On Monday night this week I heard a Catholic Priest talk on the topic of mercy. He started his talk by saying that people in the audience, as soon as they saw him, would have made assumptions about who he was and why he became a Priest. He then went on to say that he served in the Australian Army, had several Masters Degrees and a Doctorate, and had climbed over 170 mountains across the world, and on Mount Everest, is given credit for conducting mass at the highest altitude. He shared some stories that happened to him while on active duty. During this time he came to the conclusion that mercy was understanding the person’s story behind their situation.

We have a community that is truly diverse and this should be celebrated. Often we come into conflict with one another because we don’t know or fail to understand each other’s story. Take the time this week to get to know someone that you have never spoken to before. Try to walk in their shoes. By taking the time to understand one another Burrowes will led the way with a strong community.

Leadership Induction Parade

Last Monday Dr Jim Chalmers, Federal Member for Rankin, attended our Leadership badge Induction Parade. The whole school, along with over 50 parents and siblings came along to watch our leaders receive their badges. It was a very hot afternoon and our students lived up to the challenge, with their behavior, black shoes and positive attitude.

Special thanks to Mr Weir for his coordination of events and to Ms Mansfield for having a choir all ready to perform at short notice and at the beginning of the year.

Congratulations!

I would like to acknowledge 30 years’ service for Carol Maiden our crossing supervisor. She started working in 1986 at Woodridge North State School. This is a wonderful milestone and on the behalf of our school community I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude.

P and C AGM and next meeting

One way that parents can be involved in the school is through the P and C. The P and C AGM will be held in the Resource Centre on Monday March 14 at 9am.
Parent Information Sessions and Improvement Agenda

While overall attendance to Parent information sessions was down, the welcome BBQ was a success. I enjoyed serving very hungry Prep students, their siblings and parents. Parent support is crucial if our school is to achieve its goals of improving reading and numeracy levels for all of our students. Our teachers are working hard to bring about the best outcomes for their students and with parent support around homework, uniform, attendance and behavior those outcomes will be maximized.

Staff Car Parks and driving past the school

Please refrain from parking in the school staff carparks to ensure that our students remain safe. Could I please ask people to observe the school speed zone in the morning and afternoon?

Evacuation and Lock down

Please remember in the event of a Lockdown or evacuation parents need to stay away from the school until Police have given the all clear. We have procedures in place to ensure the safety of our students and adults on site. We will need to have a drill for each of these in the coming weeks.

Interschool Sport

There is a buzz around the school with the creation of some interschool sporting teams. I am appreciative of parents supporting us with the cost for buses. The school will be paying for jerseys. I am looking forward to watching and hearing about our success in Touch and Rugby League. It is important for our school community to be proud of our students and their achievements, whether it be on the sporting field, cultural arena or academic pursuits. Burrowes is a winning team.

Have a great weekend

Stephen Josey

School Leaders

Congratulations to our all school leaders who officially received their badges last week. Our school captains have begun running our school parades and are already doing an exceptional job.

School Captains
Paige and Joshua

School Vice Captains
Morny and Tevita

Parent Concerns

If, as a parent you have a concern about something that is impacting on your child at school, the first point of call should be the class teacher. This can be done either face to face or you can contact the school office to can arrange for your child’s teacher to phone you back. If you are not able to resolve the issue at this point then your next point of call is usually a Deputy Principal. We understand that it can sometimes be hard to catch us so if you are able to phone ahead and make an appointment this will help ensure that we are able to set the proper time aside to speak with you.
School Finishes at 3pm

Just a reminder to parents/care-givers that the final school bell for the day sounds at 3pm. Some students are not being collected until after 4pm or later. This is not the best practice for students or office staff.

If you are running late for any reason, please let the office ladies know by calling 3802 3333 so that your child can be notified prior.

Some children get quite distraught, so please be on time for the 3pm bell.

No Entry to Buildings

Please remain outside buildings and away from classrooms in the afternoons, as it is very disruptive to both students and staff. Under no circumstances should anyone be accessing buildings prior to 3pm unless you have a slip from the office for early release of your student. Our teachers do an amazing job so please assist them by staying in the tuckshop area prior to the 3pm bell. Thank you.

No Driving on School Property

To assist to keeping our students safe, vehicle gates will continue to be locked during the mornings and afternoons. The school grounds is not a pubic car-parking area and is off limits to the general public. Thank you for your co-operation in this regard.

P & C Annual General Meeting

The P & C Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on Monday 14th March at 9am in the Resource Centre. We are always looking for new members and parent volunteers to help out when they can. If you want to be part of our P & C, please feel free to attend the meetings and the upcoming AGM and get involved.

This week we had the opportunity to have Kylie, Dan and Melissa from Camp Quality visit the school. A jam-packed, fun show filled with laughter and positivity was presented to students across the day. The Camp Quality team shared important messages for students about what it’s like to be a kid living with cancer. Students were helped to understand cancer and learned how to be a good friend. But most importantly learnt about the Camp Quality motto: laughter is the best medicine.

Have a great weekend.

Jacqui Jones
SCHOOL TRANSPORT
Logan City Bus Service has 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 McCarthy 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.

COME AND SELL or COME AND BUY

CAR BOOT SALE
Sat. March 12th
8am – 12pm
at
31 Green Road, Park Ridge
For safety please use off street parking provided.
Enquiries
Phone: 3800 3663 or email: lightacan-dle@bigpond.com
Morning tea or hot dogs provided.
An opportunity provided by Browns Plains Baptist Church
(We are sponsors of School Chaplaincy)

What’s been happening?

GRITT
Last week the GRITT program kicked off at Burrows State School. GRITT (Great Results Involve Trying Times) is a resilience / social skilling program designed for grades 3-8. This term, Chaplain Aaron is running the program with a group of our year 4 Boys. The program aims to equip young people with the skills to effectively work as a team, communicate well and build resilience to what the world throws at them.

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Clubs continue to run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings thanks to our incredible young Volunteers.
Breakfast Club is a free breakfast provided through the chaplaincy service to all the students/staff in the school community
Each week at Breakfast Club, free toast, cereal and fruit is provided to the school for no cost.

Lunch Club
Each week the Chappy room is open for students to come and participate in fun planned games and activities.

Monday – 2nd Break
Juniors

Wednesday – 2nd Break
Seniors

Get Involved!
We are always looking for volunteers to assist with running weekly breakfasts.
If that is you please do not hesitate to get in contact with me via the school.

Do you have any old uniforms?
We are looking to gather old (good condition) uniforms for our school, to pass on to families / kids who are new to the area and in need of uniform clothing. This would be provided through the school chaplaincy service to the community. Clothing items donated would then be accessed by Chaplain Aaron when needed.

If you have any Items you wish to donate, please see our wonderful staff in the school office.
This term we are holding an Easter Pie Drive. Order forms have been sent home if you didn’t receive one. Please call Karen from KDK Kids First on 3803 7717. Order forms and money to the tuckshop by 11th March and orders collected from the hall 31/3/16.

School Bank news

Don’t forget to bank every Wednesday to receive cool rewards. We have a great competition running this term where your child could win a backpack filled with goodies. All bank books to the tuckshop by 9am every Wednesday.

Uniform shop hours

Tuesdays 9am - 9:30am Friday 9am - 9:30 am

Can you spare an hour or two to volunteer in our tuckshop, or on our P&C helping out on BBQ’s and other fundraising events.

KDK Kids First

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

KDK offer a fully catered school aged care program. Some activities offered at KDK

*Home work club  *Craft daily  *Sports Daily  *Technology Daily  *Free Time  *Sensory activities
*Movie Time  *Breakfast Daily  *Afternoon Tea Daily  *Gardening Club

Vacation Care Packs are out ready for the Easter School Holidays

Karen Petersen
Coordination Manager
KDK Kids First 3803 7717

School Photo Day is fast approaching.

Have your child’s school memories captured forever on 23 & 24 March 2016

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:
- Read all rebate instructions for your preferred payment method. All payments are due on photo day.
- You may pay by cash or place your order on the form in your child’s individual photo day envelope and pay in your classroom.
- Please ensure correct money is paid as change will not be given.
- Non-photo day envelopes are available at the school office upon request. These photos will be taken before school, on photo day, usually from 9am.
- Kongr photo day being to spread the word with every child this year. Photo day envelopes are available to those who attend the school on photo day.
- Students over 11 years will need to wear school uniform.
- Students wearing a Blue Jean School Uniform will no longer be allowed to wear jeans during photo day.
- We are located in the large green hall. For a free quote please call our office on 3803 7717.

For any inquiries, please feel free to contact
MSP Photography
3803 7717

Karen Petersen
Coordination Manager
KDK Kids First 3803 7717
BARR (Behaviour and Reward Room) News - Week 1

Dear parents, over the next couple of months I will be discussing challenging behaviours, why are children aggressive, how parents feel about it and how we may be able to have our children manage their own aggressive behaviour. I will also be discussing how sibling rivalries evolve and offer tips to support you to understand sibling rivalries and manage them when they're escalated.

**Challenging behaviour**

**How to deal with difficult or aggressive behaviour from your child**

All children have moments when they lash out in anger by swearing, shouting, throwing or kicking objects. There are times when the aggression they show can seem particularly frightening and out of control, whether it’s to parents, other family members or outside the home.

**How does it make the parent feel?**

Parents often feel helpless and in despair about their children’s behaviour and unsure on the best approach to tackle this. It is not uncommon for parents to feel responsible for their child’s behaviour. We often hear the term I love my child but don’t like them at the moment when parents are in this situation and it is the behaviour they dislike not their child.

Some parents are ashamed to admit that they can’t control their children's aggression and are reluctant to talk about it, especially if the aggression is directed at the parents. If you are facing a similar issue in your home, it may feel like you constantly have to walk on egg shells, not knowing what could trigger another outburst. You may be feeling isolated and unable to share this with anyone as you may fear being judged for your child’s behaviour.

It is important to seek support and advice as soon as you can so help can be put in place for your child and the rest of the family. Our family support workers can offer you advice and support if you are struggling with this issue or something similar.

Next: we will look at what causes a child to become aggressive

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**YOU CAN DO IT!**

We have continued to talk about the organisation key this week. If you have a lower school child, ask them who Oscar Organisation is and what he does. We have discussed ways the children can be organised – it’s very important that children learn to take responsibility for being ready to learn.

This includes:

- Having the right equipment such as pencils, rulers etc.
- Packing your library bag ready for borrowing.
- Ensuring you have your hat every day.
- Making sure homework is done and handed in the day it is due.

Being organized is very important. Your kids will take cues from you. If you don't put things away, chances are your kids won't either. However, when your kids see how organized you are, they'll know you practise what you preach. If you teach them how to get and stay organized now, that's something that will help them in all the years they have ahead of them.

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**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.
Burrowes State School Cross Country will take place on Friday 18 March 2016.

The cross country races are for Year 3 to Year 6 students and will commence on the school oval at 9am and should conclude by 10.50am.

A program of the order of events is:

Race 1  8 / 9 years Boys (2008/2007)
Race 3  10 years Boys (2006)
Race 4  10 years Girls (2006)
Race 5  11 years Boys (2005)
Race 6  11 years Girls (2005)
Race 7  12 years Boys (2004)
Race 8  12 years Girls (2004)

Children born in 2008, 2007 and 2006 will run 1 lap of the course and older children will run 2 laps.

Children born in 2006, 2005 and 2004 who finish in the first 3 placings will have the opportunity to represent the school at the Logan District Cross Country Championships in April.

Children may wear a shirt in their house colours on the day. Sunscreen and hats must be worn by all students. All children need a drink bottle for the day.

If your child requires any medication such as an asthma puffer then it is important that your child brings this with them to the cross country. If you have any questions about the cross country, please feel free to contact me. The children are very much looking forward to a wonderful day.

Yours In Sport
Greg Fliakos

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**SENIOR PARADE 22ND FEBRUARY, 2016**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER 2016**

**February**
- Monday 29th—Junior Parade 2.00pm

**March**
- Friday 4th—Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 Begins.
- Monday 7th—Senior Parade 2.00pm
- Friday 18th—Year 3 to 6 Cross Country
- Wednesday 23rd/24th—School Photos
- Thursday 24th—End of Term 1
- Friday 25th—Good Friday
- Monday 28th—Easter Monday
- Tuesday 29th—School Holidays Begin.