Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Burpengary State School’s process for student leadership positions for 2016 continued. This week, 9 students were shortlisted to present short speeches to their peers in an inspiring fourth round of the process of selecting our student leaders for next year. These 9 students showed the potential for executive positions of School Captain or Vice-Captain, and presented their case with another short address at the Senior parade today. Our successful 2016 Student Leaders will be announced at our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, December 9.

Early next week, the school will be trialling an email AND a text messaging system as an important innovation for our school to be able to communicate quickly and directly with families in emergency or important information sharing times. I ask that when you receive the text to the mobile number supplied to the school, that you also check your email to ensure the email message arrived as well. Because it is a bulk email, it is possible that your spam filtering may have sent the message to your junk mail. It is important that you retrieve it from here, and identify the source as “safe” and “not spam” (depending on which email system used). This way, all future emails will go to your inbox directly. You will have problems if this step is not done.

Today, I submitted a very comprehensive submission for a Smart School Subsidy of $500,000 to the Department of Education and Training for our Burpengary State School Hall project. The outcome will not be known until March 2016 at the earliest. The next important deadline occurs early next year for a Sport and Recreation Department Get Playing Plus grant for $333,000 in partnership with Caboolture Basketball Incorporated. Both of these grants, if successful, put the school on track for building the Hall during the 2016/2017 financial year. What an exciting project for the school, and thanks to Wayne Summersford and the P&C for their continued support and hard work towards this very worthwhile project for the school.

After the success of our partnerships with our two local State High Schools, we are pleased to announce that the PULSE program (which is a science, technology and engineering advancement program in partnership with Burpengary State Secondary College), and the Science Maths Academy (which is a science and maths extension program in partnership with Narangba Valley State High School) will continue next year. The SMA has already undertaken its selection process, and the successful students have been notified. A selection process will take place for the PULSE program early next year. I would like to make it clear to parents that students can undertake only one of these programs, as they can be very demanding on the students and potentially disruptive to learning the core Australian Curriculum of the students’ year level.

While also talking high schools, I remind parents that whatever school you’re choosing for 2016 students are going to attend next year, you will need to enrol them individually and directly with that campus. The children are starting a new school, and there is no direct rollover of enrolment into any high school. Both schools report that what our students are telling us is not reflected in the actual enrolment forms at their school. This will become important when our current Year 6 students begin to attend Transition Days at the school, and only those students who are enrolled will be permitted to attend.

Also on the morning of Friday, December 4, we host our first special Senior Parade to present Citizenship and Commendable Effort Awards to students in Years 4 and 5. This is followed by Year 1 on Tuesday December 8 at 9.00am, and Years 2 and 3 on Wednesday, December 9 at 9.00am, and Year 6 at the Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, December 9, at 1.00pm.

Coming up in a busy week at Burpengary: 4B have Bike Education; Year 3’s commence swimming; Superheroes theme for the last P&C Disco of the year on Friday December 9 commencing at 5.30pm; and a future reminder for the Year 6 Fun Day at Aussie World.

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

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.

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. **Instrumental Music News:**
Both Senior Band and Senior String Ensemble will be performing at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday 9 December at 1.00pm. Both groups will hold rehearsals before school next week (week 9). String students will have their last lesson for the year on Thursday next week.

3. **Library News:**
As we move to the end of the year, please check that your children have returned their library books. We usually contact parents by phone in the last week to inquire about outstanding books.
Prep to Year 2 parents; please remember that for only $5.50 you can purchase your children our preferred waterproof library bag from the uniform shop.
Don’t forget to check in with the local public library to see what they have on offer over the holidays. They usually run some fantastic programmes and they are all free! Here is the link for you.

4. **School Security** - If you see anything suspicious at our school over the holidays, call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. Please don’t attempt to intervene.

5. **Curriculum Resource Room** – Please ensure Home-readers have been returned to school to enable our staff to complete stock take of these resources. Your assistance is appreciated.

5. **Tuckshop News:** Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for 1 December – 5 chicken nuggets, choc chip muffin, half frozen juice tube and a big 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. Please note – Last Tuckshop day this year is Wednesday 9 December.

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

Until next week,

Brad Fox
Principal

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**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

Burpengary 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.

The Abbey Museum will host its first ever **Open Day** and **Christmas Boutique Markets** on Saturday 5 December, running from 10.00am - 2.00pm, there will be free entry into the Museum, a range of Christmas craft and handmade stalls, delicious Christmas goodies like rumballs, fudges and fruit cakes, and stalls to buy and/or make your own teachers or friends Christmas gifts! Kids can try their hand at archery, pat some farm animals in the petting zoo, or burn off some energy in the jumping castle. Grab some lunch from our sausage sizzle, burgers and wraps stall, or perhaps a Devonshire Tea, then follow that with some delicious Christmas desserts! There is something for everyone, so head on out and support the Abbey Museum! For further information contact Nikki Guevara at nikki@museummummy.com.

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