It has been a great start to the new school year. Classes are settled and learning has begun. This is a credit to the professionalism of our teachers and the organisation of parents and students. 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 organised based on the enrolments at that time. Fortunately for us enrolments at the beginning of the year mean that we will be able to hold our 30 classes.

Notes will go home today inviting parents to attend an information session after school during next week. This is a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and get an insight into the curriculum and behavioural expectations of the classroom. 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, Deputy Principal for Year 3 to 6, Mrs Lemon, Deputy Principal P to 2 or myself by contacting the school office on 3802 3333.

On the last day of the school year in 2014 Mrs Pfingst was given the opportunity to move to a new school. I would like to congratulate her on her new position and wish her all the best. I had the privilege of meeting with Mrs Pfingst over the Christmas break who assisted me with my transition to the role of Principal at Burrowes State School. I have appreciated the warm welcome by staff, parents and students and I look forward to working with staff and the community to continue the great work that is already evident across the school. Over my career I have had the opportunity to work in Private and State Schools in Brisbane and Logan as well as overseas. I consider it a privilege to be able to work here at Burrowes State School.

We start the year with Mr Weir and Mrs Lemon as our Deputy Principals, Mrs Vincent as our Head of Special Education Services and Mrs Jones in the role of Head of Curriculum. I would like to welcome Ms Maksoud as our new full time Guidance Officer.

Welcome to our new teachers who have started with us this term, Ms Hyde 2H, Ms Turner 4T, Ms Challen 4S, Ms Cox 2C, Ms Russell 5R and our new Music Teacher Ms Mansfield.

Over the holiday period the school had a face lift with new external painting and a wonderful new digital sign. The latter should be fully operational in the next few weeks we are just waiting on a new part. The next major project scheduled for the school is a butterfly garden. Work on the garden is scheduled to commence this Friday.
This week we held an assembly for both the junior and senior school. I was very proud of the way our students sat and behaved during the assembly particularly our Prep students. On the junior parade we had a visit from our school Adopt-a-Cop, Constable Deb and her police partner, Constable Blake. I look forward to working with Constable Deb and having her support around the school. Education is a team effort, it requires the school, families and community to teach and support our students. I firmly believe in the saying that it requires a village to raise a child.

We will be holding assemblies each Monday at 2pm starting from next Monday and alternating P to 2 (junior) and then 3 to 6 (senior). Our assembly next week will be P to 2 and then the following Monday at 2pm we will have an assembly for Year 3 to 6. On these assemblies selected students will receive a behaviour award and in the coming weeks a new award called the Principal’s Academic Effort Award. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

In the newsletter today is an information sheet regarding sun safety and wearing school hats. Overall our school uniform is supported and I appreciate the work that parents put in to ensuring that our students look great at school and in the community. I would appreciate parents supporting the wearing of the school hat.

It has been great meeting many parents, I look forward to meeting more parents at next Monday’s first P and C meeting at 9am in the resource centre.

Enjoy your weekend.

Stephen Josey

Mrs Lemon’s Notes
Welcome to a new year of learning to all out Burrowes families. A special welcome is extend to our new Prep students and their families. We hope to work closely with all our families to build a happy learning environment where all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Although a couple of our prep students began their first week at school with a few tears, they soon settled into classroom activities and enjoyed their day. The new Australian Curriculum states that Prep students are expected to be reading and writing simple stories at the end of this first year. Coming to school everyday, will ensure that your child has the best opportunity to reach this target.

Before school assembly areas.
To help everyone have a safe and happy start to the day, staff are rostered on duty in designated areas. All students are expected to be:-

*in the company of their parents, or * in their assembly areas, waiting for the first bell.

Brekky Club—School Hall
Thanks to some volunteer workers and our chaplain, the school is able to offer breakfast to all students on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Students have a choice of cereals, toast and fruit. Brekky Club begins at 8.00. Volunteers are always required so if you can help out contact the office.

Regards
Karen Lemon.
Welcome to 2015

This will be my 4th year as Business Services Manager here at Burrowes State School, a role that I thoroughly enjoy. I am again looking forward to the challenges and rewards that come with this position. Please feel free to pop in to Admin if you have any queries or concerns and we will try to assist you.

Butterfly Garden Update

I believe the pavers will be delivered this Friday (6th Feb), progress finally! Work should start fairly quickly, once they arrive. We are hopeful that it will take no longer than 4 weeks to complete. This area will be fenced and no public access will be allowed. If you come to school through the front gate down near the staff parking area, you may be inconvenienced during this time.

Electronic Sign

The sign is looking fantastic out the front of the School. I have received a lot of positive feedback regarding the design, which is awesome!

Unfortunately, we are unable to use it as one of the panels has been damaged in transit and doesn’t work. This should be rectified shortly. Please keep an eye on the sign as important school messages will be displayed.

Don’t forget orders are due back by Friday 13th February. Unfortunately, no orders after this date can be accepted. Please make sure all orders are dropped into the Administration Office and not to the classroom teachers.

P & C Meeting

Our first meeting, we would like to invite all returning and new parents to a morning tea on Monday 9th February in the Resource Centre at 9am.

We look forward to seeing you there.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Monday 9th, P & C Meeting, Resource Centre
Monday 9th, Prep to Year 2 Assembly in the Hall.
Monday 16th, Year 3 to Year 6 Assembly in the Hall (School Captains will be announced)

Week 3 - Parent Information sessions
Details to follow from class teachers.

NEXT NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 2015
Vacancy
School Crossing Supervisor
Burrowes State School

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at the school

* Up to 12 hours per fortnight on a roster system

* Remuneration $27.49 per hour

Applications close: Fri 13/2/15 and are available from the school office.

Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesday - 9.00 - 9.30
Friday  - 9.00 - 9.30
          2.15 - 2.45

Cash only $$$$$$$

Tuckshop News

2015 Tuckshop Price List available from Office.
In 2015 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 2015 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Fridays 9.00 am to 2.00 pm

If you can help please see Carol in the tuckshop.
Please ask about the volunteer hours required for Centrelink.
2015 Price List is included in the Newsletter.
Chappies Chat

Hello everyone

Welcome back everyone to 2015 at Burrowes State School. A special welcome to our new students, parents and care givers.

I am the school chaplain for Burrowes and if you would like to talk with me regarding issues at home or at school, I am at the school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and I can be found in the Chaplain’s Room in D Block. Just follow the stone path between D and B blocks and if the door is open you are most welcome to come in and say hello.

On Mondays and Tuesdays we have activity/games held at first and second lunches - juniors in first break and seniors in second break in the Chappy Room. Bible Club also commenced this week and just the same as last year is held on Wednesdays.

All children need a Voluntary Student Participation Form so they can come and join in Bible Club or the activities so if you would like one please come to the Chaplain’s Room or the office and we will provide it for you. Students are also welcome to come and pick up a form from my Chappy Room during lunch breaks.

From time to time I receive emails from various groups who have free furniture such as beds, dining tables, sofas, etc. that they are happy to go to a good home so if you have a need please let me know. Food, food vouchers, shoes and clothing also sometimes come my way so again if you have a need please feel welcome to come and see me and we will see what we can do.

Chappy Programs currently at Burrowes Primary State School:

- Junior activities first break Mondays and Tuesdays (Prep to Yr 3)
- Junior Bible Club Wednesdays first lunch break (Prep to Yr 3)
- Senior activities second break Mondays and Tuesdays (Years 6 & 7)
- Senior Bible Club second lunch break Wednesdays (Years 4 & 5)

I also Birthday Book program where every child receives a birthday award and prize from the birthday bag. (Those who do not celebrate birthdays excepted).

Year 6 girls club program commencing shortly

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Have a great weekend and week and remember… smile, it’s free and it’s contagious.

Judy Goring
Chaplain
Ph: 3802 3333

Park Ridge Cricket Club

Park Ridge is looking for cricket players aged 7 to 10 years and interested players please contact Lewis Mills on 0413 656 058.

They train on Tuesday nights 5.15-6.30pm and game day is Saturday 8-11.45am in a 30 over competition where everyone bats, bowls and have lots of fun.

Lewis Mills

Park Ridge Cricket Club - President
B Bus. Grad Dip in Accounting ASA Comm of Dec
Ph: (07) 3803 0887 (H) 0413 656 058 (Mob)
Email: lsmills14@bigpond.com

SCHOOL TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE

Message to all parents of students who will be using our bus services in 2015.

We advise any student, who has changed their residential address/school or who will be moving on to high school and who will be using our bus services in 2015, to contact us.

Parent/guardians will need to contact Clarks Logan Bus Service to check their eligibility for School Transport Assistance Scheme 2015 bus pass as you will be required to complete a New Application Form.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8.30am—4.30pm
Ph: 32009606
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
Anne Hammond and Trish Noreiks

Burrowes State School

Sun Safety Policy Overview

Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Of all new cancers diagnosed in Australian each year, 80 per cent are skin cancers. Research indicates that childhood sun exposure is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer later in life. Given that students are at school during peak ultraviolet radiation (UVR) times throughout the day, schools play a major role in both minimising students’ UVR exposure and providing an environment where policies and procedures can positively influence student behaviour.

Skin damage, including skin cancer, is a result of cumulative exposure to the sun. Research shows that severe sunburn contributes to skin cancer and other forms of skin damage such as sunspots, blemished and premature aging. Most skin damages and skin cancer is therefore preventable. Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) levels are highest during the hours that children will spend a portion of their day outdoors. We are committed to protecting them from harmful effects of the sun.

With this in mind, Burrowes State School realises the need to protect children’s skin and educated them about Sun Safety behaviour, thus reducing the risk of skin damage from exposure to the sun.

In accordance with the Queensland Health recommendations and school dress uniform policy, all students are to wear sun safe school hats at Burrowes State School. These Sun safe school hats are compulsory when playing outside. A Blue bucket hats in various sizes are available from the Uniform Shop and Tuckshop. Arrangements can be made through the uniform shop if you require items outside the normal hours.

Please put names on all items that children bring and wear to school.