They both spoke eloquently and passionately about their topics, and represented themselves, their families and the school in an excellent manner. Thanks to Mr David Firth for managing this program.

Second, on Thursday night, was our school Orchestral and Choral Concert to showcase our students’ talents in Choir, Strings, Percussion and Concert Bands. There were both Junior and Senior performances, as well as a number of small ensembles and solos. The student talent on show was just outstanding through every performance. I take this opportunity to front end the back stage work of Mr David Firth and Mr Sam Ladlay, both of whom I forgot to mention in dispatches when thanking everybody on Thursday night (I am ashamed to say!). Thanks to our brilliant Instrumental Music teachers, Mrs Michelle Jones, Mrs Maria Jarvela and Mr Bruce Hamlin (who also compere the night), the ever helpful Mrs Marion Smith for accompaniment, music teacher and Choir Co-ordinator Mr Jeff Pacey, and finally Deputy Principals, Mr Scott Bowden who did much of the organising, before Mrs Sam Waldron and Ms Sam McGhie took over later.

Students, you were excellent!

Our students in Years 1-6 undertake a series of diagnostic and standardised ACER tests in both Mathematics and Reading annually, and the data we are currently gathering is showing strong patterns of growth in the students’ learning. This gives us current and accurate information on teaching and learning so that we can start next year fully informed of where the students are performing well, and where they need a little more help, to focus the work we do in classrooms. In this way, we do not have to wait two more years until the students sit their next NAPLAN test to find out this sort of information, and we can respond quickly to student needs.

While on the topic of reading, thanks to Mr Ben Turner for organising SPELD to come and talk with teachers, aides and parents about reading difficulties, and strategies for dyslexia. About 30 joined in the parents’ evening session, and the professional learning for our teachers and teacher aides in their afternoon session was absolute quality.

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

I remind everybody in our community about the need to diligently follow road rules, and school rules when it comes to drop-offs and pick-ups after school. At peak times of the school day, the abuse of a rule in any street or car park in the vicinity of the school could jeopardise the safety of students. Lately, parents have witnessed and reported their concern about students cutting through the Jill Street car park to get in to parent’s cars waiting in the queue. There is only one pick-up zone that is clearly marked and works very well, and it requires parents to pull in to the zone before the child enters – anything else is just a hazard and an accident going somewhere to happen. It must stop or I will report license plates to the Police.

Coming up in a busy week at Burpengary: Roar Active Program starts after 3.00pm on Monday November 16 for those children who have registered on the website and paid; Prep Orientation Mornings for families new to Prep in 2016 on Tuesday and Wednesday at 10.00am; Year 6 Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the Life Education “Let’s Talk About It” parent information night from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the Hub on Thursday November 19; Band, Strings and Choir Break-up Day on Friday, November 20.

Please note: There will be no P&C Christmas Stall this year.
To other news...

1. **Coming up:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Year Level</th>
<th>Cost</th>
<th>Payment Due</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bike Education</td>
<td>Year 4</td>
<td>$13.00</td>
<td>18th November 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aussie World Trip</td>
<td>Band &amp; Choir</td>
<td>$7.00</td>
<td>18th November 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Swimming</td>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>$75.00</td>
<td>20th November 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Life Education – Let’s Talk About It</td>
<td>Year 6</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
<td>20th November 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016 Camp Deposit</td>
<td>Year 6</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td>5th December 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Celebration Day at Aussie World</td>
<td>Year 6</td>
<td>$45.00</td>
<td>7th December 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Choir</td>
<td>Selected students</td>
<td>$30.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Voluntary Contribution</td>
<td>Prep - Year 6</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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.

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. 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@burpengary.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.

3. **Library News:**

**What’s your reading personality?** Q4 Do you prefer perfect quiet or background noise when you’re reading.

Borrowing for students has now finished but of course, they are always welcome to come in and enjoy our books in their regular break times or before school. We will also have lots of activities over the next few weeks. All books are due back by Friday November 27. If your child has lost or damaged a book, please try to pay the reimbursement amount on the invoice sent out to you before the end of the year so that they will be able to borrow at the beginning of next year.

Prep to Year 2 parents; for only $5.50 you can purchase your children our preferred waterproof library bag from the uniform shop or the school office. Remember that any bags that are not waterproof will need to have a plastic bag inside it to protect library books when they are carried to and from school.

For those of you that can’t make it into the library to see our Christmas displays, scan this QR code to have a look. Don’t have a reader on your phone? Visit iTunes or Google play to download a QR reader to your device.

4. **Tuckshop News:** Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for 17 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>16/11</th>
<th>17/11</th>
<th>18/11</th>
<th>19/11</th>
<th>20/11</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chris L</td>
<td>Rachel B</td>
<td>Andrea M</td>
<td>Andrea M</td>
<td>Rachel B</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

Until next week,

Brad Fox  
Principal

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Helping Hands Burpengary**, providing Before, After and Vacation care.

**Hours of Operation:** Before School 6.30 to 8.45am; After School 2.30 to 6.00pm; Vacation Care 6:30am to 6:00pm. The service provides breakfast and afternoon Tea.

Service Contact Details - Phone: 0458 010 433 or email: burpengary@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

**Burbpengary Christmas Spectacular 2015**, from 3.00pm on Saturday 5 December at 111 Station Road, Burpengary. The Spectacular is proudly presented by the Burpengary Community Progress Assoc. Bring the family and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere. Plenty of stalls, great choice of food and goodies, free entertainment, rides, Santa, Christmas Carols, fireworks, and end the evening with the movie “Elf”. For more information ‘Like’ us on Facebook or visit [www.BurpengaryChristmasSpectacular.com.au](http://www.BurpengaryChristmasSpectacular.com.au).

CRICOS Provider No.: 00608A