Linking home and school

Learning at school is one of the many ways that children learn and develop. Learning begins well before children enter school, and once children are attending school they continue to learn both inside and outside the classroom. Parents play a critical role in providing learning opportunities at home and in linking what children learn at school with what happens elsewhere.

There is a positive impact on learning and academic outcomes when families and schools work together.

Sharing information with parents about students’ progress, is very important, and can greatly influence success at school. When students are experiencing difficulties, working together enables the best outcome. We all share the same goal, and that is, to give each child the opportunity to be the best they can be. This is best achieved when there exists a mutual trust and respect between home and school.

One critical factor, essential to developing this positive relationship, is respectful communication.

Many community members visit our school every day. Thank you to all who communicate with staff in a polite and respectful manner. This helps to create a positive learning environment for all our children, and sets a standard for their behaviour with others at school.

Respectful Play

Playground play is one of the most important times of the day for students as it allows them an opportunity to play and socialise amongst peers. For duty staff this is one of the most difficult times to support students as complaints are often counted by each student giving separate and often very different versions of the same issue. If all students in the playground are able to self manage minor social issues this strengthens their ability to become resilient.

The school staff regularly talk with students regarding playground issues and how students may be better prepared, internally, to ignore some issues with peers. Students are reminded of the school’s expectations to play safely and respectfully in the playground.

If parents could discuss your child’s playground concerns, knowing how your child interacts with others outside of the school environment, this would support the schools ability to express the need for safe play and being respectful of others rights to play without fear of what others may say or do.

At Burrowes we express our expectations in a manner that encourages students to take ownership of their school behaviour.

I Am Safe, Respectful, Responsible, A Learner
YOU CAN DO IT!

This week in You Can Do It! We continued to learn about Getting Along.

Students were given examples of problems and asked to come up with different solutions to solve the issue.

Students came up with different solutions to the same problem. We learnt that a problem can have more than one solution.

Students discussed that not all the solutions would produce the best result. They had to decide which solution would solve the problem and give them the best outcome. This type of thinking is called “Thinking First.”

～ Of all the means to ensure happiness throughout life, by far the most important is the acquisition of friends.


Resource News

Just a reminder. Book Week this year will be held from August 22-26. There will be activities during first break in the Resource Centre and our annual Book Fair will be held, where we will have a variety of children’s books for sale. Remember books make great Christmas and birthday gifts and encourage a love of reading. Also on Monday 22nd August we will hold our Book Week dress up day where students and teachers can dress up as their favourite book character. Prizes will be awarded during junior assembly on that day. We hope to see many students participating in this fun activity.
**Messages to Students**

Please give messages to your child before school where possible. We understand that sometimes things happen during the day and plans for students for after school may change. The ladies in the office do an amazing job but often get frustrated that some information is being called through from parents close to or just after 3pm. In these cases the ladies feel upset and stressed that they may not be able to reach that child before the bell to pass on this information. The difficulty may arise when your student’s class is not in their room, for example, they have gone outside for an activity or to the computer lab or library and the office staff cannot locate them easily.

Could I ask that you give the office plenty of time to get a message to your child by calling prior to 2:30pm (as after this time there is no guarantee your message will get to your child before 3pm). Thank you for your assistance and support by giving plenty of warning when changes occur.

**Is Your Personal Contact Information Correct?**

Due to the implementation of the same day attendance notification text messaging service that we are progressing, it is vital that your contact information is correct. Please update your mobile telephone number if necessary, as you will not receive the text messages we send if your information is not up to date. We will also use this number to send random text messages as necessary about other important information which may require urgent attention. We are hoping to go live with this system next term, ahead of the compulsory 2017 statewide implementation as advised by Education Queensland.

The expectation is that all students are at school by 8:50am every school day to start class.

Our School is aiming for a school-wide 95% attendance rate or above for every student. Once the attendance system is in place, text messages will go home daily to parents/carers in the event of your student missing roll marking. Therefore it is of high importance that students are at school on time every day to assist us with absence data.

**Uniforms**

Remember all students are expected to be in full school uniform every day. Jumpers are still available at the uniform shop for purchase. The prices range from around the $20 - $40 mark for jumpers with a special on at the moment of 2 for $70.

On another note, please make sure your student comes to school with a school hat as we will enforce the no-hat no-play policy and your child will be required to sit down undercover at play time if he/she doesn’t have a school hat. No caps are permitted. Obviously this is part of Education Queensland’s Policy on sun safety for students. Hats are available at the uniform shop or canteen for $10. I would suggest that you write your student’s name under the brim of the hat in big letters so they are easily identifiable if lost.
Music News

Everyone is settling down into their new routine for term 3. With the Senior Choir still buzzing from their wonderful achievement in Week 2, we have gathered a few more interested students to make our sound bigger. Keep your student interested by asking about rehearsals, what songs they are singing and any silly exercise they have to do for warm ups.

We are now preparing for the Jacaranda Festival Choral Competition in October, Christmas Carols at the Plaza and the Christmas Spectacular at the end of the year. I love finding our old songs and also listening to new songs for these shows.

If your child would like to join, now is the perfect time so please encourage your student to participate in some way.

Burrowes Has Talent auditions have nearly come to an end. I would like to thank every student who has been brave enough to audition, it takes not only skill but a certain belief in oneself that gets you over the nerves and do a great audition. Finalists will be announced very soon.

Music Fun Fact:

Would you believe that research has shown that certain pieces of music end up being more popular and mainstream due to their ‘mathematical’ structure?

For example, Pachelbel’s Canon in D, is said to reach the masses because of its repetitive structure, a trend very apparent in music today. No doubt the amazing popularity of hip-hop music, with its rhythmic beats and looping breaks, is partially due to our innate mathematical need for rhythm and patterns. http://www.vancouversun.com/Entertainment/interesting+connection+between+math+music/1473881/story.html

KDK News

KDK Kids First operates a Before and After School Care in the Hall located on the school ground we also offer a full Vacation Care Service we provide breakfast every morning and afternoon tea daily.

We have a homework club, let us take the stress away and have home work completed before the children get home from school

Our hours are:  Before School Care 6am-9am  After School Care 3pm-6pm  Vacation Care 6am-6pm

RSPCA Cup Cake Day

Monday 15th August, 2016

KDK will be holding our annual Cup Cake Stall from 3pm outside the Hall. All money raised goes to the RSPCA. If you would like to donate some cakes for our stall please deliver to KDK by 2pm Monday

Continuous Raffle/ Cent Auction Burrowes State School Hall

This Saturday 13th August  100’s of prizes to be won. Morning tea provided with Lucky Door Prizes. Come along for a great morning, you could win some great prizes.

Call Kylie to book your set or table 0448 197 060
All proceeds go to the Under 16’s Greenbank Raiders Football team
**Springwood Suns Cricket Club inc.**  
**CRICKET SIGN ON**  
**HOMESTEAD PARK, JODIE STREET, SHAILER PARK.**  
9.00 AM to 1.00 PM  
Saturday 20th & 27th August and Sunday 21st & 28th August  
Saturday 20th August, 10am-12noon.  
Come & Try Fun Day; Free Sausage sizzle  
Face Painting, Cricket Activities, Heater Mascot and FM 101 broadcasting live.  
BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME  
For more information phone Marion on 3209 4208 or 0418730205  
Or Visit our Web Site at;  
www.springwoodsunsccqld.cricket.com.au or our Facebook Page  
SPRINGWOOD SUNS CRICKET CLUB

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**Speech Pathology Week 2016**

**CREATING FUTURES**

Speech Pathology Week (August 7-13, 2016) we are highlighting the importance of communication in creating futures for our children.

If we think about the classroom, it is a buzz of words, explanations, questions, reading and writing. The ability to use language for thinking and learning is important for school success and creating students futures.

Conversations are an easy way to boost your child’s language and learning. When you have a conversation with your child, you help them to learn new words and different ways of talking about their ideas and opinions.

Try the following activities to continue to develop your child’s language skills.

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<td>How are an apple &amp; pear the same? How are they different?</td>
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<td>What does a doctor do? When do people go to a doctor? Where does a doctor work?</td>
<td>Take a walk outside. Describe what you can see, feel and hear. What animals live in trees?</td>
<td>Tell someone what you did at school today. What was your favourite activity and why?</td>
<td>Think of a word that means the opposite of: on, boy, awake, happy</td>
<td>Play ‘I Spy’. For example: “I Spy with my little eye something that is small, long and used to brush teeth” (toothbrush)</td>
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**COME AND SELL or COME AND BUY**

**CAR BOOT SALE**

Sat. August 20th  
8am – 12pm  
at  
31 Green Road, Park Ridge  
For safety please use off street parking provided.

Enquiries  
Phone: 3800 3663 or  
email: lightacandle@bigpond.com  
Morning tea or hot dogs provided.

An opportunity provided by  
Browns Plains Baptist Church  
(We are sponsors of School Chaplaincy)
19 July 2016

Free dental scheme extended for Queensland children

Queensland children will continue to benefit from free dental care, after a Federal Government program was extended through to the end of 2016.

Director of Metro South Oral Health Dr Helen Boocock said the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) program provides up to $1000 per eligible child for dental treatment.

“Children can use CDBS for a range of high-quality dental services such as examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions,” Dr Boocock said.

“Unfortunately, the levels of tooth decay in Queensland children are far too high – almost a quarter of Queensland children aged 5-15 years have four or more teeth affected by decay.

“Some families may be worried about how their child will cope with a dental appointment, but our dentists and dental therapists are very experienced and know how to make children feel at ease.”

The Federal Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) program provides free dental care for 2-17 year olds, who are part of a family receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or other Australian Government payments.

Dr Boocock said that even if a child was not eligible for CDBS, they could still be eligible for free dental care with Metro South Health.

“All children aged four through to year 10 at school are eligible for free public dental care, as well as children aged 0-3 years and those in grades 11 and 12 whose parents have a current Centrelink, Healthcare or Pension Card,” she said.

To check eligibility or to make an appointment, call 1300 300 850 or visit www.metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health.

ENDS

Media contact: Louise Excell - 07 3156 4971
Dear Parents

Has your child had a free healthy mouth check-up this year?

Metro South Oral Health is committed to improving the oral health of our children.

Simply call 1300 300 850, Tue-Fri 7:30-4:00pm to arrange a free dental appointment.

Our dental clinics are open over the school holidays so call to arrange a dental appointment today.

Who is eligible for free dental care?

- All children age 4 through to grade 10
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule
- Adults & children who hold a current:
  - Centrelink Card
  - Health Care Card
  - Pension Concession Card
  - Seniors card

1300 300 850
For more information, visit - www.health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth

Great state. Great opportunity.