

Our official enrolments for the start of 2017 are 772. Thank you to parents and students for your understanding and patience around some minor changes that we had to make last Friday. Enrolments rarely fall where you need them to and as a consequence we needed to make some variations to classes. Mr Byrnes' Year 5/6 class has now become a straight Year 5 and we have created a P/1 and a 3/4 to take the pressure off Prep and Year 3 numbers. The end result is 32 classes all under target with space ready to receive the possible impact of housing developments in our catchment. The good news is we will keep our 32 classes going forward in 2017.

Exciting times for Burrowes State School with predicted enrolment growth and continuous improvement in all that we do. I look forward to meeting with the next generation of parents next Monday at our first P and C for 2017. We will begin in the Resource centre at 9am.

It has been a pleasure to visit classes this week and see the great work that our teachers and students do. With the extreme hot temperatures across Queensland it is great to know that our students and teachers are working in air-conditioned classes.

This year we have once again committed to full time teacher aides and to further support our signature programs we have provided a dedicated teacher aide to each year level from Year 1 to 6. We have also provided extra teacher support throughout our classes.

Leaders' Induction moved to February 20



Due to extreme hot weather the decision has been made to move Leaders' Induction to 2pm Monday February 20. I apologise for any inconvenience but with the weather predicted to reach 37 degrees on Monday the hall will be far too hot. The safety and wellbeing of students and staff is always the main priority. Please note that there will be no assembly on Monday February 13 at all.

Uniform

Thank you for your support around school hats. Our students look great. Remember that we have a "No Hat No Play" policy, students without a hat are not allowed to play during break times. One of our parents likes our school hat so much that they decided to buy one for themselves!



Attendance: Every Day counts

At the end of the first two weeks our attendance rate is at 92%. This has partly been impacted on by some students only just returning from holidays. Education Queensland has a target of 95% attendance. It is crucial that students attend school every day with the only exemption being sickness or specialist appointment.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

P and C

Our first P and C meeting will be held next Monday February 13 at 9am in the school Resource Centre. We are in a rebuilding phase this year and so I am keen to encourage people who love Burrowes State School, are prepared to volunteer their time and support me and the school to continue the great work that we have begun. If this is you then please come along.

You don't have to commit to the P and C to volunteer. If you have some spare time to commit to our tuckshop we would love to hear from you.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Mr Matt Weir (Year 3 and 4)

ICT's at Burrowes

Please be aware a couple of notes were sent home this week regarding internet access at school. Both forms need to be read, signed and returned to school by the end of February. One of the forms gives general permission to access the internet while at school. The second note explains which third party websites your child may access while at school. This form requires specific permission for each of the listed websites.



Before School in the Prep area

Please remember that the prep playground is not to be used before school. I appreciate it is hard for young children to resist however, it is important that students and young children are not on the equipment when a staff member is not present to specifically supervise them.



Dogs

Unfortunately dogs, regardless of whether they are on lead or not, are not permitted on the school grounds.

NO DOGS ALLOWED

BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER NEWS & VIEWS

Parking

School grounds are private property therefore, public parking is prohibited inside the school grounds. When picking up children or dropping them off, please use the street parking or alternatively use the carpark over by the school hall.

Remember the Catholic Church carpark is also private property and should not be accessed by our parents.

By limiting the amount of traffic inside the school grounds, we are limiting the potential hazard that moving cars can pose to children.

We appreciate your co-operation and understanding by complying with this at all times.

P&C Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th February at 9am in the Resource Centre.

Due to there not being enough Executive Members of the P&C to hold an official meeting, the meeting will be an informal one.

It is a great opportunity to meet others and also to listen/share ideas regarding fundraising etc. All Welcome.



Volunteering at School

Remember, if you wish to volunteer within our school you will need a Working with Children Check Blue Suitability Card. The cost of one of these cards is free to volunteer, however if you are after any sort of paid work within schools, childcares etc, there is a fee of \$84.25 payable by you. If you have a volunteer card and wish to change to become eligible for paid work under the blue card system this fee is also \$84.25 payable by you.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Mrs. Karen Lemon (Prep to Year 2)

Play group

Burrowes is very fortunate to have a playgroup operating in the school hall, twice a week.

The children can play with lots of fun toys, hear stories, and sing songs. During this time they learn to sit and listen, concentrate, and follow instructions - important things they need to learn before starting Prep. Older children learn social skills as they play and talk together.

This is also a great opportunity for parents to meet and chat with other family members.



Playgroup is free. It operates on Tuesday and Thursday, 9.00- 11.00.

All community members are welcome to bring their children along and join in the fun.

Ms Naida and Ms Tash are our wonderful playgroup teachers who organise the playgroup program.

Please speak with them in the hall on any day the playgroup is operating, if you wish to attend.

Toilets

Adult toilets are available to parents and carers attending our school. They are located at the end of the student toilet block near the canteen. We ask that adults do not use the student toilets.



Hearing and sight testing for all Prep students

This is the last reminder to return all permission forms to your teacher. Forms are available from the office. We can only allow children to have this important screening if they have completed, signed forms. Last day for returning sight forms is Friday 10th February. This screening will determine if your child can hear and see properly, so that they can access learning and interact well with others at school.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Mr Neil Ewing (Year 5 and 6)

As this is my third week at Burrowes I have to say that I'm impressed with the respect and attitudes of all the students so far. Most students in Years five and six look fantastic in their uniforms and bright blue Burrowes hat. Our upper cohort are preparing to vote for sports captains this week ready for our special parade next Monday (20th February) to officially announce our sports captains for 2017. We had a lot of students commencing their studies in new classrooms this week as we have re-structured years five and six to lower student numbers in each classroom for maximum learning opportunities. I will be visiting classrooms in the next few weeks to look at the great learning that's happening in our upper cohort.

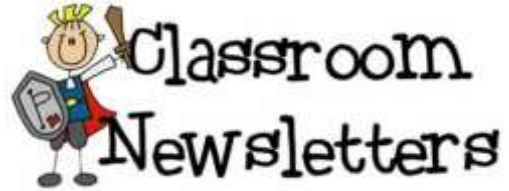
Thank-you to all students, parents and community members for giving me a warm welcome to Burrowes State School.



YEAR LEVEL NEWSLETTERS

Today year level newsletters went home. They can also be found on the school website under the curriculum tab in the teaching and learning section. Click on the year level icon that you need and it will automatically download. A new newsletter will go home each term.

These newsletters are designed to be a snapshot of what is happening within classrooms throughout the term.



WELLBEING AND ENGAGEMENT CENTRE

I would like our students to focus attention towards their RIGHTS and their RESPONSIBILITIES. Students should apply this both at home and in school. The issue of rights can easily become lopsided. Rights need to be balanced with responsibilities. Responsibilities need to be rewarded with rights. No matter how old we are we have rights. With these rights, there are responsibilities. These are your rights and responsibilities.

Rights

Responsibilities

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|---|---------------------------|
| to speak up - - - - - | to listen |
| to take - - - - - | to give |
| to have a problem - - - - - | to find solutions |
| to be comforted - - - - - | to comfort others |
| to work - - - - - | to do your best |
| to make mistakes - - - - - | to correct your mistakes |
| to laugh - - - - - | to make others laugh |
| to have friends - - - - - | to be a friend |
| to criticise - - - - - | to praise others |
| to have your efforts rewarded - - - - - | to reward other's efforts |
| to independence - - - - - | to be dependable |
| to cry - - - - - | to dry tears |
| to be loved - - - - - | to love others |



Please take some time with your child to add your own ideas for rights and responsibilities, it really is a two way street. The assertive person knows that abusing either one is destructive to the whole person.

This should be a fun activity that supports children understanding the difference between their rights as individuals and their responsibilities as a family, school and community member.

From the Positive Support Co-ordinator

Mr Jason Kearney

Culture in the Park

Ewing Park, Ewing Road, Woodridge

Sunday 26 February 2017

11.00am-3.00pm

BBQ



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SENIOR AWARDS 6TH February, 2017

Class	Name	Comment
3/4K	Madelyn	Actively participating in all classroom activities.
3/4K	Gael	Raising his hand in class to answer difficult questions.
4T	Sonny	Principal's Award - Working hard and outstanding behaviour.
4T	Panapa	You Can Do It Award for raising his hand in class for difficult questions.
4T	Nate	You Can Do It Award for sharing ideas with classmates and the teacher.
4A	Malo	You Can Do It Award for participating well in all activities at his new school.
4A	Mia	You Can Do It Award for participating well in all activities at his new school.
4A	Zion	Principal's Award - Excellent behaviour.
4B	Morgan	Confidence Award
4B	Joshua	Confidence Award
5T	Harmony	You Can Do It Award for sharing ideas with others.
5T	Bernard	Principal's Award - Math improvement.
5G	Taliah	Contributing thoughtfully in class discussion.
5G	Ali	Principal's Award
5K	Ali	Always contributing to class discussions.
5K	Kyanna	Awesome improvement with place value.
5B	Jacinda	Sharing thoughtful interesting ideas with class.
5B	Jahvon	Working hard to increase his writing skills.
6AB	Codey	Always willing to learn and be a role model.
6P	Sammi	A great start to the year.
6P	Saxon	A massive effort with maths.
6W	Travay	Principal's Award
6W	Zarah	Attempting all activities including work that seems challenging.

Burrowes SS School Rule
Week 3 .. I am Safe

Sun Safety, wearing uniform

Week 4.. I am Learner

Be on Time.



Consistent routines and expectations help children to settle and prepare for each lesson.

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER 2017

TERM 1

Week 4

Monday 13th - No parade

Week 5

Monday 20th February - Whole School Parade
(Announcement of House Captains)

2.00pm in Hall— Parents welcome.



Tuckshop News

New 2017 Menu

**VOLUNTEERS are
NEEDED!!!**

The tuckshop cannot operate without wonderful volunteers

Please call to find out more.

Please ask Centrelink about the Volunteer hours



YOU CAN DO IT!!!!

Hello again! This week we are continuing our You Can Do It! Confidence lessons. We have learnt that knowing how to use your confidence is important to help you to become successful and happy learners. Confidence means knowing that you are likely to be successful at the things you try. It also means not being afraid to make mistakes. Confidence is shown by the way we speak as well as our body language. Here are some tasks that show confidence: trying something new, attempting difficult work first before asking for help, sharing new ideas with classmates and talking to someone new.



Something we can say to ourselves to encourage confidence after a set back is: "I am still me. I do many things well."

*** Encourage your children to identify skills they want to strengthen and ways in which they would like to improve.**

Bernard, M. & P. (1993). The You Can Do It! little book for parents. Victoria: Collins Dove.



SCHOOL TRANSPORT

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

Route 477 - Leaves Burrows 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 Burrows 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 Wellbeing and Engagement Centre) For more information.

P and C Meeting

Monday
13th February
Week 4



Resource Centre - 9am
Everyone Welcome



Bus Stop (Third Ave)

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.**