

# **BURPENGARY NEWSFLASH**

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF BURPENGARY STATE SCHOOL

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Dear members of our school community,

What a fantastic place Burpengary State School is in which to learn, have fun and celebrate.

I'm sure you all know how much our school values reading. My one goal in life as an educator is the aim of giving every child the 'gift of reading'. I honestly believe it is life changing and although it sounds somewhat cliché', it's the one thing that gets me out of bed in the morning. Reading empowers people to live better lives. It has the power to change the trajectory of life choices. It has the power to close disadvantage gaps. I know we have limited time in our day, but please



choose to make time to encourage your child to take part in reading for 10 minutes a day. Don't forget to sign their nightly reading card so they don't miss out on great incentives. If your child has lost their reading card, please contact your child's class teacher and we will provide them with a new one.

It's time to return you Spell-a-thon card. A huge thank you to all families for returning these and supporting our school's P&C. Our P&C is so wonderful to work with as funds are directed to much needed projects around the school, specifically aimed at our students. Currently they are raising funds for cold filtered bubblers, additional interactive screens for the classrooms as well as replacing some of the school's bag racks.

You may have noticed that our school has had some significant upgrades. The latest is the installation of CCTV cameras. We are hoping the cameras will deter potential vandalism and break ins as we are always saddened by senseless acts of crime that waste tax payer's money. We are also adding an upgraded fence around the entire perimeter of our school. The fence should be completed sometime in October. Due to the fence installation, unfortunately some trees will need to be cut down. We have requested, where possible, to keep our trees and to only take those that are essential. I'm pleased to report that the trees marked to go have all been checked by an arborist to ensure they do not have any animals habituating in these. It is important to note, that once the fence goes in the gates will be open for morning and afternoon drop off but will be locked at all other times. More information will follow as we get closer to completion.

Next week we welcome back Mr Scott Bowden who has been acting principal at another school. A huge thank you to Mrs Louise Newlands, Mrs Brooke Harris and Ms Shae Holmes for assisting with the backfill of these positions.

I'd like to take the time to thank our community for their extra efforts this year. It has been a tough one for a lot of us, whether it be the pinch at the petrol bowser or at the local Woolies or Coles. As you would be aware, our school, like many industries, has experienced difficulties with replacing staff through illness etc. I appreciate your understanding with this situation. This shortage has added enormous stress and workload to our staff. I know this is not unique to us and I'm sure a lot of our families are feeling this pressure in the industry they are working in but I would like to acknowledge the incredible staff that work in our school and thank them for always being willing to give a little more to assist students, families and colleagues.

Should you have a child who is enrolling in Prep for 2023, please contact the office to commence the enrolment process. Attached to this newsletter is the pre-prep brochure which outlines the school's transition and engagement sessions to allow our 2023 Prep students to become familiar and comfortable with commencing school. We encourage all potential 2023 Prep enrolments to attend as many sessions as possible.

Date Claimers:

Friday 2 September Pupil Free Day. Staff will NOT be on site.

I look forward to continuing our work together this year. Ange Padgett Principal

#### Message from Deputy Principal (Year 4, 5 and 6) Mrs. Waldron

#### Year 5 Excursion

I had the pleasure of attending the Eureka excursion with Year 5 this week. I would like to congratulate all students for their wonderful behaviour. They had an enormous amount of fun and learnt a lot about life on the Gold Fields. Thank you too to our Year 5 teachers for their role playing and involvement in this excursion. A huge thank you to Mrs Sims for her organisation.

#### Attendance Awards

A class who achieves 95% attendance for the previous week, will receive a certificate. After receiving 5 certificates, the class will be awarded a 'Celebration Bucket' to congratulate all students in that class. We look forward to seeing all students at school, each and every day, unless they are sick.

Unfortunately, no classes succeeded in achieving 95% in weeks 3 and 4. Our leadership team has recently reviewed student attendance rates and letters will be sent to parents whose absences are of concern. Students must attend school each and every day unless they are sick. Taking time off school for birthdays, Ekka, holidays, etc. is not acceptable.

#### **Uniform Infringements**

Students are reminded about uniform expectations, including wearing all black shoes and navy jumpers only. Administration will be issuing uniform infringements to students not wearing the correct uniform. Please check with your child each morning that they are wearing the correct uniform (including shoes) to avoid any further consequences. Year 5 and 6 students are reminded to wear their formal uniform on Mondays.

#### Message from Acting Deputy Principal (Year 2 & 3) Mrs Newlands

Thank you to all the parents and students of Year 2 and 3. I have loved my time as Deputy, getting to know all the students and seeing their great work.

School Photos are on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Year 3,4,5 and 6 will be on Wednesday and Prep - Year 2 on Tuesday. Please send the photo envelope in on photo day. Years 5 and 6 do not need to wear formal on Monday so it is clean for Tuesday.

Please note 5E's photo is on Wednesday and sibling photos are before school on both days.

#### Uniforms

A reminder that students need to be in a school uniform that follows the P&C approved Uniform Policy - all black shoes, blue jumper (no hood), school shirt and shorts and school hat. If you are having trouble with this, please contact me so we can solve the issue.

#### Next Week's Behaviour Focus

*Cooperation: Work and play cooperatively in the classroom and the playground.* 

This fortnight, teachers will be talking with students about how working together is a skill that leads to greater success, reduced conflicts and the achievement of goals.

#### **Break Time Activities**

Next week, the activities available to students during break times are below.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 <sup>st</sup> Break	P-3 Colouring In - Library	P-3 Colouring In - Library	P-3 Colouring In - Library	P-3 Movie - Library	P-3 Silent reading - Library
	4-6 Board Games - Miss Franklin	4-6 Gardening – Mr Tattersall		4-6 Ball Games –Mr Davis	2-3 Ball Game –Mr Davis
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					Prep-Yr 6 Garden – Butterfly house – Mrs Milne
2 <sup>nd</sup> Break	4-6 Colouring In - Library	4-6 Colouring In - Library	4-6 Colouring In - Library	4-6 Movies - Library	4-6 Silent Reading – Library
	2-3 Ball Games – Mr Davis	Year 3 Minecraft – Mr Firth	Year 4 Minecraft – Mr Firth	Year 5 Minecraft – Mr Firth	Year 6 Minecraft – Mr Firth
	P-3 Pokemon Club – Mrs Thompson	4-6 Pokemon Club – Mrs Milne			P-3 Indoor Games Miss Smith
		Yrs 3 and 4 Dance Club – Mrs Coulter			

#### **ERRIC Badges**

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their ERRIC badges on Assembly.

## Bronze Badges



Gold Badges



Silver Badges



### Message from Deputy Principal (Prep and Year 1) Mrs. Blair

The Prep and Year 1 students are working really hard and are listening to their teacher's feedback to make some big improvements in their writing. I have read some amazing Prep rhyming poems and some equally amazing Year 1 Cultural Retells.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming events. Book week will soon be upon us. The Prep students will be celebrating Father's Day here at school on 1 September and P-3 students will attend the Athletics carnival on 15 September.

### **Prep Enrolments**

Our Prep enrolment interviews are now well underway. If you have a child that is starting here in 2023 please call the office to make an appointment. We would love to meet all of our new students and have them come along to our Prep orientation sessions which start in October. The sessions are designed to help your new student become familiar with school and feel confident about their first day. It is also an opportunity for us to learn more about your child before school starts.

### Message from Deputy Principal (Inclusion) Mrs. Fraser

I am the Deputy Principal leading the HIVE as Ms Carnell is currently working at another school. My office is in the HIVE. I have been a Deputy Principal at Burpengary State School for the majority of the time over the past 12 years when I have not been seconded to other schools.

I have always worked closely with Ms Carnell and the HIVE staff as Deputy Principal Prep – Year 1. I have a long history of working in the Special Education/Diverse Learners context with students ranging from Prep to Year 12, with a range of disabilities and learning difficulties.

I am aware that I have not yet had the opportunity to meet some of you. I would like to extend an invitation for you to meet with me whenever you would like to do so.

To ensure that I am available, I am blocking out Friday mornings from 9am – 10am specifically for you to make an appointment with the office to come and chat with me in regards to your child's participation and adjustments in school and class, their support, disability or other concerns. Of course, if this time does not suit, we can be flexible and arrange another suitable time.

I look forward to working with you and your child, their external support agencies and their school team.

### Message from Head of Curriculum Mrs. Harris

### The Importance of Reading:

Reading at home can include reading to your child, reading with your child or your child reading to you. The benefits of being read to as a child are immense. They include:

- Increased oral language and vocabulary skills
- Increased knowledge of grammar, sentence structure and text structure
- Builds knowledge on a range of topics
- Improved writing ability
- Improved achievement in other curriculum areas
- Increased mindfulness, decreased stress and anxiety
- Enjoyment
- Increased creativity

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#### Staff who LOVE reading!



Name: Mrs Gilchrist (Year 4)

What is your favourite book of all time? 'Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen

**Why?** Because the repetition in the book makes reading it fun. It's a great way of hooking kids in and helping them enjoy literature at a young age. It was also my kids' favourite book!

**What are your favourite type of books?** *I love reading mysteries... but nothing TOO gory.* 

Where is your favourite place to read? In a warm spot, curled up in a chair. What is your favourite thing about reading? It allows you to be silly and have fun!



Name: Mrs Cooper (Year 1)

What is your favourite book of all time? The Hairy Maclary series
Why? Because I love the way the rhyming words engage the students.
What book are your currently reading? As a class we are currently reading Dunbi the owl.
Where is your favourite place to read? In the library!

#### Message from the Guidance Officer Mrs. Gripske

Don't forget to have fun...

It is not true that nice guys finish last. Nice guys are winners before the game ever starts - Addison Walker.

In her article, *More than Child's Play,* Martha Roberts observes that "There's a world of serious benefits adults can get from releasing their playful side.... Being playful is like a tonic that aids our health and wellbeing and can even help us be more successful." Here are a few of the playful tactics she recommends:

Walk a playful path each day: Don't entirely change what you are doing - just see things differently.

**Take 'serious' games and make them more playful**: Try nonsense Scrabble where you aim to put down the silliest, funniest words.

**Connect frequently with playful people**: Train yourself to see what is funny in everyday situations, too.

**Go on a comedy binge**: Reacquaint yourself with your playful side by reading funny books and watching comedy on TV.

#### Message from HPE Mr Denning

#### **District Athletics**

District athletics trials were held at Wolfenden oval on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of July. 43 students from Burpengary SS attended the trials where they competed in a range of events against students from other schools in the district. Congratulations to Haaliyah in Year 4 who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in shot put and will now compete at regional trials as part of the Caboolture district team. All students should be proud of their efforts across the 2 days.

#### Message from The Hive Mrs Owen



Dear parents, guardians and carers

#### Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- · category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the <u>Australian Government's Privacy Policy</u> (https://www.dese.gov.au/about-us/resources/department-education-skills-and-employment-complete-

privacy-policy-0).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Principal

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#### Message from Music Mrs Marchant

On Friday 29 July, students in Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Senior Band competed at the Pine Rivers Show.

It was a fantastic day enjoyed by everyone.

A big thanks to the very kind parents Keiara Selwood, Nikki Coleman and Crystal Moffatt who attended and supervised a group for the day. We couldn't have done it without you!!

#### Message from the Library Mrs. Orupold

#### Book Week Dress Up Parade: Friday 26th August, 9.15am.

Students will be walking around the P/1 oval and along the pathways towards the tuckshop. The attached map shows the areas in blue for the best viewing.

Rather than bringing the book to hold, we have been talking with students about having a small printed cover picture on a lanyard or pinned to their costumes. If students need help with obtaining a picture, I have asked them to see me in the library before next Friday.

Costumes do not need to be purchased or elaborate, however they do need to be sun and school safe. Students will still be required to participate in their normal school learning and activities for the day.

We look forward to celebrating Bookweek with the students and will have a range of activities and competitions in the library during that week.

### To other news...Coming up:

Description	Year Level	Cost	Payment Due
Kitchen/Garden	All Year Levels	\$10.00 per child	
Instrumental Music	Selected Students	\$70 or \$105	Term one
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.	Year 5 and 6 2022	\$150.00 per child Due by 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Term 1 \$50.00 Term 2 \$50.00 Term 3 \$50.00
Choir	Various year levels	\$30 per child	24th June 2022

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 2022.

#### 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 Monday 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.

#### Message from Kangaroo Bus Lines

The Translink Passenger Code of Conduct and Conditions of travel on TransLink services, state that "Smoking is not allowed on public transport services or near public transport infrastructure such as bus stops or terminals. This includes electronic cigarettes." Accordingly, this type of student behaviour will not be tolerated. Consequences for Students using vapes and/or e-cigarettes on buses or at bus stops Under the TransLink Student Code of Conduct, repeat behaviour of this kind will lead to refusal of travel for up to 10 weeks.



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