Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. Today, we celebrated our special Senior Parade to present Citizenship and Commendable Effort Awards to students in Years 4 and 5. Congratulations to all student recipients for their prolonged dedication to quality learning, and/or active citizenship, and a special mention goes to our Gold Principal’s Award recipients for their great attendance rates. Next week we host Years 1 on Tuesday morning, December 08; and Years 2 and 3 on the morning of Wednesday, December 09. Attached to this newsletter is the list of recipients in Years 1-3 and Year 6 for next week. Our Year 6 group celebrates their Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, December 09 commencing at 1.00pm, and our 2016 Student Leaders will be announced at this ceremony. We ask that families be seated by 12.50pm for these events.

Yesterday, the school trialled a text messaging AND an email system that went home to most families. The trial was successful on-the-whole, but we found an irreparable glitch in the Year 1 email group, which is being attended to and will be trialled again next week, just for that cohort. As with most technical solutions, it takes a little time to iron out glitches, which is why we trialled this week to get ready for 2016. I ask that families check “junk” boxes in case the bulk mail out caused it to go there – it is important that you transfer the school email to your “inbox” as a safe sender, in order to receive future important messages to your inbox. Your feedback is suggesting this is being well-received and is a good innovation for our school.

The Student Council ran their Donut Day today, and it was a very well-run and successful event, and enjoyed immensely by the students. Thanks to Mrs Sue Siorach for her support of our Student Council on this project.

Our final P&C Disco for the Year is on tonight. It has a Superhero theme. Parents and students are reminded about these important things:

1. Parents/Careers must accompany your child to the door on arrival, and children will only be permitted to depart the disco at 7.30pm accompanied by a parent/carer.
2. Older siblings are not permitted into the disco unless they have the direct permission of the Principal by prior arrangement. It is strictly Burpengary State School students only.
3. TWO SAFETY FLAGS: Students must wear closed in shoes as a workplace health and safety precaution, as large numbers of students (of all ages and sizes) are dancing and moving around a confined space in unpredictable ways. Please note there will be no glow products, LEDs or any other lights permitted.
4. Students must wear appropriate clothing for a school function, inclusive of a large range of students. As a guide, there are to be no strapless or strappy singlet tops, or clothing emblazoned with inappropriate images, slogans or words. It is always such an enjoyable night for the children so please ensure as a family you look after these necessities to avoid the embarrassment of not being permitted entry to the disco for not following the rules.

Next Wednesday, students in Prep to Year 6 will receive their reports to take home. Accompanying this will be a letter outlining your child’s class teacher for next year, current as of December 08. I advise parents that these allocations may change. The DET staffing model is so tight that small numbers of enrolments in key year groups will force a change to the model. …just this week we made changes based on enrolments. The full class lists will be placed on the Administration Office windows at 2.00pm on Friday, January 22, 2016. The final allocation is made on Day 8, Thursday February 5, 2016, and any consequential class changes would be made and start on Monday, February 8, 2016.

P&C News: The last P&C Meeting for 2015 will be held on this Monday night in the Staff Lounge, commencing at 6.30pm. All Welcome. There will not be a Parent-Admin Chat this week due to the formal parades and Graduation.

Uniform Shop Extended Hours:
Next week: Mon 7th - Thur 10th Dec – 8.30am - 9.30am
Before school starts in January, 2016: Monday 18 Jan – 8.30 am–12.00noon; Tue 19– Fri 22 Jan – 12.00noon–2.00pm
Week 1 of school in January, 2016: Wednesday 27th – Fri 29th Jan – 8.30am–9.30am
Year 4 families please note that your child will require a formal uniform from Term 2 onwards in 2016 for each Friday’s Senior Parade (which is compulsory), but the uniform can be worn on any other day during the week if desired.

Our final newsletter for the 2015 year will go home with Reports next Wednesday.

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:
We would like to wish all our wonderful readers a very happy holiday and we look forward to seeing their bright faces again in 2016. We hope that you all find time to keep on reading over the break as we surely will! Don’t forget to support your local public library over the holidays.

A reminder that all library books are now due back so if you have any books at home with a Burpengary State School barcode on it please bring them back to us on Monday.

Library bags are available for sale from either the Uniform Shop or the Office for only $5.50.

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

4. Tuckshop News: Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for 8 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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Please note- last day the tuckshop is open is Wednesday 9/12, therefore closed on Thursday and Friday. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who assisted myself, Jenny and Kelly throughout 2015. We wish families a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

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

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 Nikkie Guevara at nikki@museummummy.com.

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