Welcome to this week’s newsletter. The school’s enrolment on Day 8 was 957 children in Forty (40) classes, with the one structural change of the removal of a Year 5/6 composite into 7 straight Year 5 classes and 5 straight Year 6 classes. This enables each year level to have a full Academically Talented (AT) class in each year level, with smaller class sizes across the other classes in those year levels, which maximises learning for every child in Year 5 and 6. When an AT class is put together, we take into account a rich profile of information and data of students. First is A-E data, but we also view developmental PAT results in Reading, Maths and Vocabulary that are standardised tests, NAPLAN results, reading age levels either in PM Benchmarks or PROBE tests for older students, ability for independent learning and behaviour profiles all contribute to this overall AT profile. After this, gender balance and class dynamics are considered to ensure the class can actually work together as a unit. I thank Mrs Sam Waldron and Ms Sam McGhie for their work in liaising with parents about the class changes that enabled us to set up the classes before next week. Any family who would like to discuss their child’s individual circumstances are invited to meet with me at your earliest convenience.

The number represents growth of 37 students from last year. This growth enables us to keep a good economy of scale with staffing special programs like our unique intervention and support program and Kitchen/Garden Program, enhanced by IPS. Having more than 950 students also ensures we retain the full complement of 3 Deputy Principals at Burpengary, and it is a significant milestone that we achieved this a full year ahead of projections.

All families should have received their child’s Classroom Management Plan. Please take time to read this through with your child to support the partnership development of an effective classroom learning environment. These Classroom Management Plans have been developed by each class teacher in collaboration with the students in each class and across year levels. These plans clearly state the processes for each class and support the whole school Student Behaviour Expectations.

Our whole school Student Behaviour Expectations have been simplified to three global rules:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be a Responsible Learner

I encourage you to share this with your child to support our school in furthering our high standards of student behaviour and strengthening home school partnerships to create an outstanding learning environment for every child across the whole school. Please remember to sign the sheet and return it to the class teacher if you have not already done so.

In a new initiative for students, from next week Mr Tattersall will have breakfast available for students on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the kitchen for the very low cost of $1.00 – Juice, Cereal and Toast/English Muffin with spreads.

Some important date claimers for the coming weeks: 1) Our Student Leaders’ Investiture coming up on Friday February 12, 2016, at the Senior Parade in the P&C Centre, commencing at 9.00am. Parents and family guests are welcome to help celebrate this important occasion for our Year 6 leaders. 2) Our Parent Welcome afternoon and Sausage Sizzle is on Thursday, February 18 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. All Families are encouraged to take this opportunity to talk with your teacher about your child, their likes and dislikes, and what makes them the wonderfully unique human beings that they are, so as a partnership team we can get the best possible year of learning happening for them!!

The students’ pride in presentation (including uniforms) is a very important part of our school culture of high expectations, a culture which brings superior opportunities for children to learn, grow and develop into active, healthy, engaged participants in life and school. It is these high expectations that have earned our school a quality reputation within and beyond our local community. Other schools may have different standards, but at Burpengary State School, these are our unwavering expectations. If there are any families whose post-Christmas and back-to-school expenses are making it a difficult time ensuring their children have the correct uniform and books and resources for learning, please do not hesitate to meet with myself or our BSM, Mrs Paula Connolly, and we can work out a solution immediately.

To clarify formal uniforms for Year 4’s… the students must be in their formal uniforms for when they go to the Senior Assembly in Term 2. This is to alleviate the start of year budget pressures for families. Until then, the students do not require the formal uniform for Term 1. If students do have the formal uniform already, they can wear it on any day of the week they choose, but they MUST wear it on the Senior Parade in Term 2.

Narangba Valley State High School have employed the services of Dr Justin Coulson, a highly regarded presenter and consultant who speaks about the power of using positive psychology to create emotionally intelligent classrooms. He will be working with NVSHS throughout 2016 and will be presenting information to staff, parents and students. The principles that he promotes apply to both genders and all relationships. For more information click on http://www.justincoulson.com

The parent workshops are free and we would like to extend the invitation to all parents in our school community. There will be a number of workshops throughout the year. The first session will be held at Narangba Valley SHS on February 18th. Dr Coulson will be speaking on the topic of Parents: Making Families Happy in the PALACE from 6.30pm until 8.30pm.

BURPENGARY NEWSFLASH
1. Coming up:

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BPoint - A reminder that BPoint is now the preferred method of payment for all of your school invoices, etc. 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. We have a large number of Facebook applications that we cannot process to final stage. I remind families that connecting with our Facebook page is a two-step operation. We have significant numbers of written applications who have not connected electronically to complete the second step (until then we can’t connect you!). There are a further significant number who have connected electronically, but have not completed the written application. This two-step process keeps our site a safe, bon-fide school community site, and I am excited by this way of communicating with our community and keeping people connected to our school! Please act now to continue to build our membership.

3. The first P&C Meeting for 2016 will be on Monday, February 8, commencing at 6.30pm in the Staff Lounge. All welcome. On Wednesday, February 10, there will be a Parent-Admin Chat commencing at 9.30am in the Staff Lounge. Reminder that the P&C Annual General Meeting that will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016, commencing at 6.30pm in the Staff Lounge.


5. Get Started vouchers worth $150 are available now for kids to participate in Sport and Recreation activities e.g. Cricket, Soccer, Dance and Netball. There are 4 rounds of funding this year and the first round is open now. Go to the website www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getintheimage to get started. To be eligible you need to hold a Centrelink Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card. If you don’t have one of these cards you can still apply under certain conditions.

6. Library News: February in Libraries all over the world is known as, ‘Love Your Library’ month. As temperatures soared this week, many children have certainly loved the lunch breaks in the library!

Borrowing starts for Years 2 – 6 next week. We look forward to another great year of reading with your children.

7. Tuckshop News: Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for 9th February – 5 chicken nuggets, bottle of water, packet of vege chips, and small bag of apple wedges - $5.00. 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.

Parents please check the new price list when placing lunch orders.

Until next week,

Brad Fox
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Burpengary Jets NRL Come & Try Clinic, 6 February from 10.00 – 11.00am at the Burpengary Sports Complex, Station Road, Burpengary. Sausage sizzle, free drink, and prizes. Sign-on 6th & 7th February. For further details contact Lucy Hooper on 0408 069 463 or email lhooper@nrl.com.au.

Intennis Burpengary, FREE Hot Shots shirt, FREE trial lesson, 8 weeks for $79 (for new students only). Lessons available Monday – Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. For bookings or enquiries call Wade on 5498 6893 or 0408 889 241.

Grasshopper Soccer – Soccer fun for girls and boys aged 2 to 12, Term 1 program is 8 weeks starting in February. Call now to book your place on 0414 132 041 or visit www.grasshopppersoccer.com.au, or email james@grasshoppersoccer.com.au.

Caboolture BMX is holding a Come & Try Day on Sunday 7th February from 9:30am-12:30pm. Hire bikes and gear will be available on the day. Experience BMX for free and stay on to watch racing in the afternoon at Centenary Lakes Sporting Complex, Morayfield Road, Caboolture. Check out our Facebook page for more info – Caboolture BMX Club.

Dribblerz Indoor Soccer Registration Day and Free Session at Morayfield Indoor Stadium, Saturday 6th February from 9.00 – 11.00am. For further details phone 0432 871 588 or email admin@dribblerz.net.

Caboolture Rugby Union 2016 Sign-On, Saturday 6th February from 10.00am – 2.00pm at Kevin Kaeser Oval, 187 Petersen Road, Morayfield. For further details phone 5498 6400 or visit www.cabrugby.org.au.

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