

We have had a great start to the 2016 academic year. Our school has seen an increase in enrolments to 787, this means that we are able to maintain our 32 classes. The process of forming classes and planning for 2016 started way back in Term 3 2015 and takes a considerable time to get right. Staffing and numbers can take a few weeks to finalize into the New Year. With this in mind a few changes have been made.

I would like to welcome Mrs Potts to Year 1 and Miss Dixon to Year 5. I would also like to thank Mrs Mason for agreeing to take on a P1 class. In order to keep all of our classes at target levels we have had to make a few changes. Notes went home today and phone calls made to families whose students will experience a change. These changes have been kept to a minimum and allow us to reduce class sizes.

### ***Parent Information Sessions***

Next week parents have the opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher. The purpose of this time is to hear general messages about how the class will operate. Please make another time to meet with your child's teacher if you require more specific information about your child's progress.

Below are the details for each meeting:

**Monday** Year 1 - 3:15 to 3:45pm Year 2 - 3:45 to 4:15pm

**Tuesday** Year 3 - 3:15 to 3:45pm Year 4 - 3:45 to 4:15pm

**Wednesday** Year 5 - 3:15 to 3:45pm Year 6 - 3:45 to 4:15pm

**Thursday** Prep welcome BBQ 3:15 and info session at 3:45 to 4:15pm

Please note that 5/6B will be during the Year 6 session.

We would like to welcome our Prep families to the school with a free sausage sizzle. This will also give parents an opportunity to meet with me and my leadership team. Parent support is vital to the ongoing improvement of our students.



### **Improvement Agenda**

The improvement with uniform, class resources and behaviour is allowing teachers to focus more on our teaching and learning improvement agenda in classrooms. Our focus again this year is on improving student reading and numeracy. Parents can help at home by encouraging student to read and support our teachers and the school. High expectations will give us the results that Burrowes deserves.

### **Staff Car Parks**

Last week we had an unfortunate incident at around 2pm in the afternoon. A parent parked their car in one of the car parks assigned to office staff. When Mrs J returned to her car she and I noticed that someone had run into the side of her car. We would appreciate it if the person who caused the damage could come forward and we ask once again for parents not to park in the school car park. Thank you.

### **Evacuation and Lock down**

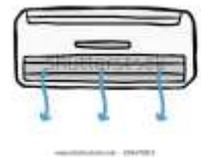
Every term our school holds a lock down and evacuation drill to prepare for the outside chance that we would need to implement either in the case of an emergency.

Our teachers know the procedure and as a school we have put in place strategies to respond to challenging situations. As a staff we take the safety and wellbeing of our students as our number one priority. With this in mind could I ask that parents please stay away from the school in the event of a drill or emergency situation to allow us to do our job. During our procedures we need to know that all students are safe and accounted for. In many cases we will be taking advice from the QPS. Thank you for your support and understanding.



### **Air Conditioning**

Over the Christmas New Year period we began our strategy to air-condition our classrooms. We have started in Prep and Year One with the intention of rolling out more air-conditioning units across the rest of the school.



Have a great weekend

Stephen Josey

Principal

School Parade  
Monday 15th February

Leadership Induction Parade - 2pm in Hall  
Parents/Caregivers Welcome.



# BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER NEWS & VIEWS



## Parking Problems

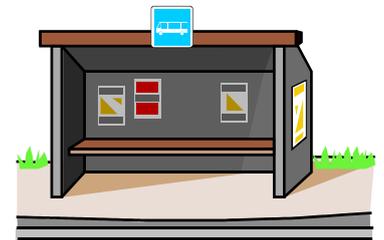
We are still having issues with visitors to the school parking illegally in and around the school.

Unfortunately a parent visiting the school last week has hit and caused some significant damage to a car belonging to a staff member. The most disappointing thing was not only the damage caused but also that no-one was notified at the time that damage had been done.

We have asked on numerous occasions that visitors to our school use the parking on Maccarthy Road or the designated areas outside the school fence to park. Please do not drive your vehicles in through the school gates.

## Bus Stop

Remember that we have a bus stop out the front of our school for buses. It has been reported that some buses are having trouble accessing this area due to cars being parked illegally in this area. Please do not park inside the yellow lines.



## SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Logan City Bus Service/busqueensland have school bus services that leave from our school.

*Route 477* - Leaves Burrowes at 3.05pm and travels along Trulson Drive to St Francis College, then Waratah Drive, Chambers Flat Road, Browns Plains Road, Blue Gum Drive, Kurrajong Drive, Pauline Street, Homestead St., First Ave, Second Ave and MaCarthy Road before heading to Kingston and Woodridge.

*School Run 29* - Leaves Burrowes at 3.15pm traveling to Browns Plains.

If you are interested to see where these buses go, please contact the school on 3802 3333 and as to speak to Sue Ewer (In the Barr) For more information.

**Be Safe**   
**Be Strong**

# P and C news

## School Banking



School Banking is every Wednesday, bring your bank books to the tuckshop and our school banking coordinator will handle the rest, if you have any questions in relation to school banking please see Karen from KDK Kids First

There are some great rewards from school banking, like term rewards, once you have banked 10 times your child/ren will receive a reward, We have an in school competition running this term all you have to do is bank 3 times to go in the draw to win a back pack filled with great prizes.

### *Keep Saving to win a wildlife adventure holiday*

Simply make 15 or more school banking deposits by the end of term 3, 2016 and you'll automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win, prize includes

- \*family pass to Australia Zoo
- \*meet and great with Bindi and Robert
- \*A full day platinum Zoo adventure tour
- \*4 nights accommodation, 5 days car hire and \$1000 spending money



So get on board with your School banking to be in the competition to win this great prize

Three simple ways to open your child's Youthsaver account

1. If you are a Commbank customer apply online through NetBank
2. Visit any Commbank branch
3. Call 13 2221

### *Uniform shop hours*

Tuesday 9am - 9:30am

Wednesday 9am - 9:30am

Our new uniform shop is now located down at the back of the hall.

## P & C News

We will be running a pie drive this term as our Easter fundraiser, keep an eye out for your order form coming home shortly, all orders and money must be returned to the tuck shop by the due date



### *KDK Kids First*

Before School Care 6am - 9am

After School Care 2pm - 6pm

Vacation Care 6am-6pm

We are located on the school grounds in the Community Hall

We offer a great range of school aged appropriate activities to keep the children entertained, a full breakfast and afternoon tea is provided each day.

For an obligation free quote please call our service on 3803 771 or pop down to the hall and speak to one of our friendly staff.

KDK will have a jam packed vacation care program out soon

Did you know that you could send you children to KDK for as little as \$5.09 per day based on 108% and 50hours and CCR pay to service



# Music News



Welcome back to school, I hope you all had a great break and managed to sing song or play some music with your children, even dancing around can develop the musical ear.

This year we have 2 Choirs for your children to join. The Senior Choir for Years 4 – 6 and the Junior Choir for Years 2-3 **with the Year 1's joining in Term 3.**

**I'd like to encourage children to attend an extra curricula activity outside of regular lessons and music has many benefits. Singing in general help develop a positive attitude, engages both sides of the brain and can be a real energiser when you're feeling down.**

If your child is interested in choir all they need to do is come along to the music room and sing. Students need to bring a display folder to choir to keep music and lyric sheets in but they can still come along if they are yet to bring a folder.

We will be singing a wide range of repertoire this year, the Senior Choir will perform as often as we can starting with our Leadership Parade on Monday, where the Cultural Captains will be announced and recognised. Junior choir will **perform at the Easter Parade and we'll have a special ANZAC Day memorial for the Senior Choir with an end of Semester performance.** My plan is to incorporate competitions in Term 3 and Christmas Carols in Term 4. So there will be plenty of opportunities to perform in choir this year.

Rewards will be given to those students who come to Junior or Senior Choir every week with awards on Parade for three weeks in a row and then again for coming all term without missing one rehearsal.

I hope your child will find choir a rewarding experience, making new friends, developing team skills and enjoying the **chance to sing a range of music they wouldn't usually hear.** I am available to chat if you have any questions, please email me at [smans67@eq.edu.au](mailto:smans67@eq.edu.au) to make an appointment to speak.

Senior Choir rehearsals are at 1st break Wednesday.

Junior Choir rehearsals are at 1st break Friday.

Please help your child/ren to develop commitment skills by reminding them to bring their folder on these days, asking them about choir and encouraging them to practise the lyrics of the songs with you or performing to you.

## *YOU CAN DO IT!*

This week in You Can Do It! We have started looking at the key Organisation. Being organised means setting goals, listening carefully to instructions, planning your time, having supplies ready and keeping track of due dates.

This week we learnt that by using a calendar or a diary we can keep track of upcoming events.

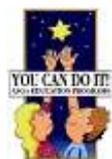
If we keep track of events and learn to schedule activities into our day we can learn to manage our time wisely.

Managing your time wisely means that you are more likely to be successful in the things you do.



**~ Help your child get into the habit of keeping a "to-do" list. Your child's checklist might simply detail the steps needed to get ready for school each morning.**

**Bernard, M. and P. (1993) *The you can do it! little book for parents*, North Blackburn: Collins Dove.**



## Resource Centre News

Students are now able to borrow books from the Resource Centre. Students in years P-3 can borrow 1 book and students in years 4-6 can borrow 2. Please ensure your child has a library bag for borrowing and encourage your child to return his/her library book regularly. Remember the Resource Centre is open before school and at first break, and classes have a borrowing time as well.



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### JUNIOR AWARDS - 8TH FEBRUARY, 2016

Class	Name	Comment
PL	Zaynen	For always being ready and following teachers instructions.
PL	Nevaeh	Principal's Award - for doing well with writing her name.
PI	Kurtis	Improvement in writing her name.
PI	Violet	Always ready to learn.
1M	Falicittie	Principal's Award - Writing
1M	Levi	Organisation Award.
1A	Harvey	For an outstanding effort in Week1
1A	Angel-Faye	Organisation Award.
1BD	Aaliyah	Principals Award - Recalling our strive words
1BD	Elenice	Organisation Award for keeping her tidy tray neat.
1KO	Nikysha	Organisation Award for having her books and pencils ready.
1KO	Sarah	Principal's Award - Writing simple sentences.
1H	Josh	Principal's Award - for using a big voice when speaking to an audience.
1H	Ryan	Organisation Award - Always having his belongings ready for learning.
2HY	Morgan	Always having her equipment ready to go.
2HY	Luke	Trying hard to complete set tasks.



## Tuckshop News

2016 Tuckshop Price List available from Office. In 2016 students who order Ice Blocks or Drinks will need to present lunch bags to the Tuckshop to collect these Vouchers will not longer be used.



HELP NEEDED for 2016 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.00 am to 12.00 noon  
Fridays 9.00am to 2.00pm

If you can help please see Carol in the tuckshop. Please ask about the volunteer hours required for Centrelink.

### DATES TO REMEMBER 2016



#### February,

Monday 15th - Leadership Induction Parade 2pm

Parent /Teacher Information Session.

Monday 15th Year 1 & 2 3:15 to 3:45pm

Tuesday 16th Year 3 & 4 3:45 to 5:15pm

Wednesday 17th Year 5 & 6

Thursday 18th Prep

(with BBQ to meet our new families)

#### March

Friday 4th—Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 Begins.

Friday 18th—Year 3 to 6 Cross Country

Thursday 24th—End of Term 1

Friday 25th—Good Friday

Monday 28th—Easter Monday