

Thank you! The support of parents at the start of this year has been outstanding and I am grateful. The students have turned up to school for the start of 2016 ready to learn. Students look fantastic in their uniform, particularly their black shoes and reports from classroom teachers is that students have started the year with booklist resources at unprecedented levels. Education is a team effort where teachers, students and parents all work together and this is one reason why I sat down with teachers at the end of last year to reduce the cost of the resource list. Once again I am appreciative of the support from parents. For the few parents that I have spoken to about students not in uniform I have been assured that the improvements will be made by next week.

There is a buzz around the school. Burrowes is the place to be. Burrowes is a great school where students will get a quality education and enjoy coming to school. During Term Four school staff spent some time working through a process to create a school vision and mission. Our Vision is:

**To create and support successful, positive, lifelong learners, who engage in and respect their education and have pride within their community.**

We cannot fulfil this vision by ourselves we must have the support of all parents and community. If the start of the year is an indication then Burrowes is set for a bright future and I want everyone to be a part of the journey.

The first 8 days of the new school year are paramount to the resourcing, staffing and planning for the year. At the end of last year classes were organized based on the enrolments at that time. At the moment we are on track to maintain our 32 classes however I still have over 70 students on our books who have not returned. I am hopeful that many will return next week however please understand that if we don't get the numbers then some classes may need to be rearranged. All decisions that I make are to minimize any disruption, classes are settled and have hit the ground running so hopefully we can maintain the status quo.

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If you have any issues throughout the year your first port of call is your child's classroom teacher. If you have further concerns after approaching the classroom teacher then you can contact Mr Weir, Mrs Lemon, Mrs Leegwater or myself by contacting the school office on 3802 3333.

Welcome to our new teachers who have started with us this term, Mrs Leegwater (HOSES), Mrs Armini Year 1 and Ms McGee in the SEP.

We will be holding assemblies each Monday at 2pm starting from next Monday with a full school parade and then alternating P to 2 (junior) and then 3 to 6 (senior). On these assemblies selected students will receive a behavior award and Principal's Academic Effort Award. Parents are more than welcome to attend. A special Leadership Induction Parade will be held on Monday February 15 at 2pm.

It is great meeting many parents, I look forward to meeting more parents at our first P and C on Monday February 8 at 9am in the resource centre. Our AGM will be held in the resources centre at 9am on March 14.

### ***Before school and in the afternoon***

Students are not to be at school before 8am. Breakfast club begins at 8am and will start next week on Wednesday. Staff are on duty in the multipurpose courts for Year 3 to 6 and in the undercover area at the top for Prep to Year 2. Parents are welcome to sit with their children in the tuck shop area only. Teachers need time to prepare for lessons and get organised for the day. This year we will be asking students who arrive early to school to read a book while waiting for the bell to go.

Crucial teaching time is between 9am and 3pm students are not to be picked up before 3pm unless they have a valid appointment, for example, they need to see a doctor. Pick up time is 3pm. Students who leave early on a regular basis miss out on crucial lessons and in some cases subjects.

Have a great weekend

Stephen Josey

Principal

## PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

### Behaviour Lessons and You Can Do It!

Welcome to the new school year! For those of you who are new to Burrowes State School this year and may not have heard of You Can Do It! This program is an extremely important part of our SWPBS and it is required that you teach You Can Do it! to your students.

Here is a quick explanation of what You Can Do It is about: You Can Do It! Is a program that aims to develop each child's social and emotional capabilities using the 5 foundations: Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience. Having these skills helps a child to become successful at school, experience well-being and have positive relationships that help them to contribute to others and the community.

If you have any questions at all about the program, please don't hesitate to speak to either of us.

Thanks



# BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER NEWS & VIEWS



Welcome back and welcome to all of our new families. This year will be another busy one no doubt with lots and lots of things happening over the coming weeks and months.

*Just a few general reminders:*

- \* The only parking available to families is on the street in front of the school on Third Avenue or in the carpark next to the hall (Macarthy Road). Unfortunately, parents are not able to park within the school fences due to Workplace Health and Safety and EQ Guidelines.
- \* Please do not use the driveways as a walkway. There are pedestrian paths leading into the school at various locations and are a much safer option when walking with children.
- \* Vehicle gates will continue to be locked to stop traffic during school times for safety purposes.
- \* The Prep play area is out of bounds in the mornings before school due to lack of staff to supervise this area. Please assist us by not allowing your children to play on the equipment.
- \* Remember to call the student absence line if your child is away. The number is 3802 3366. This number can be called 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- \* Students will not be released from classes early unless it is an emergency. If you do need to pick-up your child early, please present to the office before going to the classroom.
- \* All students are required to be at school in time for the first bell at 8:50am and finish at 3pm.
- \* The cash window is open between 8am – 10am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- \* Smoking banned 5 metres around school grounds - Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays. On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school. Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary. [www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws/schools/default.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws/schools/default.asp)

Whole School Parade  
Monday 1st February  
2.00pm  
Parents Welcome.



**Be Safe**   
**Be Strong**

# P and C news



The P and C would like to welcome back all of our existing families, and a very big welcome to all our of new families for 2016.

We would like to welcome all parents to attend our P and C meetings, we are a small group of volunteers that fundraise throughout the year, raising funds for our kids at the school.

Our P and C meetings are held in the resource centre at 9am on the second Tuesday of the month, our next meeting will be held on the 8th February 2016.

## *Uniform Shop Hours*

Tuesdays and Friday 9-9:30am

## *Fundraising*

We are looking for fun, vibrant parents that would like to help out on our Fundraising adventures, the children love to see their mum or dad, helping out on the BBQ's or lending a hand at out mothers day stalls, or with the cookie drive, if you have an hour to lend a hand please come down and see Karen from KDK in the hall or come along to our next P and C meeting held at 9am in the resource centre

## *School student Banking*

Every Wednesday - bring your student bank books to the tuckshop, its a great way to teach our children about the importance of Banking and receiving some cool rewards, our school banking coordinator Karen will be outside the prep buildings with information on school banking on Wednesday the 3rd February 2016.



## *KDK Kids First*

KDK Kids First is located in the School Hall, we operate

Before School Care 6am - 9am

After School Care 3pm - 6pm

Vacation Care 6am - 6pm

KDK offers before and after school care, catering for School aged children, our staff are all fully qualified, we offer crafts, sporting activities, technology, home work club, nature club, cooking club, photography, dance and drama, group games,

we cater for special needs children, children with dietary needs, and cultural needs.

Did you know that you can attend Before School care for as little as

Before School Care - \$2.95\*      After School Care -\$2.55\*

These Prices are based on 104% with 50 hours and CCR pay to service

For an obligation free quote please call on our office on 3803 7717 or pop down to the hall and see one of friendly staff



## Tuckshop News

2016 Tuckshop Price List available from Office. In 2016 students who order Ice Blocks or Drinks will need to present lunch bags to the Tuckshop to collect these Vouchers will not longer be used.



HELP NEEDED for 2016 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Fridays 9.00am to 2.00pm

If you can help please see Carol in the tuckshop. Please ask about the volunteer hours required for Centrelink.





## *YOU CAN DO IT!*

Hi Everyone,

We have now begun learning about CONFIDENCE in our You Can Do It! lessons. Confident Children believe they will be successful if they try hard.

Confident children are not afraid to meet new classmates; they expect to be liked and make friends. When someone wants them to do something they don't want to do (like break a rule), confident children tell them nicely what they want to do.

### SOME EXAMPLES OF CONFIDENT BEHAVIOUR IN CHILDREN

1. Choose to participate in a new activity with new friends.
2. Shares what happened during the day with those at home.
3. Introduces himself/herself to someone new.
4. Speaks loudly enough so people can hear them clearly
5. Tries a new activity without first asking for help.
6. Participates in all class activities without worrying about what others may think.

### *WAYS TO PRAISE YOUR CHILD FOR CONFIDENT BEHAVIOUR*

“That took confidence.”

“You were brave to do that all by yourself.”

“Good for you. You were not afraid of trying something new.”

“You see, we all make mistakes when we are learning something new.”

Have a great week

