

I had the privilege on Tuesday evening to attend the Excellence Awards night for Marsden State High School. The evening was a showcase and celebration of the wonderful efforts made by the students and staff of Marsden High. It was also rewarding to see some of our Burrowes' past students receive acknowledgment for their achievements. The following are from last year's Year 6 cohort:

Kason T (School Captain 2015) for Academic Excellence

Chloe W for Media and HPE

Victoria T for Music.

Congratulations to the 19 Burrowes alumni on receiving their awards.

The guest speaker on the night was Marsden High's 2010 school Dux, Madlen received an OP1 in 2010 and on Tuesday night was four weeks away from completing her studies to become a Surgeon. She spoke of the hard work and perseverance that she had to apply over the past 6 years to finally achieve her dream and of the teachers that supported her to achieve her goals. It was a great speech and one that highlighted the successes of State Education.

School Canteen.

The P and C has informed me that Mrs Carol Smith has resigned from her position as Tuck shop coordinator and will finish her duties in the next few weeks. The P and C will continue to run the canteen during a transition phase while the Canteen Coordinator position is advertised. Attached to this letter is a copy of the job advertisement.

Please be advised that during this transition phase the menu may change, the P and C will communicate these changes through the newsletter and sms system.

Carol has served the school in her role for the past three years and I would like to thank her on behalf of the P and C and the school community for her work.

Staffing and classes for next year

One of the biggest challenges each year is the construction and organisation of classes for the next year. To help us be as accurate as possible and minimise any changes at the start of next year please let the office know if you are moving next year and are anticipating not returning to Burrowes in 2017.

The staffing and class formation process continues right through until the first few weeks of the following year. Preparation and planning is designed to limit any changes and adjustments to classes. I anticipate at this stage starting 2017 with 32 classes. However this does not include a fifth Prep class which is possible. Also we have several blocks of land in our catchment that may result in increased enrolments.

Staffing and classes for next year (Cont)

I would like to extend an opportunity to families to inform me, in writing, of any educational considerations that you would like me to be aware of when considering your child's placement for 2017. Where possible we will be doing all that we can to ensure that classes are balanced in both number and educational dynamics.

With this in mind you can appreciate that it isn't possible to request a specific teacher, expect the same teacher who may have taught their sibling in the past, or want all your child's friends in the one class.

Sometimes being best friends in the playground doesn't always equate to industrious work habits in the classroom, and often friendship groupings change during the course of the year. Your child's educational needs will be valued and taken into account, however the final class construction is ultimately a school decision made in

consultation with this year's teachers. If you would like to write a letter please address it to the Principal and hand it into the office by Friday November 18.

At this stage our teachers do not know what year level they will be on next year and Education Queensland's transfer and staffing process remains active until the last day of the school year and in some cases staffing isn't finalized until after Day 8 2017, so needless to say that all of this is a work in progress.

Attendance

The attendance target for Education Queensland is 95%, this means that students can only be away from school for 10 days in the school year. Last year Burrowes finished the year at 88.8%. During most of this year we have been above 90%. Unfortunately at the start of Term 4 we have dropped to 89.9%. Can parents please ensure that students are at school every day?

10% of days off each year equals 20 days a year. 20 days a year is four weeks of schooling which equates to 1 and a half years of school missed over the child's 13 years of schooling.

School Uniform

Now that the weather is warmer and the sun is out students are reminded that they must have a school hat. All non-school jumpers need to be left at home. The school's dress code is also explicit with regards to appropriate hair styles. As a general reminder no tracks, colours or rats tails. Hair below the shoulders for boys and girls must be tied up with black, blue or white ties.

Same day notification

Our `same day notification system will go live on Monday. That means that if your child is away you should receive an sms letting you know that your child has not arrived at school.

To assist this process please:

- * Ensure that students attend school every day unless the student has a legitimate reason.
- * Ensure that all contact details are up to date and maintained.
- * Inform the school as soon as possible when a student will be absent from school and the reason for the absence. Our school absence line is 3802 3366.
- * Ensure that students are at school, on time, ready to start learning at the beginning of the day.
- * Be patient as we work to resolve any issues during Term 4 that may arise before 2017.

Prep enrolments

Prep positions are filling up fast. If you are a current family with prep age siblings for next year, please notify the office as soon as possible. Our prep enrolment process for 2017 has begun, if you know of any new families with prep aged children who live in our catchment could you please encourage them to make contact with the school as a matter of urgency.

Parents on the prep list have been booked in for an enrolment meeting. We will be offering families an orientation and information session from November 21 to 29.

Enjoy the weekend.

Stephen Josey

Principal

BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER NEWS & VIEWS

An exciting opportunity is available for a highly motivated person as a Permanent part time Tuckshop Convenor with the Burrowes State School P&C Association.

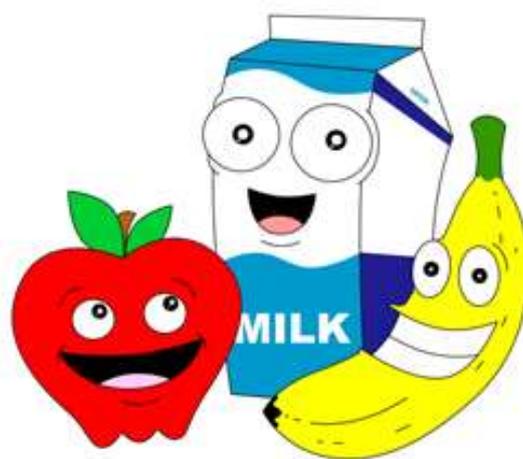
The successful applicant will be responsible for the efficient operation and management of the Burrowes State School 'Smart Choice' Tuckshop (servicing 750+ students) in conjunction with the P&C Executive. The position is 4 days per week with the view to expanding to 5 days (max 35 hours) and is subject to Award conditions.

The successful candidate must be eligible for a blue card (working with children check). It is not essential to have a blue card at the time of application but the successful candidate must be willing to undergo the QLD Governments blue card security checks.

Note: This is a permanent part time role during the school term.
Possible hours may be 7.30am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday.

Key Requirements

- * Demonstrated organisational skills
- * Effectively manage a team of employees & volunteers
- * Have a Food Safety Supervisors Certificate
- * Hold a Certificate III in Food Processing (or be willing to undertake same)
- * Hold a Suitability Blue Card
- * Computer Skills (Word/Excel)
- * Banking/Cash Register skills including balancing daily takings
- * Workplace Health & Safety Procedures / Hygiene guidelines
- * Experience in dealing with students of various ages
- * Knowledge of Stock purchasing & receiving, liaison with Suppliers, monitoring stock levels & preparation of quarterly stocktakes, maintaining financial paperwork & records in accordance with the Policies & Procedures of the P&C Association, reporting to the P&C Executive
- * Seasonal menu planning
- * Quality control monitoring and preparation of approved Smart Choice food



If this sounds like the perfect opportunity for you, please contact the Business Services Manager at Burrowes SS to gain a copy of the position description and selection criteria to apply.

Applications are to include a resume and maximum of 2 page application.

Packages can be collected from Burrowes State School, 41-69 Third Avenue, Marsden Q 4132 or telephone 3802 3333 for information.

Applications are required to be submitted by COB Friday 28th October.

Short listed applicants will be contacted to arrange an interview.



Music News

Please save the date in your calendars for the Christmas Spectacular – Thursday 1st of December. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

The students in Senior Choir are getting very excited for our two performances coming up in week 4 and week 5. On Friday 28th October we will be performing at the Jacaranda Festival in Goodna. It is like their Fair Day so there will also be rides and games to play for the students after they have finished singing. We go on at about 6:50 and sing three songs.

There will be many other schools performing on the night too and it will be great to listen and watch others sing. Please join us if you can.

I am very appreciative of the parents involved as they will need to bring their child to and from the festival. There is no entry fee for this great night out.

In Week 5 on Thursday the 3rd of November we will be singing our Christmas Carols at Grand Plaza in Browns Plains. We begin at 10:30 and will sing 3 songs again – all Christmas songs. It will be over before we know it.

If you can come along and support our students it would be a fabulous to see lots of parents and friends backing our school.

All students in Music are completing their assessment for the year with a variety of tasks ahead of them. Instrument studies, composing and playing are just a few of the activities they are enjoying. Of course singing plays a very big role in any Music classroom and ours is no exception.

If you have any questions about our instrumental program more information will be out shortly.

Musically Yours

Sally Mansfield



What's been happening?

We are back again with Term 4 and a great end of the year lined up for chaplaincy at Burrowes State School. This term we have Crossroads, GRITT (social skills), soccer training and breakfast club all continuing to run throughout different classes within our school.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Clubs is back for Term 4!

Breakfast will continue to run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings thanks to our incredible Volunteers.

Breakfast Club is a free breakfast provided through the Chaplaincy Service to all the students/staff in the school community.



We are looking for volunteers to assist with running weekly breakfasts.

8-9am – Once a week.

If that is you please do not hesitate to get in contact with me via the school.

Lunch Club

Each week the Chappy room is open for students to come and participate in fun planned games and activities.

Monday – Juniors... **Wednesday** – Seniors

This term we will be doing games and activities and as the term comes to a close we will be making Christmas crafts.

Do you have any old uniforms?

We are looking to gather old (good condition) uniforms for our school, to pass on to families / kids in need of a uniform. This would be provided through the school chaplaincy service to the community. Clothing items donated would then be accessed by Chaplain Aaron when needed.

If you have any Items you wish to donate, please see our wonderful staff in the school office.

Quote of the day.

"It always seems impossible until it is done" - Nelson Mandela

JUNIOR AWARDS 2016

| Class | Name | Comments |
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| PGD | Raphael | Principals Award—Writing and reading |
| P/1M | Chase | Wonderful writing |
| 1A | Kalillah | Consistently listening to instructions and completing set tasks |
| 1P | Breanna | Being a good friend |
| 1KO | Jamie lee | Principals Award—using her reading strategies |
| 1H | Moana | Making good improvements in reading |
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DATES TO REMEMBER 2016

Christmas Spectacular – Thursday December 1

Year 6 Graduation – Tuesday December 6

Academic Parade – Thursday December 8

Last day of the school year - Friday Dec 9

P & C Meeting

The next P and C Meeting is scheduled for 9am
in the school resource centre on Monday
November 14, all are welcome.



YOU CAN DO IT!

In **YOU CAN DO IT!** we are continuing to learn about RESILIENCE.

This week we have been talking about identifying frustrating and challenging events. The children are learning that different things happen to make us feel happy, sad, angry or worried etc. but practising RESILIENCE helps us cope with our feelings when we experience events that make us upset.

