Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. Our **Year 6 students** had a spectacular day at the **Sports Friendlies** this week! In a three-school event involving Jinibara, Narangba Valley and Burpengary State Schools, their involvement in the games, interactions with coaches and opposing teams, and their conduct on and off the field was just excellent. Well done, Year 6!

In other sports news, **Ethan** and **Caleb** have been selected in the **Caboolture District AFL team** to compete at the **Sunshine Coast Regional Trials** at Maroochydore on March 23 and 24. Well done, boys!

**School photos will take place next week on Thursday, March 17, and Friday, March 18.** See the schedule accompanying this newsletter, and thank you to families in advance for ensuring the students are in **full school uniform** and shining like a pin for the photos!

In further “busy-ness” over the few weeks until the end of term, **Parent-Teacher Interviews** commence for Prep to Year 5 (with Year 6 taking place in Week 1 of Term 2 due to camp); **Year 4 Swimming starts** on Monday; the **Goombockar Bus visits for Year 5** at an important curriculum time for them; Tuesday is Day 2 of the **Sports Friendlies for Year 6**; The **P&C Western Disco is** on Friday, March 18; a **Study Tour group visits from Hakata Girls School** in Japan during the week preceding Easter; The school **Inter-House Cross-Country Carnival** is on Tuesday, March 22 for Years 4-6; and of course the **great tradition of the Easter Bonnet Parade falls on Thursday, March 24**.

It was pleasing to see that **new heights were set for parent involvement in our school** when **over 50% of parents** took the opportunity to come and chat about their child with the class teacher at the **Parent Welcome and Sausage Sizzle**, to help set them up for a great year of learning. The purpose of this second round of meetings is equally important, providing the opportunity for the teachers to feed back information about your child’s progress to date, with enough time for the students to **act on the feedback during Term 2**, and ultimately receive the **best possible rating at the end of Semester**.

**Congratulations to all Year 5 students who have consistently demonstrated behaviour and social conventions to the level that enables them to be awarded a Citizenship Award** on parade next week - their names appear in the attached document. Years 1-4 Citizenship Awardees will appear in next week’s newsletter.

As **2016 is a Fete year**, and incorporating the **140th anniversary celebrations for Burpengary State School**, the **P&C** have decided to bring the **Spell-a-thon event forward** so that it does not clash with these important preparations. Next week, **Spell-a-thon cards and spelling word lists (pictures for Prep students) will be distributed** for this vital P&C fundraiser. There are plenty of individual and class incentive prizes for the children with this event, and I ask our fantastic Burpengary community to get behind the Spell-a-thon in the usual way to make it a huge success. During the fund raising process, children are **not expected or encouraged to canvas door to door** unless their parent/caregiver can supervise them directly.

In staffing news, **Mrs Melissa Hyde (3C)** has commenced maternity leave, and **Mrs Sally Milne** will temporarily take over 3C full time for a brief period. In great news for 3C and the school, **Mrs Ria Thompson** returns from leave to take over the part time position of Mrs Hyde in Semester 2. Best wishes to Mrs Hyde, and I thank Mrs Milne for her dedication and professionalism to ensure that 3C will be well looked after during this transition.

Our first **P&C Disco** for the Year is on **Friday, March 18**. It has a **Western** theme so come dressed as your favourite character. The disco is held in the P & C Building and commences at 5.30pm and concludes at 7.30pm. The cost is $5.00 per person with adult entry free of charge. Only students of Burpengary State School are allowed to attend the disco. It is a requirement all students be escorted to and from the disco by an adult or older teenager. No student will be permitted to leave the disco unless an adult or older teenager is there to collect them. See the attached disco flyer for food on offer.

Parents and students are reminded about three important things:

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. Please note for safety reasons, there will be **no glow products or lighting products (including shoes) permitted**. 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.

In other **P&C News**, the **P&C Annual General Meeting** is on **Monday, March 14**, commencing at 6.30pm in the **Staff Lounge**. Please note that both the P&C and School Council **Constitutions** have been updated will be discussed and ratified at this meeting. All welcome. On **Wednesday, March 16**, there will be a **Parent-Admin Chat** commencing at **9.30am** in the **Staff Lounge**.

Any families who have **second hand uniforms that they can donate to the office health room pool**, it would be appreciated. We are particularly short of underwear and school sports shorts in small sizes.

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To other news…

1. **Coming up:**

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2. **Library News:**

   The Prep students were very excited to start class borrowing this week. We look forward to fostering a love of reading with each of them. A letter outlining our borrowing procedures with some tips on keeping books safe etc. was sent home in their library bag. Please keep this handy as a reference.

   **Moreton Bay Libraries Holiday Programmes** - As we head towards the school holidays remember to check out what these libraries have to offer for your children. Many of the activities need to be booked so have a look at this link to see if your children would be interested in attending. [https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/subsite.aspx?id=118552](https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/subsite.aspx?id=118552)

   **Reading Tip:** Echo Reading: This is an effective way to help your children with expression, fluency and vocab development. You read a sentence and then they read the sentence. Keep taking turns reading and rereading the same lines. When children begin to read with more expression and fluency, have them read out loud on their own. Have a look at this website and scroll down to the section on ‘Echo Reading’ [http://www.readingresource.net/readingfluency.html](http://www.readingresource.net/readingfluency.html)

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4. Donations of small sized shorts and underwear for the health room would be greatly appreciated.

5. **Tuckshop News:**

   Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for Tuesday 15 March – Meatball Sub, carton of plain milk, frozen fruit juice tube - $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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Parents please be aware students are recommended NOT to bring $10 or $20 notes to school to purchase over the counter snacks. They are able to order their Tuckshop lunches in the morning with these notes though.

Until next week

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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 6pm

Vacation Care 6:30am to 6pm. The service provides Breakfast and Afternoon Tea.

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

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Brad Fox
Principal

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BURPENGARY STATE SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 18 MAR 5.30PM - 7.30PM

IT'S A WESTERN NIGHT SO COME DRESSED AS YOUR
FAVOURITE CHARACTER!

THE FOOD AVAILABLE INCLUDES PIZZA, SOFT DRINKS,
POPPERS, POTATO CHIPS, LOLLIPOP, WATER,
CHOCOLATES, JUICE TUBES AND ICE CREAM.

ENTRY IS $5.00 PER STUDENT WITH
ADULT ENTRY FREE OF CHARGE.