Burpengary NewsFlash

Fortnightly newsletter of Burpengary State School
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Quality Education…

As we move through the final weeks of the school year, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding commitment and resilience shown by both our students and teachers. This is a particularly busy time in schools, and I am very proud of the way our students have responded to feedback and continued working towards their final learning goals with focus and determination. I also sincerely thank our teachers for their professionalism, care and hard work in preparing report cards that provide families with clear and valuable information about each child's learning progress. Report cards will be available to families on 9 December via QParents and on 11 December via email.

…Endless Possibilities

I would also like to celebrate the wonderful success of the Burpengary State School Dance and Music Concerts. These performances showcased not only the talent of our students, but also their commitment, teamwork and courage in performing in front of an audience. Opportunities such as these help students build confidence, creativity and a strong sense of connection to our school community. Thank you to Mrs Rogers, Mrs Coulter, Mrs Marchant, Mr Masters, Mrs Bowring and Mrs Blythe for the time, energy and dedication you have given to support our students and make these events so memorable.

Enjoy your weekend.

Martin Winney
Principal



Messages from Mrs Blair (Deputy Prep - Y1)

You're Invited!

PREP AWARDS CEREMONY

Our Prep students will experience their first awards ceremony on Tuesday 8 December at 11:40am in the hall. This assembly does not look like the rest of the school's and will not have any academic awards. This is an opportunity to celebrate each student's first year of school and to have a practise before joining a more formal assembly the following year.

Messages from Mrs Savy(Deputy Y4 - Y6)



The Year 6 Graduation will be held on Thursday the 10th December at 9:15am in the school hall. This formal assembly will be followed by a light morning tea. All students are to attend in their formal uniform. Invitiations were sent out with all students last week.

Celebration Day – Aussie World

Year 6 students will also celebrate the completion of their primary schooling with a day at Aussie World. This will take place on Wednesday the 9th December. The cost for this day will be $47.





Fee Payment

Please note that all outstanding fees are to be paid prior to the end of the school year. For Year 6 students these must be paid prior to the celebration day otherwise students are not able to attend Aussie World.

Year 6 Camp 2027

Our Year 6 camp for 2027 will take place at Emu Gully from Monday the 15th March to Wednesday the 17th March. We are still waiting on final costings for the buses but expect the cost of camp to be approximately $475.









Messages from Mrs Bowring and Mrs Harris (HOD-C)

2027 BOOKLISTS- ORDERS ARE OPEN - NOW

2027 BOOKPACK ordering is now open!

You can source all your items through EDSCO. Ordering is super easy via their website

https://bookpack.edsco.com.au/.

Family ordering is now available.

Free shipping is available on orders placed by 9th December 2026.

Order by 9th December 2026 for a delivery on or before 13th January 2027.



MATHS AT HOME: MATHEMATICS IS EVERYWHERE!

Maths doesn't need to happen at a desk. Invite your child to be involved in everyday mathematical thinking:

- 🛒 Shopping: Which is cheaper? How much will we spend?
- 🍰 Cooking: How much do we need? What happens if we double the recipe?
- 🕐 Time: How long will the journey take? What time do we need to leave?
- 🏖️ Planning: How much time do we have? How could we organise our day?
- 🎲 Games: What strategy could you use?
- 🚗 Travel: How far have we travelled? How much further do we have to go?

And remember to ask:

“How did you work that out?”

rather than simply:

“What's the answer?”







We want our children to see themselves as mathematicians who can think, reason, make connections and solve problems in different ways.

Enjoy noticing the maths all around you!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN IN OUR COMMUNITY

With the school holidays just around the corner, there are lots of opportunities for families to get out and about, try something new and enjoy time together.

The City of Moreton Bay has a range of free and low-cost activities available for children and families during the school holidays, including activities through local libraries, galleries, museums, environmental centres and the Active Holidays program.

There are activities to suit a range of ages and interests, including creative activities, sport, nature-based experiences and opportunities to learn new skills.

Find out what is happening in our local community:

https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Events/Moreton-Bay-School-Holidays

Remember to keep an eye on the Active Holidays Program information. These activities are scheduled to begin on 11th January 2027 so will be released soon.

https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Sport-Recreation/Healthy-And-Active-Lifestyles/Active-Holidays

Summer Reading Program with the Burpengary Library

Summer Reading Club is now open to all ages! It's free to join and a fun way to encourage the whole family to spend more time reading over summer.

Read to win! Join Summer Reading Club at your library or online. Count the time you spend reading from 1 December - 31 January. Every three hours of reading can be entered into our prize draws.

All reading counts - online and offline! Library books, eBooks, books at home, graphic novels, comics, magazines, newspapers, audiobooks, written instructions, exhibition information, being read to, and Storytime sessions can all be counted.



Parents, make sure you count the time you spend reading to your child on their Summer Reading Club reading log as well as your own. Double your family's chances of winning!

Prizes for participants aged 17 and under are drawn weekly from the first week of the December-January school holidays with two chances to win each week. You could WIN a $25 book voucher or a $50 book voucher in our final prize draw in the first week of February.

Prizes for participants aged 18+ are 12 $50 book vouchers and will be drawn in the first week of February.

Help your school win the Summer Reading Club trophy!

When you join Summer Reading Club, tell us the name of your school or a school you'd like to support. If your school wins, they can display the Summer Reading Club trophy all year!

See this link for more information

https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries/Events/Summer-Reading-Club

📚 Learning at Home: Read, Talk and Create!

Learning doesn't need to stop when the school day ends and it certainly doesn't need to look like schoolwork!

Choose something your child enjoys reading and spend some time talking about it together. You might read a book, comic, magazine, recipe or information about a favourite topic.

Then try a **"read, talk and create"** activity:

READ: Read something together.
TALK: Talk about an interesting idea, character, fact or event.
CREATE: Use the idea as inspiration for your own writing or drawing.

For example, after reading a story about an adventurous character, ask:

"What adventure could our character have next?"

Your child could draw the setting, invent a new character, create a problem for the character to solve or write a few sentences about what might happen next.

A little reading, talking and imagining together is a wonderful way to support literacy at home.

Library news

From Mrs Orupold

Thanks for a wonderful year of reading. We have loved sharing your child's reading journey with them and encourage you to visit the local Moreton Bay libraries over the holidays.



Are you heading on a road trip? Audio books are great to listen to.



AUTHOR VISIT – this week we enjoyed having author, Samantha Wheeler visit and talk with our Year 2, 3 and 4 students. The students had a fantastic time engaging with her presentation and asking questions. Samantha was so impressed with their knowledge and engagement. We hope those students that had her books signed, enjoy reading them over the holidays.

Check in with your child to make sure they have returned their library books. If you find any books at home with a Burpengary state school barcode – please return them.

Library books love to hide in all sorts of places – between the sofa cushions, under or behind the sofa, under the bed is their favourite spot, on your own bookshelf and even in the toy box.

Remember to keep your library bag safe so that you can use it next year.

Coming up...

Description	Year Level	Cost	Payment Due
Voluntary Contribution/Building Fund	All Year Levels	$25.00 per child	
iPad Program – please email admin@burpengaryss.eq.edu.au if you would like to discuss payment options.	Years 4, 5 and 6 **2025**	$150.00 per child	**2025** OVERDUE
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Aussie World Excursion	Year 6	$47.00 per child	27th November

Finance News - Voluntary financial contributions of $25.00 per child are used by the school to provide an enhanced educational service and to enrich resources available for student learning and recreation - we really appreciate your contribution. Building Fund payments can be made by contacting the school for bank details, or at the payment window between 8am – 11am Monday to Friday - Please note you can claim this amount on your Tax Return in 2027.

The new tuckshop and coffee window is open!!!





Tuckshop News
Tuckshop is open 5 days. Flexischools is the preferred payment option. Cash sales preferred prior to 9am.



Volunteers needed – if you are able to assist in the Tuckshop on weekday mornings from 9 – 11am, please contact Maree at the tuckshop.

Student Accident Insurance
Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students.
If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver.
Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents.
Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur.
Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker for more information about student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

Instrumental Music 2027


Trumpet


Trombone


Flute

Clarinet


Bass Clarinet


Alto Saxophone


Tenor Saxophone


Percussion – Mallets


Tuba


Baritone Horn


Percussion - Drums

Instrumental Music 2027

If your child is interested in learning a Brass, Woodwind or Percussion Instrument and will be in Year 4 in 2027, please contact the School Office or email Ms Blythe at pblyt1@eq.edu.au for an Expression of Interest Form. As Ms Blythe teaches at multiple schools please indicate which school your child attends.

Prep Transition Information from the Guidance Officer



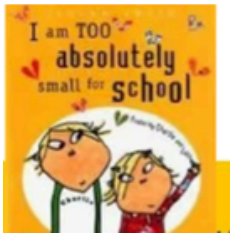
- It is not just the child involved in transitioning to Prep, but everyone has a role!
- Read lots of books about going to school – notice what they keep going back to as this might give us clues as to what's on their mind
- Allowing kids to start conversations and play "school"











- Parenting Research Centre
- Red Flags Milestones checklists for child development | Children's Health Queensland
- Raising Children's Network https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/school-choosing-starting-moving/starting-school
- StoryBox Hub | Wellbeing Playlist
- Ozzie Goes to School by Jocelyn Crabb | Stor Aloud

