

Thank you to all of the students and families who attended our second annual Christmas Spectacular last night. It was great to come together as a community to celebrate the festive season. The students all performed well, there was plenty of food, Santa dropped in and the staff choir made their first appearance of which I'm sure will become a regular feature of the Spectacular in the future. Thank you to Ms Mansfield and all of the staff who volunteered their time last night to help make the evening successful. Mrs Mansfield has done an excellent job over the past two years as our school's music teacher. Ms Mansfield will be joining the Waterford West State School team in 2017 and I wish her all the best.



Planning continues for the 2017 school year. The process for staffing and classes goes right up until the last week of school and even then some changes may need to be made after Day 8 depending on enrolments. At this stage I am planning on starting the year with 32 classes. Our enrolment numbers have dropped slightly with people moving out of the area but with land being developed on Second and Third Avenue and the houses at the back of the school awaiting occupants I anticipate past trends continuing and a pickup in enrolments at the start of the year. Next Thursday students will have an opportunity to shuffle up and meet their 2017 teacher and class. Please be aware that changes may still need to be made depending on enrolment numbers being finalised at the beginning of 2017.

If you have a Prep aged student for 2017, you are in our catchment or have a sibling at the school and you are yet to enrol could you please contact the office as soon as possible. Likewise, if you know any new families in our catchment that are yet to enrol then encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible. If you are intending to leave the school due to your circumstances changing please let the office know as soon as possible. This all helps us to predict classes and staff for 2017.

We are currently enrolling all year levels.

As we continue the planning for 2017 it is timely to reflect on our successes throughout 2016. Some of the highlights for 2016 are:

- ◆ Improved Naplan results
- ◆ The highest amount of academic awards to be handed out next Thursday.
- ◆ Touch football and Rugby League teams coming third in our first year back into interschool sport.
- ◆ Our Senior Choir receiving a gold award in the Jacaranda Music Festival and fourth in the Beenleigh Eisteddfod.

.Report Cards

Report cards will go out on Thursday afternoon at 3pm. Due to tight timelines report cards will not be available before this time. Any report cards not collected on this day will remain at the school to be picked up next year.



Prep Orientation

Last week Mrs Lemon and I had the privilege of welcoming new preps and families to our school for 2017. I must say that this year's orientation was one of the best that I have been a part of. The new little preps took to their new class environments with enthusiasm and maturity. Well done to parents for the work that you have obviously done in preparing your children for school. I look forward to working with you next year and thank you for choosing Burrowes as the school to start their educational journey.

Year 6 Graduation

As the Preps begin their journey at our school, our Year 6 students prepare for the move to High School. I look forward to joining our Year 6 graduates and staff for the Year 6 Graduation next Tuesday night.



If you have booked a seat on the bus you will need to be at Burrowes State School by 5pm. The bus will leave and arrive at the Springlife Conference Centre by 5:30pm. The bus will then leave the conference centre at 6:45pm to return parents to Burrowes State School. The bus will then return to the conference centre at 8:30pm to return students back to Burrowes State School by 9pm. Mrs Appleton has kindly agreed to accompany the students on the bus for the return to school leg. Parents must be waiting to pick up students at the school.

Please note: only families that have pre booked their place on the bus can use the bus facility.

Staffing for 2017

Welcome to Mr Ewing who will be joining the leadership team in 2017 as one of our three Deputy Principals next year. I can now confirm that Burrowes will have three Deputy Principals next year:

Mrs Karen Lemon Deputy Principal P to 2

Mr Matt Weir Deputy Principal Year 3 and 4

Mr Neil Ewing Deputy Principal Year 5 and 6

Welcome also to the following teachers who will be joining Team Burrowes in 2017: Jessica Wynne, Samantha Tolchard and Samantha Burley

We also welcome Ms Anderson who will be resuming her music duties fulltime next year.



School Canteen

Our canteen has continued to increase orders over the past three weeks, thank you to Mrs Janet Billiau, our new canteen convener, for the work in getting the canteen up and running. The new menu provides healthy options for students under the Smart choices guidelines. From January 30 2017 the canteen will run five days a week, both breaks with a new and expanded menu.

Janet is looking for volunteers to assist with the day to day running of the canteen. If you would like to help out please contact the school office on 3802 3333.

Uniform

Just a reminder that our full school uniform will continue to be enforced from the first day of school 2017. This includes black shoes, appropriate haircut and a school hat. Uniform shop opening times are advertised in the newsletter this week. There will be a greater focus in 2017 on hats and jumpers.

It has been another great year for Burrowes State School, next week we will celebrate our achievements. On Tuesday night we will celebrate our Year 6 students and their move to high school and on Thursday morning at 9am we will hold our fourth Academic Awards Parade to celebrate the great achievements of our students as reflected on their report cards.

I would like to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our families and members of our Burrowes' community. I have appreciated your support this year. Please take care and be safe over the holiday period. I look forward to working with everyone again in 2017, when school resumes on Monday January 23. Please keep an eye on the school during the holidays, if you notice anything untoward please contact school watch on 13 17 88.

Mr Stephen Josey (Principal)



BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER NEWS & VIEWS

SCHOOL WATCH — 13 17 88

School Watch is a community based awareness and crime prevention program aimed at safeguarding schools against vandalism, theft and arson.



Don't be afraid to report any activity you see or hear to School Watch.



HOLIDAYS

It is that time of year that we all love – summer holidays woohoo!!

I would like to wish all of our families and general community a safe and happy holiday period.

SCHOOL 2017

School will resume for students on January 23rd 2017.



UNIFORM SHOP OPEN & PRICING UPDATE



The uniform shop will be open from 9.00am – 12 noon Monday 16th – Friday 20th January for uniform purchases. All students new and returning are expected to be in full school uniform on Monday 23rd January, so take advantage of the uniform shop being open prior to school beginning in 2017.

Please be aware - the uniform shop will have price increases from January 1, 2017 due to the increase of manufacturing costs.

YCDI! Wrap Up

To finish the year we thought we'd give you a recap of everything we've learnt in You Can Do It! (YCDI!) this year. Through doing this program and practising positive Habits of the Mind, we are helping your child develop social and emotional strength.

These 12 healthy Habits of the Mind are:

Social Responsibility
Thinking First
Planning My Time
Working Tough
"I Can Do It" Thinking
Taking Risks

Playing By The Rules
Being Tolerant of Others
Setting Goals
Giving Effort
Being Independent
Accepting Myself



We hope your children are well on the way to developing these Habits. Please encourage them to practice what they have learnt, over the holidays. Thank you for working with us this year.

KDK Kids First

KDK are located in the hall of the and we offer a full range of craft activities and sporting activities, to cater for all school aged children. We offer a homework program everyday.

We over one of the best vacation care service programs around, we run 2 programs over the entire school holidays, one for our little rascals aged 5 years - 9 years and our Extreme program 10yrs - 16years. KDK are CCB approved, which means the government help you out with your weekly fees.

Our service hours are

Before School Care - 6am - 8:45am

After School Care - 3pm - 6pm

Vacation Care 6am - 6pm



All prep children starting prep in 2017 can join our vacation care program from the 9th January 2017. Enrol your prep children now so that they can make friends before they start the new year.

Did you know that you child/ren could be attending KDK vacation care for 4 days for nothing. We offer breakfast and afternoon tea everyday.

Feel free visit our website to down load the enrolment forms for vacation care or our enrolment forms.

Our web page is www.kdkkidsfirst.com or you can like our facebook page <http://www.kdkkidsfirst.com/> you can email us at burrowes.com.au or you can call one of our friendly staff on 3803 7717



Photo of the Year 3 and 4 students who received a certificate for attending Sunrise Maths Program before school.

**Be Safe
Be Strong**

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Special note: Last week of school the tuckshop will be open Monday to Thursday only.

Friday is clean up day.

2017

Tuckshop will re-open in Week 1 Tuesday 24th and Week 2 open 5 days, both breaks.

**I love my
tuckshop**

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

As we come to the end of the school year, Can I ask all parents, but particularly year 6 parents to ensure your child has returned their library book. There are still many books on loan. We would love to see all students clear to borrow at the beginning of next year. Wishing you all well for the festive season.


**PLEASE
RETURN
YOUR
LIBRARY
BOOKS!**



JUNIOR AWARDS 28th November, 2107

Class	Name	Comment
PL	Dyana	Principal's Award - Great work in writing.
P/1M	Kate	Improvement in writing.
1A	Eziah	Continuing to try when work is hard.
1A	Bailee	Not being distracted during activities.
1A	Kira	Principal's Award - Outstanding writing.
1P	Ramina	Resilience Award - Ignoring distractions.
1P	Isabella	Improvement in English.
1KO	Leon	Resilience Award - Always having a go at every task.
1KO	Amelia	Resilience Award - Continuing to do her work even when it's difficult.
1KO	Joshua	Principal's Award - Writing interesting and neat sentences.
1HN	Ty	Principal's Award - For making improvements in writing.
2K	Isaiah	Resilience Award for bouncing back quickly when upset.
2K	Ronan	Academic Award for great results in all subject areas.
2C	Onyx-Zpected	Resilience Award
2C	Holly	Principal's Award - Reading.



KEY DATES TO REMEMBER 2016

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DECEMBER

Last Week of School

Monday 7th—Normal School Day

Tuesday 8th - Year 6 Graduation at Springlife Conference - Springwood.

Wednesday 9th—Normal School Day

Thursday 10th –Whole School Academic Parade

(All parents are welcome) Starting at 9.00am

Class Break up party day.

Report cards sent home.

Friday 11th - Last Day of School
Tuckshop Closes

MUSIC NEWS

Last Music News for the Year



Thank you all for your support of the Christmas Spectacular and I hope you and your family enjoyed the performances. It was wonderful to see so many people here.



Senior Choir will perform again on Academic Parade to finish the year off in style, we hope to see you there.

The summer holidays are nearly upon us and it with sadness that I will not be returning to Burrowes SS next year. I have really enjoyed my time here and the Senior Choir as one of my main focuses has really rewarding for us all. Kathryn Anderson will be holding the reins again for the Music and Arts department, I know you will be supportive of her.

Have a safe and happy holiday season – Sally Mansfield

