Another week and another win for Burrowes State School. Last newsletter I shared the news that the school had won the Regional Showcase Award, in coalition with two other schools, for the second year in a row for the Prep Start Program. This week we were informed that we are State Finalists. The announcement of the State winners will be in October so let's hope we have a positive outcome.

I met with Mrs Dare this week who will be assisting our school with the implementation of the Yugambeh language trial that Burrowes State School have been invited to join. The program will start in Prep and follow through to Year One and Two over subsequent years. The program will also give a greater profile to Indigenous culture around our school. Our prep teachers are excited and ready to go.

**EKKA Holiday**

Next Monday is a Public holiday for Logan. The Ekka is in town. Have a great extra day.

**School Opinion Survey.**

Thank you to the parents who completed the school opinion survey feedback is important and I value your contribution.

**Year 5 and 6 Camp**

Students reported an overwhelming success for the Year 5 and 6 camp. I enjoyed spending Wednesday afternoon and night with our students. I understand that some students came back unwell. There certainly are quite a few bugs going around at the moment which is typical of this time of the year especially with the Ekka starting today. We have booked in again for 2017. Year 3 and 4 this year need to start saving in preparation for a great experience.

**Attendance**

It is an expectation that students are at school every school day unless they have a valid reason such as illness. Could parents please ensure that students are at school and on time each day?
**Butterfly Parties**

Another 5 classes are ready to have their class parties for completing their Burrowes Butterfly. Letters will go home to parents with information regarding each party. Congratulations to PI, PBD, 2H, 4T and 4B.

**Uniform**

The parent community have a clear expectation that Burrowes State School is a uniform school and that the full uniform is required each day. Students are required to wear a school wide brim hat each day. This is a safety issue as well as a uniform expectation. Shoes need to be all black. We have a great uniform please wear it with pride. Socks need to be white.

**Prep enrolment process**

If you are a current family with prep age siblings and you haven’t notified the office for next year could you please do so as soon as possible. Our prep enrolment process for 2016 has begun, if you know of any new families with prep age children who live in our catchment could you please encourage them to make contact with the school as a matter of urgency.

**NAPLAN**

Individual Student NAPLAN reports went home this week. NAPLAN was held in May this year so students will have made progress. It is a good opportunity to see where your child sits. Remember to keep in contact with your child’s teacher for up to date information. We will have interviews this term and final reports at the end of Term Four.

**Sports**

Congratulations to Sophie L for making the District sporting team for the 100m and Akon D who made the District team for the 200m, High Jump and Long Jump.

Congratulations to John U for receiving an aged champion swimming award for his club team.

**P and C**

Our next meeting for P and C is scheduled for Monday August 17 9am.

Enjoy your weekend.

Stephen Josey
Principal.

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**Book Week**

Book Week this year will be celebrated from 24th-28th August. We will also be having our annual Book Fair during this week as well. Books will be for sale before school and during first lunch break. They make great Christmas or birthday gifts. Parents are welcome to come in and browse too.

Monday 24th August will be Dress-up Day where students can come dressed as their favourite book character. Prizes will be awarded during Junior Parade.

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**Dates to Remember**

- **Week 5** - August 10th
  - EKKA Holiday - Logan
- **Week 6** - August 17th
  - Senior Parade
  - P & C Meeting
- **Week 7** - August 24th to 28th
  - Book Week and Book Fair
  - Junior Parade
CHURCH CARPARK IS PRIVATE PROPERTY
Please do not use the Church carpark when dropping off or picking up students. This area is private property and does not belong to the school. Also it would be appreciated if the hall carpark was used in the correct manner and road rules were followed. The Church grounds should not be used by anyone other than those visiting the church. We need to be respectful and considerate of our neighbours. Damage is being done to their driveway by the amount of school traffic using it in one form or another and we do not want to pay for repairs for damage caused by our school community. We understand that parking for this school is limited, but please, be patient, do the right thing and park in designated areas.

BOOK CLUB
Issue Number 5 has been ordered and the books should arrive soon. Thank you to everyone who ordered.

ARRIVE TO SCHOOL ON TIME
Please make sure your student/s are at school by 8:50am each day and stay until the final bell at 3pm. It is beneficial to all students, to start the day with routine and by arriving to school late, it can be disruptive to not just them, but others as well. If your child arrives after the bell, they report to class and explain to the teacher why they are late. The late slip is then sent to the office for data entry. If your child arrives in time to get marked as present on the class roll, then this whole process will be unnecessary and the lovely office ladies can work on more urgent matters. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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Conquering the BLAME GAME!

Teaching children to accept responsibility for their actions is a learned behaviour that is VITAL to character development. Children don’t just grow out of the natural tendencies to blame others and / or shirk responsibility. In fact, if these behaviours are not effectively addressed early on, they become self-reinforcing and will likely dramatically increase into adulthood.

During Term 3, I will be giving specific details to help your child develop this skill.

3. Don’t overreact when your child blames others or makes excuses for poor choices. If you keep your cool, your child will be more apt to focus on his or her own behaviour rather than reacting to yours.

4. If your child makes a poor choice, try not to nag or give excessive warnings. Instead, remain emotionally neutral and follow through with the appropriate consequences. In a nutshell, don’t let your child drain our energy!
This week we had a Prep Class (PN) completed their Burrowes Butterfly and will therefore be rewarded with a class party.