

Welcome back to Term Four, I trust that everyone had a great break. Although Term Four is the last for the 2015 academic year it is crucial to the continual planning and learning for 2016. The staff at Burrowes State School are committed to helping your students reach their full potential but we cannot do it alone. We need full parental support to assist with behaviour, uniform and attendance. Burrowes students have the ability to achieve like any student in Queensland or Australia, I firmly believe this. I look forward to continuing to work together as a learning community with all students, staff and families focussed on our core improvement agenda of Reading and Numeracy.

In order for us to make the necessary improvement across the school we need to ensure that our students are wearing the correct school uniform and are proud to belong to Team Burrowes. Behaviour must value add to the learning community and support focussed learning in classrooms. Attendance is also crucial, our target for each student is 95%. If students are away from school it is very difficult for teachers to do what they do best and that is engage and teach our students.

Over the first two days I managed to get to every class to welcome students back and reinforce my expectations on learning, behaviour and uniform. I shared with each class the three important lessons that I took away from arguably one of the best rugby league grand-finals that I have ever watched.

**Lesson number one**, never give up, I really thought the Broncos had the game in the bag.

**Lesson number two**, train and train hard, both teams attribute their great seasons to the relentless training that they dedicate themselves to each week and lesson number three, wear your uniform with pride. Both teams turned up to the game wearing their uniform and appropriate footwear, each player proud of their team and each other. It is great to have role models like Jonathon Thurston and the Cowboys, and indeed the Broncos to inspire our Burrowes students to never give up even when times are tough, to train hard at their school studies and to wear their Burrowes uniform with pride.

I would like to thank parents and families for continuing to support our school uniform and in particular this week the wearing of the school hat. As communicated throughout Term Three students must have a school hat to be able to access the school playground. This is both a safety issue as well as a statement that we are proud to belong to Burrowes State School. A reminder that from next year all students will need to be in black shoes, I appreciate the families who have got in early and have acquired new black shoes already. If you are experiencing difficulty in purchasing a school hat or other parts of the school uniform please approach your child's teacher, Mr Weir, Mrs Lemon or myself.

I have mentioned above that we must be a team to maximise our student's potential, so if you are experiencing difficulties with behaviour, attendance, and or uniform please see us. We have a highly experienced and qualified team willing to help and support your family and if we can't help we will find someone who can.

### Year 6 Graduation

Information regarding the Year 6 Graduation will be out next week. Our school team have looked into a variety of options and places in order to get the best deal for our students and families. I am conscious of the cost as we approach Christmas. The night will cost \$30 per student which will include a formal ceremony, sit down dinner and disco. Each student will be able to invite 4 guests to the formal part of the evening at no extra cost. We look forward to celebrating with our Year 6 cohort as they conclude their Primary education with us.

### Christmas Spectacular.



In the second last week of term we are planning to have a Christmas celebration in our school hall. The evening is a school community event, each Year level will perform a song. It will be a great time of community building. Please be aware that teachers will not be on duty that night and that all children will be the responsibility of parents. The night is not compulsory but it would be great to see as many people attend as possible. This time of the year is often impacted by storms. In the event of a possible storm the event may be cancelled.

Stephen Josey

Principal

### Chappies Chat

Hello everyone

Welcome back everyone to term 4 and a special welcome to the new students and families. Burrowes is just great as you will find out for yourselves and I hope you all have a great term 4.

Year 6 girls and boys clubs will be on again commencing next week and a great thank you to all the year six students who are happily helping out with Brekky Club.

Have a great term.

**and remember... smile, it's free and it's contagious**

Judy Goring

Chaplain

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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) Signed parental permission form required.

Senior activities second break Monday and Tuesdays (Year 6 & 7)

Senior Bible Club second lunch break Wednesday (Year 4 & 5) Signed parental permission form required.

Year 6 Boys and Girls Clubs as advised by Chappy.

### PREP ENROLMENT

Was your child born between  
1st July, 2010 and 30th June, 2011

If so, enrol for PREP, 2016  
NOW.....



# Music News

Last term in week 9 we were lucky enough to have a great turnout for Burrowes Has Talent, our take on the TV show. There were over 15 performers from years 4, 5 and 6 who showed us they really do have a lot of talent. As I was backstage helping, I was not a judge which made it easier not to pick a winner from these fabulous performers!



I was pleased to hear the announcement of First Place going to Jeremiah (5P) and Phillip (5R) who played a guitar duet which was their own composition. Second place went to Erin (6B) and third place to Morny (5G) and Highly Commended went to a trio of Emily Brie and Andra (all from 5G).

Thanks go to Sophie and Toni for being great MC's, to all the students who were part of the audio and backstage crew and of course to the Judges; Miss Jensen, Mr Burns and Mrs Wilson.

I would like to acknowledge the extra hard work put in by Miss Jensen getting started on auditions while I was away at the beginning of Term 3 and from her commitment to the show. I could not have done this without her help and support. Thank you Miss Jensen J

Music is such a wonderful way for people to express themselves, it helps with articulation of feelings and I hope for more sensational performances in the future.

To all of the students who participated, whether a performer, audio, backstage or as a supporter in the audience – you did a great job and I feel very proud of your achievements. Keep playing, singing and dancing!

## Year Three Swimming

Year 3 Students will be participating in Swimming lessons during weeks 1 – 5. As the bus will leave promptly at 9.10 for the first lessons please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

Thanks  
Matt Weir



### *DATES TO REMEMBER*

**Pupil Free day – Monday Oct 19**  
**Prep information day - Tuesday Oct 20**  
**Christmas Spectacular - Thursday Dec 3**  
**Year 6 Graduation - Tuesday Dec 8**  
**Academic Parade - Thursday Dec 10**  
**Last day of the school year— Friday Dec 11**



### *SCHOOL HATS:*

This term there are lots of children not wearing or can't find their school hats.

Sun safe hats are compulsory when playing outside.

SCHOOL BUCKET HATS  
AVAILABLE FROM TUCKSHOP

\$10.00





