Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Thank you to our **fabulous community** for responding so well to our **Parent Welcome Afternoon and Sausage Sizzle** yesterday! It was excellent to see so many families in the school and you are to be commended for taking this opportunity to engage with our school and your child’s learning...the research tells us that better student outcomes result from parents being involved!

Congratulations to **Riley**, who was recently selected in the **Caboolture District Swimming Team** to compete at the Regional Carnival later in the year. **A great effort and well done, Riley!**

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the community that a number of identified high risk trees will be being removed from the school site during the next few weeks. We will be replacing these trees with less risky and more manageable trees in equal or greater numbers in due course following the removal.

The four Principals on the **School Review Team** delivered a very positive message to the staff and the school leadership team at the exit meeting following our School Review last Monday. **They have affirmed and commended the great work that the school has undertaken during the last Four-year Strategic Plan 2013-2016**. The reviewers have left us with some very constructive feedback that will support and add quality to our **2016 Quadrennial School Review**, and subsequent development of our next collaborative **Four-year Strategic Plan 2017-2020** after that. The full report will be available to us in six week’s time, at which point I will post the Executive Summary on the school website for public viewing.

A **second trial of a text messaging system will occur this afternoon.** Please help us by indicating your receipt of the text message by returning the cut-off slip on the bottom of this newsletter to your child’s teacher as early as possible next week, preferably on Monday. Class teachers will collect them and pass on the slips to the office.

A note has gone home to Year 5 and Year 6 families recently about **Hakata Girls’ School in Japan**, who will visit Burpengary State School on a Study Tour during the week preceding the Easter holiday. This signifies the commencement of a potential “sister school” arrangement for us, and **establish the opportunity for a Burpengary State School Study Tour to visit Japan in 2017**. I look forward to Burpengary’s usual keen interest in hosting a homestay for our Japanese guests, and lots of positive return slips to Ms McDonald!

**140 Years Celebration Committee** – We are seeking volunteers to help plan our 140 Years Celebration Events to be held at our fete on September 10. If you are keen on history, have been part of our school community over the past 20 years or just have some great ideas on how we can celebrate this achievement, please come to our Committee Meeting on **TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY** from 6:00PM – 7:00PM in The Hub. If you would like to assist but are unable to make this meeting, please contact Mrs Sam Waldron, Deputy Principal on 3491 0333 or via email on swald33@eq.edu.au.

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Also coming up next week is the Year 6 Student Leaders’ **Leadership Conference at Burpengary State School** on **Monday, February 22.** Called, **Unleashing Personal Potential**, we have engaged a new company to provide this valuable learning for our student leaders here at Burpengary. Students are to wear their sports uniform for the day as they will be active in team building tasks throughout the day.

**Religious Instruction** lessons will now commence for Year 1 and Year 2 students on **Wednesday 9th March**. Mrs McGuinness and Mrs Currie are continuing their long association with our school with Mrs McGuinness working with our Year 2 classes and Mrs Currie, Year 1. If parents do not want their child to participate in the program please send a note to the child’s class teacher prior to Wednesday. Any child not participating in the program will complete suitable work in another classroom during that lesson time.

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**To other news...**

1. Coming up:

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2. Flexischools Online Ordering – [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). There is no fee when you place your subway deal you only pay $6.50 or $7.50, quick, easy and convenient. If there are any parents willing to help with pick-up or distribution of orders on the day, please text Wayne Summersford on 0418 881 857.

3. The P&C Annual General Meeting that will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016, commencing at 6.30pm in the Staff Lounge. New Constitutions for both P&C and School Council will be presented for ratification at this meeting. Following Monday night, we have the Parent-Admin Chat Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 for parents who can’t make P&C Meetings.


5. Library News:
   Year 1 students have all borrowed with their class this week. At this time we are teaching them how to use their browsing cards at the shelves therefore when they come and borrow in their own time they need to borrow from the series boxes or books on display. A letter was sent home with each Yr 1 student who borrowed this week.
   - Please keep this handy to remind you of the borrowing procedures.
   - Keeping books safe: Prep to Year 3 students must have a waterproof Library bag in order to borrow. Our preferred bag is sold at the uniform shop or the office for $5.50. We will be checking bags over the next couple of weeks.
   - Choosing a book: We teach the students to use the ‘IPICK’ method to try and find a right fit book. The letters stand for Purpose…Interest….Comprehend….Know the words.
   - Reading Tip: Does your child know how to cover an ending on a tricky word to help them work out how to pronounce it? The easiest endings are ‘ing’ and ‘ed’.

6. Tuckshop News:
   Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for 23rd February – 5 chicken nuggets, bottle of water, packet of vege chips and small bag of apple wedges - $5.00. Only available by Flexischools online ordering. Please note Tuckshop is a cash only facility – EFTPOS in 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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Until next week

Brad Fox
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Qld Cricket is conducting a girls cricket development session on Tuesday 8 March from 4.00-6.00pm at the Sunshine Coast Grammar School, 372 Mons Road, Forest Glen. This session is open to girls aged 10-15 years. Parents are required to submit an Expression of Interest form to the Convenor – Cath Sandurski (csandurski@stmc.qld.edu.au) by Friday 4 March. It is the parent’s responsibility to nominate their child.

Helping Hands Burpengary
Providing Before, After and Vacation. The service provides breakfast and afternoon Tea.

Hours of Operation:
Before School 6.30 to 8.45am
After School 2.30 to 6pm
Vacation Care 6:30am to 6pm

Service Contact Details: Phone: 0458 010 433 Email: burpengary@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

If NO TEXT RECEIVED, please check or update first-emergency Mobile No: ____________________
Burpengary State School
School Fete 10 September 2016
All day pass only $25

Pre-sold wrist band rides include:

- Sizzler (M)
- 2 up G-force (M)
- 10m Ferris Wheel
- Pirate Train
- Merry-Go-Round
- Pirate Ship
- Rockwall
- 26' Screamer Slide
- Tiki Island

Rides are from Big Show QLD www.bigshowqld.com.au

Orders can be placed on the Flexischool Website only

Wristbands for sale for the school Fete. The rides cover all age groups. There will be something for everyone there. Pre-purchased armbands are selling for just $25 per child for an all-day pass – the same price as two years ago. Each month we will be drawing one lucky winner for the GOLDEN ARMBAND. If you have a golden armband you don’t have to wait in line for the rides you can just jump the queue.

School Disco Friday 18 March
5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

On the 18th March the school is holding its first disco and we have decided to make the theme “Western”. Come dressed as your favourite character.

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All families, please be keeping all suitable items at home that could be sold in a Book Stall or a Trash and Treasure Stall until our wonderful P&C Volunteers request them to come to school for organising into Fete-ready bundles later in the year.
On Saturday, September 10, the Burpengary State School P&C will be hosting the 2016 Fete and 140-Year Anniversary Celebration of this fantastic school. The last Fete in 2013 was a huge success, and this one is shaping up even better!

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Each month we will be drawing one lucky winner for the GOLDEN ARMBAND. If you have a golden armband you don’t have to wait in line for the rides you can just jump the queue. The first GOLDEN ARMBAND will be drawn on parade on Tuesday 1 March however you must purchase armbands via flexischools to be eligible for this draw. We are aiming to sell over 600 presold armbands. If we do, then the Rides Company will bring us another major ride, so hurry and purchase those armbands.

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Flexischool for our school: How Does It Work? Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and click “Register Now” in the Login Box. Then enter your student’s name, school and class, and add funds (say $50) into a pre-paid account. You can log into the website at any time to place orders, up until 8.45am for our school tuck shop.

As purchases are made, the funds are taken from your pre-paid account. The account can be topped up again in the same way, or set to automatically top-up via credit card when the balance falls below a pre-set minimum. Each order is sent automatically to the kitchen, where an easy-to-read label is produced with the student’s name, class and order details. At lunch time, students can simply pick up their order without the need for cash.

The next P&C Meeting for 2016 is the Annual general Meeting, and will be on Monday, March 14, 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.

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The annual Spell-a-thon fundraiser will take place in early Term 2 this year so that it does not coincide with the Fete and 140-Year Anniversary Celebration. Cards and spelling word lists will go home during Term 1, and the Spell-a-thon will take place in Week 2 of Term 2, 2016.

All fund raising during 2016 will be dedicated to the renovation of the P&C Centre into an enclosed Hall, a project that will benefit EVERY Burpengary State School student.