



Burpengary NewsFlash

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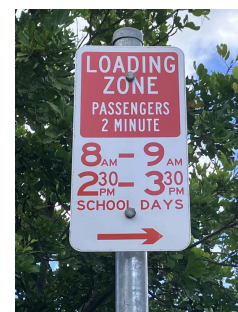


Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the year off to such a positive start, having nearly all students settled into learning routines, I feel it is timely for me to highlight some school safety procedures and messages:

As a caring community, everybody needs to be highly attuned to safety for children **at all times**, and the **peak times such as afternoon pick-ups and morning drop-offs** require extra vigilance because of the high volume of children and families all moving in and around our school in a short space of time. Please exercise extreme care at these times, and meticulously follow all road rules. Crossing supervisors control two pedestrian crossings, one at George Street and the other on Station Road – please be alert for safety at these points.

Two **Stop-Drop-and-Go Zones** operate near the school – one in George Street and the other in the car park area off Jill Street. These zones enable a relatively safe and quick drop-off and pick-up for families when they are consistently used properly by everybody. Under no circumstances are vehicles to stand in the zone longer than two minutes if the child is not immediately ready for pick-up/exit, and **under no circumstances is a vehicle to be parked and left by the driver.**



The **prep area drop off zone** is now functioning effectively with all new parents knowing they must remain with their vehicle and move on as quickly as possible otherwise it clogs the street up to around the corner. Well done to all involved.



Students walking, riding, scootering to and from school, whether that be every day or intermittent, please remember your road safety rules. Wearing a helmet is mandatory if using a bike or scooter. Keep an eye out as you cross any road or driveway and use the pedestrian crossing where possible. Hold an older person's hand like mum or dad or big brother or sister if crossing the road. Older people judge distances to an on-coming vehicle more accurately.

Be safe – Recently we received a report of a person who made others feel uncomfortable outside of school. A police report was filed as a pre-caution. In such uncertain times, we all need to be vigilant and aware of our own safety. Our teachers are reviewing safety outside of the school fence with all our young children and giving them the message to always tell a trusted adult if a person made you feel unsafe.

Information about NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

This March, students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN assesses the skills of all students in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy.

NAPLAN tests help you to understand how your child is progressing in the fundamental skills of literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN is also an important tool in helping us to identify how our education programs are working and what needs to improve. You might hear your child talking about NAPLAN. They might talk about NAPLAN activities they have done in class, including practice tests.

Students don't need to practise for NAPLAN. But we do want your child to be familiar with:

- the online test environment
- the device they'll use during the test
- the different kinds of questions, how they use their time and how they check their work.

When your child talks about practice tests, they're talking about resources like the NAPLAN public demonstration site. This site helps students to become familiar with the different kinds of questions they will see in a real NAPLAN test. Your child's welfare is the most important thing. We do these activities to help your child feel safe, confident and capable. They will know what to expect and what they have to do. Students do not need to stress about NAPLAN. It's just one part of their school program, and we simply encourage students to do the best they can.

NAPLAN is for everyone. Across the country, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN. The online tests have many features to enhance the test experience for students with and without disability. We also provide adjustments and alternative test formats to allow students with disability to access the tests and show what they know and can do. Talk to us if you need more information.

See what NAPLAN will be like for your child by visiting the public demonstration site. Find out more by visiting the department's NAPLAN page for parents and carers. ACARA's student privacy notice on the collection of student information for NAPLAN is also available.

We are excited that your child gets the chance to show their learning in NAPLAN this year.

Looking and feeling proud in school uniform

– Part of my role as Principal is to instil pride in our school. Students wearing the correct uniform that our P&C and community have endorsed over the years, is an important step in developing school pride. I wear our school staff shirt because I am proud for people to know where I work. The students' pride in presentation is a very important part of our school culture and high expectations. 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 expectations.



Burpengary State School is fortunate to have a Chaplaincy service operate within the school. Chappy and her staff helpers do an amazing job supporting our hungry children each morning and supporting the students in class across the day. Thankyou ladies.

Facilities update: Finally, our P&C supported tuckshop and senior playground projects are moving to 'tender' phase. The tuckshop will be undergoing an extension and refurbishment and a new senior playground will be installed soon. A huge thank you to our P&C for fundraising thousands of dollars required to move these important projects forward.

Warm regards,
Rod Finney, Principal

Students Pokémon club in the outdoor classroom today.



Messages from Mrs Blair

Reading

This week our teachers have been learning new ways to pinpoint student strengths and weaknesses when reading. This will help our teachers to target their teaching so that students develop specific skills that will improve their reading.



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But we need your help. The more students are able to practise their reading, the better they will become. Please encourage your child to read for just 10 minutes every day. If they cannot read yet, please read to them. The students will earn prizes here at school when they reach specific numbers of days read. Their reading logs should have come home by now and your student needs you to sign or initial after they read. In some classes, only a handful of students have started. It would be fantastic if every child was able to do some additional practice on a regular basis.

Messages from Mrs Thistlethwaite, Year 3 and 4 Deputy

iPads in Years 4-6

A huge thank you to parents and carers for returning your signed Acceptable Use Policy documents to school. Students have enjoyed getting onto their iPads and using this valuable tool to enhance their learning. One of our favourite tools on the iPads is SeeSaw. This app is a great platform for teachers to provide activities that meet individual student needs, while providing parents opportunities to see their student's learning from home. If you have not yet logged into SeeSaw, you will have either received an email invitation or a printed QR code that will connect you to your student's profile.

Here are some statistics from the past week:



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Pupils Logged
in



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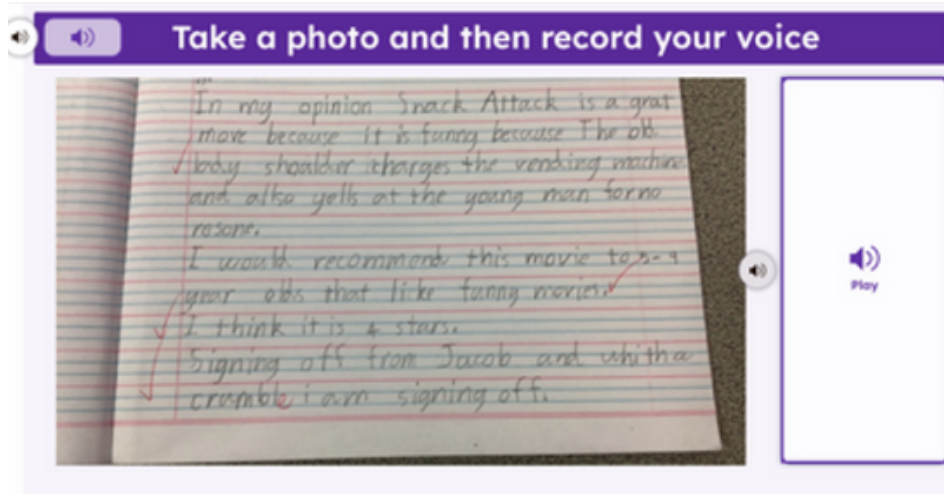
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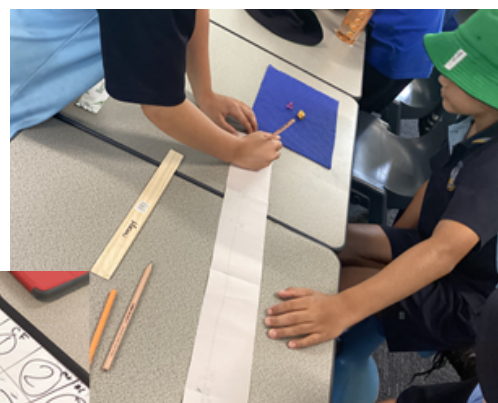
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Pupil Posts with Family
Visits

4C used one of Seesaw's new templates to upload their amazing writing and record themselves reading it aloud. They then listened back to their recordings to reflect on their pace, pitch, volume and tone. This aligns with their current English unit, in which students are creating a spoken review of a short film.



Burpengary State School is implementing rich routines into our teaching of Maths. One aspect of these rich routines involves hands-on games and activities. Here are some of our Year 4 students playing a game called four in a row. This game helps to build student understanding of Number Lines and place value. Games are also a great way to build our Personal and Social Capabilities.



Sports News

Well done to Alex and Kai, who attended Swimming District on 19 March.

Alex competed in the 11-year-olds, Kai competed in the 10 years and both tried all strokes. Wow!!!

They both put in massive efforts and Kai achieved 3rd in Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly.

Well done, boys!



Message from Mrs Sands - Guidance Officer

Hello from the Guidance Officer,

I hope all our families are enjoying being back to school.

Knowing well that life includes ups and downs for all of us and we all need help from time to time I wanted to share the following information on Family and Child Connect.

FACC is a support agency for families, with an office in the Mercy Community Centre. Address: Suites 28-29 Kingsgate Centre, 42-44 King Street Caboolture. Parents can either visit the office or contact via phone on 133264.

Families can use this service as often as needed. There is no limit and no cost. Every family is different, so advice and support are specific to your situation.

They can work with you or connect you to local services that can help with :

- ***Managing your child or teenager's behaviour***
- ***Building better family relationships***
- ***Stopping any violence at home***
- ***Budgeting and managing money***
- ***Addiction problems***
- ***Housing, health care or access to other community or government services.***



*Warmest regards from,
Tracy Sands.*

Message from Mrs McPherson - Social Worker

Fostering Gratitude: Simple Tips for Building a Grateful Mindset

In today's fast-paced world, it's easy to focus on what we don't have, rather than appreciating what we do. Practicing gratitude is a simple yet powerful way to help children develop a positive mindset, build resilience, and improve their emotional well-being. Research shows that regularly practicing gratitude can enhance happiness, reduce stress, and even strengthen relationships.



Here are some easy and effective ways to cultivate gratitude with your child:

Model Gratitude in Your Daily Life

- Children often learn by example. Practice expressing gratitude in front of your child –whether it's saying "thank you" for a kind gesture or reflecting on what you're grateful for each day. This helps set a positive tone in your household.

Keep a Gratitude Journal

- Encourage your child to write down or draw one or two things they are grateful for each day. This can be a fun and reflective activity to do together. Over time, it will help them focus on the positive aspects of their lives, big or small.

Express Thanks Verbally

- Teach your child to regularly express thanks, not just for gifts or special occasions, but for everyday acts of kindness. Whether it's thanking a friend for sharing or showing appreciation to a teacher, small moments of gratitude go a long way in fostering kindness and positive behaviour.

Gratitude Jar

- Create a family gratitude jar where everyone can add notes about something they're thankful for. Once a week, sit down together and read the notes aloud. This tradition can be a heart-warming reminder of the good things in life.

Focus on the Present Moment

- Encourage your child to appreciate the small moments throughout their day, whether it's a beautiful sunset, a fun game with friends, or a family meal. Practicing mindfulness can help children connect with the present and deepen their sense of gratitude.

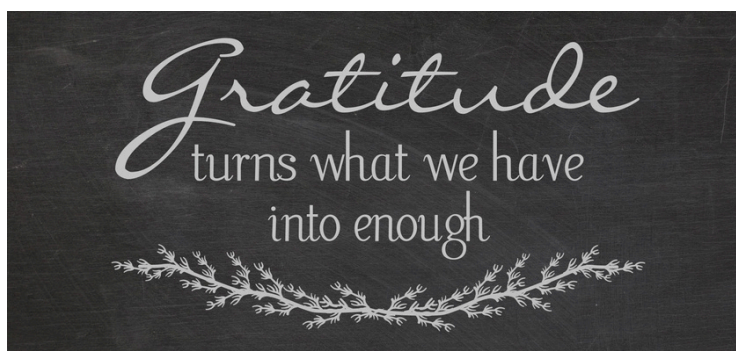
The Benefits of Gratitude

- Teaching gratitude provides numerous benefits for children, including increased happiness and emotional well-being

Stronger relationships with others

- Better mental health and resilience in challenging times
- Greater empathy and kindness toward others

By incorporating gratitude into your daily routine, you help your child develop a lifelong habit that can improve their overall outlook on life. It's a small change with big rewards!



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	
Year 6 Camp	Year 6	\$375.00per child	Overdue
Rainforest Experience Puppet Show	Prep	\$9.00 per child	Monday 10 th March
Bike Ed	Year 4	\$14.00 per child	Friday 28 th February

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 to the following account: -

(Please note this account is only for the voluntary contribution building fund)

Account Name: Burpengary State School DGR- BSB: 064-473, Account Number:

10392039 Reference: Child's Name - Payments can be made at the payment window

between 8am – 11am Monday to Friday - Please note you can claim this amount on your Tax Return in 2025.

Tuckshop News

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

Please remember, if purchasing items from tuckshop, maintain social distance and wash hands or sanitize (available at counter) after using cash.

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

HELP WANTED
IF YOU'RE AWESOME,
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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.



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Training is starting for the 2025 Season

With the 2025 season just around the corner, we are starting training to get our teams ready for the new season.

Training is every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** evenings
from **5:30pm-6:30pm**

24-52 Old Bay Road Deception Bay

Age 5 and above through to men's and women's
All abilities welcome

<https://www.facebook.com/DeceptionBayDragonsSoccerClub>

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New committee for 2025 with more activities and programs planned
for the upcoming year.

Community News



PINE RIVERS BEARS 2025 SEASON



Registration is NOW OPEN, and we're looking for players to join our Bears family!

Whether you're a seasoned pro or brand new to the game, this is your chance to shine and be part of something amazing!

Open to girls and boys from U6 and up—all skill levels welcome!

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