

PRINCIPAL - MR STEPHEN JOSEY *Issue 17, 4th November, 2016*

Burrowes State School students are amazing! Congratulations to our Senior Choir who competed in the Jacaranda music festival. After a solid 4th in the Beenleigh Eisteddfod earlier in the year our Burrowes students received a Gold award!!

My heartfelt congratulations go to the students who have committed to the choir this year and been a part of the two-year plan to have a choir that is of a high standard. Thank you Ms Mansfield for her commitment and ongoing dedication to high standards. Finally a big thank you to our parents who have committed to taking the students and picking them up from the competitions.

This achievement demonstrates that high expectations, joined with goal setting, commitment and passion ends in results.

I was extremely proud of the choir, looking and sounding professional, yesterday at the Grand Plaza Christmas performance. Thank you to parents and students for their commitment to team Burrowes.

Our String students will be performing for parents, staff and interested members of our community on Wednesday November 16 at 3:30pm.

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.

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 final confirmation of what year level teachers will be on next year is yet to be determined as 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.



School Canteen



After three years of service to the community Carol Smith finishes today as the school Tuckshop Convenor. Thank you Mrs Smith for your services to the Burrowes' community.

A panel was formed this week to view applications and interview suitable applicants. Congratulations goes to Mrs Janet Billiau who has been offered the position of Tuckshop Convenor. Please be aware that the canteen will have a modified menu and times while Janet completes an induction program. Details are attached to the newsletter.

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 and Attendance

Our 'same day' notification system has now gone live. I would like to thank parents for your support of this and understanding when we look to ironing out any bugs. Same day notification is compulsory for schools from next year. I would like to thank Mrs Bower and the office staff for their efforts in getting this process implemented.

Please remember to:

- ◆ 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.

Currently our attendance is dropping off and is under 90%. We all need to work together to ensure that this is turned around.

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.

P and C

The next P and C meeting has been moved to 9am in the school resource centre on Tuesday November 15, all are welcome. This meeting will be the last for the year.

If you feel as though you have what it takes to support the Principal and the school maybe you would consider taking on a P and C executive position for next year. If this is you please contact the office and book a time to meet with me, the Principal.

BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER NEWS & VIEWS

Temporary Tuckshop Days

Please be advised that the tuckshop will be open 2 days a week for the next two weeks due to the change in Tuckshop Convenor.



Monday 7 th November	CLOSED
Tuesday 8 th November	CLOSED
Wednesday 9 th November	OPEN – SUBWAY ORDERS ONLY
Thursday 10 th November	CLOSED
Friday 11 th November	OPEN – DOMINOS PIZZA ORDERS ONLY
Monday 14 th November	CLOSED
Tuesday 15 th November	CLOSED
Wednesday 16 th November	OPEN – SUBWAY ORDER ONLY
Thursday 17 th November	CLOSED
Friday 25 th November	OPEN – DOMINOS PIZZA ORDERS ONLY

THE TUCKSHOP WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY 22ND
NOVEMBER WITH A NEW CONVENOR TOGETHER WITH AN
EXCITING FRESHER HEALTHIER MENU

Market Day Stall
Goodstart Early Learning Centre Carpark

Cnr Browns Plains Road and Third Ave, Crestmead

Helping Hands Fund Raisers

Sunday 13th November, 7am to 2 pm

Market Day stalls include Mobile Barber, Sausage Sizzle, Cake Stand, Face Paining, Xmas Goodies and Craft Stall, Children's home made cloths and Coffee Van.

Anyone interested in having a Stall, cost is \$10 and being donated to Logan Hospital Children's Ward. Please ring Di 0411859858



KDK Kids First

Before and After School Care 6am-9am After School Care - 3pm-6pm

Vacation Care 6am-6pm

KDK are located on the school grounds in the hall, we cater for school age children from prep to high school, we offer home work club, sporting activities, craft activities. KDK offer a safe environment for the children to enjoy new experiences, and make new friends, we offer a wide range of activities for all the children to enjoy.

For an obligation free quote please call our office on 3803 7717 and speak to one of our friendly staff

Vacation Care program will be available next week

Uniform Shop News

Uniform shop is located at the back of the Hall

We have a full range of the school uniforms

opening hours: Tuesdays 9am-9:30am Friday 9am-9:30am

P and C news

Summer meal deal

Wednesday 9th Nov - SubWay \$5 per meal

Friday 11th Nov - Pizza Meal Deal \$5



Please return all money and order form to the tuckshop by 9am Monday 7th November



Year 6 signature bears and Balls \$20 each please return all order forms by Monday to the KDK office in the hall

MUSIC NEWS

It is with great pride and excitement I can say the Senior Choir won a Gold Award at the Goodna Jacaranda Festival. We came home with a beautiful purple trophy and much happiness. We sang to a crowd of about 300 people who were full of support for us and applauded very loudly after each song. We sang three contrasting songs which clearly was a hit. The boys and girls who are in the choir are dedicated and have worked very hard for this award and although it is not first prize (the perpetual trophy is) I know we were up there with the best. I love the journey I have been on with these children they have rocked my world to keep turning up to rehearsals, extra rehearsals, they show pride in their school wearing their choir uniform and best of all they can really sing!%

Congratulations to the parents who had to also make the commitment to take them to Goodna and home again. Thanks parents without you it wouldn't have happened.

We have another competition, Carols at Grand Plaza but the results won't be in before this newsletter gets published. I know the students will be just as determined – if not more determined – to show their great singing.

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From here we will be focusing on our Christmas Carols for Christmas Spectacular on Thursday 1st December, food available from 5pm and concert starts at 6pm. All year levels will sing one song each, the concert band will play, and I've heard on the grapevine there will be a staff song too!



Put the date aside so you can have a bit of dinner at school and enjoy the concert. We will also have a photo booth with Santa and a couple of elves before the concert begins.

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You may have seen some reward notes come home. These are to encourage your student in music class to conduct themselves in a manner that is fitting for the music classroom. It's a little of saying thanks, I like your behaviour in my classroom.



JUNIOR AWARDS 2016

Class	Name	Comment
PL	Maxwell	Ignoring distractions and doing his work.
PL	TeRaukura	Doing his work even when it is hard.
PI	Merlin	Continuing to try even when work is hard.
PI	Jaydyn	Always trying his best.
P1/M	Tasia	Amazing improvement in writing. Ignoring negative talk and building others up. Well Done!
1A	Chantal	Ignoring distractions and not letting them get her down. Good Job!
1A	Arianna	Principals Award - Concentrating on work and completing set tasks. Well Done!
1A	Jordan	Managing emotions
1P	Anthony	Principals Award - Always giving 100%
1P	Melodee	Principal's Award - Improvement in writing a procedure
1KO	Leon	Not letting others bother her.
1KO	Nikysha	Not letting other bother him.
1KO	Lukas	Not letting small things bother him.
1H	Josh	Ignoring distractions around her.
1H	Genaya	Principal's Award Writing procedures independently
1H	Allarna	Resilience Award - Staying positive during challenging activities.
2C	Jireh	Resilience Award - Remaining positive when a task is challenging.
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KEY DATES TO REMEMBER 2016

Week 6 - November

Monday 7th - Senior Parade

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Monday 14th—Junior Parade

Tuesday 15th - P & C Meet

Week 8

Monday 21st - Senior Parade

Friday 25th - Last day to return library books

Week 9

Monday 28th - Junior Parade

Thursday 1st - Christmas Carols

Week 10

Tuesday 6th - Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Dinner

Thursday 8th - Academic Parade

Friday 9th - Last day of Term 4



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

School Website

If your child wishes to find the location of a book in our Resource Centre while at home, they can do so by clicking the link to the library catalogue on our School's website homepage.

www.burrowesss.eq.edu.au

If you want quick access to the latest news on our website while out and about, then download the OSchools App. It is free and streams from our website.



Resource Centre Borrowing

Please be aware that there is only 3 weeks of borrowing left for the year and that all books have to be back in the Resource Centre by Friday 25th November. If you know your child has a library book please make sure they return it weekly.

The longer a book is overdue the harder it is to find it. Children often misplace books in cupboards, under beds and in toy boxes and may need some help in locating them.



COME AND SELL or COME AND BUY

CAR BOOT SALE

Sat. Nov. 19th

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.

Please note:

As now required our Car Boot Sale is a non-smoking zone

An opportunity provided by Browns Plains Baptist Church

(We are sponsors of School Chaplaincy)