Welcome to this week’s newsletter. Two further Burpengary students have been selected in representative sport teams, namely the Caboolture District Girls Hockey team to compete at the Sunshine Coast Regional Trials at Buderim. Congratulations to Lena and Isabelle; well done, and good luck in the carnival!

School photos went off well this week. Thank you to families for ensuring the students were looking smart in full school uniform for the photos! Our photographers are coming back again in Term 2 to take a special 140th Anniversary shot!!

For the Year 4-6 Cross-Country carnival next week, we still need up to 9 parents to man a station around the course. Please phone the office staff on 3491 0333 if you can help, and somebody will make contact with the details for the day.

We are looking forward to welcoming Hakata Girls School from Japan next week. These International Study Tours firmly place Burpengary State School amongst the leading Queensland primary schools in global education, and well done to those families who have chosen to host a homestay next week – you are in for a truly fantastic experience!

Our Year 2 students have a free oral health talk next Wednesday morning at 9.00am in the Hub with a dentist from Australia Dental Burpengary. Parents are welcome to join us and sit at the back for this session.

Metro North Oral Health run the Dental Vans located on our school site. They have just advised that there has been a change in their procedures for oral health care, recognising the important role that parents/guardians and carers play in helping them to provide the best oral health care that they can for your child. Metro North Oral Health Services now requires a parent/legal guardian or a nominated adult representative to attend dental appointments with all children under the age of 15 years (we strongly recommend that an adult attend appointments with all children regardless of their age). A parent/legal guardian must attend the examination appointment. This is so that you can be involved in making decisions about your child’s oral health care and discuss any issues that may be of concern.

I was asked a few questions recently which suggested that some parents were not sure what the swimming program is all about. In Term 3, Year 3 students participate in a Learn to Swim/Water Familiarisation or Swim Skill Program appropriate to their level of water skill, which includes not only straight swimming ability but also water survival and drown-proofing skills. In Term 1, Year 4 students deemed to require further swimming and/or water survival instruction to attain the Swim Skill competencies attend further Swim Skill classes. The HPE specialist co-ordinates this program which takes place at the Burpengary Aquatic and Fitness Centre. The Department of Education and Training subsidises this program to help ensure that all children by Year 4 have been provided opportunities to develop water competencies to maximise the number of Queensland children who have undertaken the Swim Skill Program as a Life Skill. Otherwise, the lessons would cost a significant amount more annually. Parents of a Year 4 child who receive a swimming note means their child is deemed by a qualified instructor at the Aquatic Centre that they need further participation in the program in order to meet competencies (they may only need one or two more). Only two weeks ago Australia was rocked by a spate of five child drownings, some of which occurred in crowded public pools. I thank parents for your commitment to the program – in our Queensland environment, swimming and water safety is an essential Life Skill for children.

In P&C News, following the Annual General Meeting last Monday night, I have great pleasure in announcing the 2016 P&C Executive as: Mr Wayne Summersford (President); Mrs Michelle Carter (Vice-President); Mrs Chris Linnane (Treasurer); Mrs Louise Newlands (Secretary); Mrs Donna Harrowell and Mrs Judy Batham (Fundraising Coordinators). Congratulations to a wonderful team, and thank you for your generous volunteer work for our school. During the meeting, Mrs Sue Slorach was nominated for Honorary Life Membership of the P&C, and this nomination was unanimously carried because of her incredibly hard work and generous commitment of time and energy to our P&C. Through thick or thin, Sue is right there absolutely, dependingly working really hard for kids – a worthy addition to the Burpengary P&C “Hall of Fame!”

The P&C asks you to please read the important Disco notes in To other news to ensure everybody has a safe and fun night.

Josie is the first lucky winner to be drawn to receive a GOLDEN WRISTBAND for rides at the School Fete and 140th Anniversary Celebrations. The golden wristband enables Josie to jump the queue for unlimited rides all day at the Fete. To qualify for future monthly draws, simply jump online at Flexischools and purchase a rides wristband for $25 (enables a child to ride all day). If your name gets drawn out in the monthly draws, it is converted to a GOLDEN WRISTBAND.

I would like to flag the second flyer that went home today – an invitation to hear one of Australia’s leading parenting experts, Dr Justin Coulson, presenting “Game over for our boys? Winning the mission against our boys’ excessive gaming”. He presents on April 28 at Narangba Valley State High School – don’t miss this great opportunity. Details are on the flyer.

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2. **Library News:**

It’s lovely to see so many parents accompanying their children before school and encouraging them to borrow more frequently. Even if you can’t make it in person, please encourage your children to visit the library in their own time. The more times they visit the more they are likely to spot something that catches their eye and interest.

**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:** Taking Turns: If your child gets tired of reading out loud to you, try to take turns with them so that they hear your fluency and expression. A good way to keep the flow going is to give a signal to each other when the other person wants to take over. A simple tap on the arm is a subtle way that doesn’t interrupt the flow of the story.

Library bags are now back in stock. There are many avenues for you to buy a library bag: the uniform shop, the office and through Flexi Schools (via the Uniform Tab) if you cannot personally come in. They are very affordable at $5.50.

3. **Our first P&C Disco for the Year is on TONIGHT!** It is 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 student 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 GUNS, 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.

4. **Tuckshop News:**

Flexischool Tuesday Meal Deal for Tuesday 22 March – Mini chicken & salad wrap, mini hot cross bun, carton of plain milk, and 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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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 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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Is it “Game Over” for our boys? - Winning the Mission against our boys’ Excessive Gaming

Dr Justin Coulson

"Over the past decade our families have been swept up by a screen tsunami. Children and adults are walking around with screens in our bags and backpacks, our pockets, and our palms. We are always "turned on", and constantly "connected". But neuroscientists are discovering that the continuous connection is rewiring our brains.

One group that is particularly affected by the internet invasion is our sons. Games are overtaking many boys’ lives, impacting their sleep and their health, their relationships, their academic experiences, and their wellbeing.

This presentation is designed to help parents and their children understand why screens and games are so much fun, and how they can enjoy them in healthy, balanced ways so that the other parts of their lives can be as successful as their advancement through the levels of their favourite game."

All parents in our school community are invited to listen to one of Australia’s leading parenting experts. Dr Justin Coulson, author of ‘21 Days To A Happier Family’, will be speaking at Narangba Valley SHS on April 28th 2016. He will present information on the topic of ‘Is it “Game Over” for our boys? - Winning the Mission against our boys’ Excessive Gaming.’

This is being held in the PALACE from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. Please RSVP to office@narangbavalleyvhs.eq.edu.au if you will be attending with names and numbers.