

I trust that everyone had a restful and blessed Easter break. It is this Easter time leading into ANZAC day that often makes me reflective on the sacrifices made by others to ensure that we enjoy all of the freedoms and privileges of living in this amazing country called Australia. Our school's motto, "Freedom to Learn" represents this idea. We all enjoy the opportunity of attending a great school that provides a high level education. With freedom comes great responsibility. Responsibility to ensure that these privileges are maintained for future generations and responsibility to take the opportunities provided and turn them into positive outcomes. Our school rules: We are learners; We are safe; We are respectful and We are Responsible go towards promoting and supporting not only our country's democratic values but our school's values and vision as well. The Burrowes community is responsible for the behaviour of Burrowes' students. Staff, students, parents all need to work together to ensure that our community is one of responsibility, support and care.



Today we commemorated the sacrifice made by the men and women who have died, become disabled and or suffered mental trauma in the defence of Australia and the freedoms of democracy. I would like to thank Lt Christopher Rawlinson Platoon Commander of 8 PL 25/49th Battalion, The Royal Queensland Regiment and Cameron Dick, Minister for Health and State Member for Woodridge and Aunty Robyn for attending our Anzac parade. Thank you once again to our students for their attention and participation during the parade.



I would like to extend my gratitude to the staff and students of Burrowes State School for another great start to a term. I would also like to express my gratitude to the support of parents in ensuring students have the correct uniform and resources. We have worked so hard as a community to improve the behaviour and presentation of our students, during the winter months it is important that our students wear black or royal blue jumpers.

Last Monday the school P and C held its AGM. All of the executive positions were spilled and an opportunity presented for people to renominate. After 5 years of service as the P and C President Mr Brian Ward chose not to continue. I fully support Brian's decision and would like to personally thank him for the service he has provided to Burrowes, well before my time at the school and particularly last year helping me to find my feet in what is a dynamic, diverse and inspiring community.

The result of the voting is below:

President: Position remains vacant

Vice President: Position remains vacant

Treasurer: Tegan

Secretary: Tracey

The P and C can continue to function with at least two members of the executive. If you are interested in any of the vacant P and C positions please come and see me. The next P and C meeting is scheduled for 9am Monday May 9.

Our next focus as a community needs to be on attendance, Education Queensland's target for the state is 95%, currently we are at 91.2% which is 1% higher than this time last year. Every day counts, teachers cannot teach if their students are not in the classroom. Unless your child has a legitimate illness then they need to be at school. We have a fulltime Guidance Officer and two Attendance and Engagement Officers at our school to provide assistance to families who need it. We are here to help, you don't need to wait for us, if you need assistance you can contact the office on 3802 3333.



We had 156 students last term get 100% attendance and 193 achieve 95% or greater, these students will receive an award very soon and classes will receive bonus butterfly puzzle pieces for meeting targets and demonstrating improvement.

Behaviour across the school has improved with the statistics showing the best results for a Term One in several years. Suspensions are also down on this time last year. The message is getting out, Burrowes State School is a school for learning.

Our Prep students are a real example of the progress made at our school, they attended an excursion to Paradise Country last Wednesday. I am proud to say that all reports were positive. It is great to be able to send our students out in to the community and know that they will represent us positively in the wider community.

Please remember that next Monday is Anzac day and is therefore a public holiday. Next Monday is also a public holiday.

Year 3 and 5 will sit Naplan this Term, May 10 to May 12. It is important that our students do well during these assessments but all that we can ask of them is their best. I would appreciate parents supporting their children through engagement, a healthy diet and good sleep patterns. Our school uses long, medium and short term data cycles to track student improvement and ensure the best outcomes for our students.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Stephen Josey

Principal



BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER NEWS & VIEWS

YEAR 1 (K BLOCK)



Parents/carers, please do not enter K Block while waiting for the bell to go at 3pm. Seating is provided both outside as well as in the Canteen area for you to use while waiting for your child.

By entering buildings you not only disrupt students but also teachers who are trying to maintain as many minutes of learning time as possible. Unfortunately, teachers have had to stop group work early at times as parents/caregivers are encroaching on the area used.

All parents/caregivers are unauthorised to access school learning spaces during school hours and are advised that no entry is allowed. Anyone accessing this building prior to 3pm will be asked to wait outside.

Once the bell sounds, students will be released from class in a timely and safe manner.

Thank you for your co-operation.

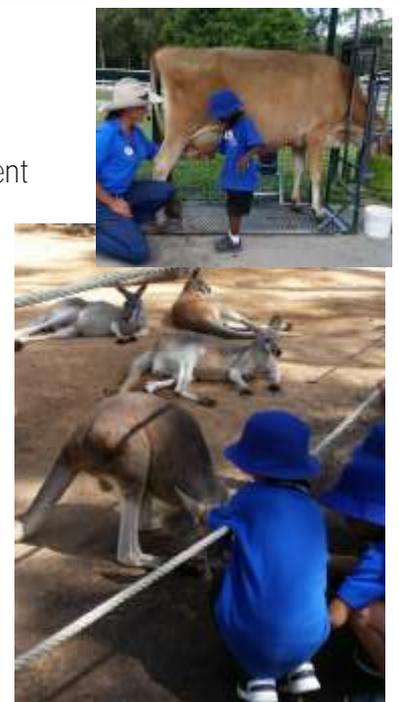
BOOK CLUB

Book Club is due back by Friday 29th April for order placement. By our families purchasing book through Scholastics and Book Club we are able to receive vouchers to spend on gaining additional books for the Resource Centre. Please assist us by ordering when you can.



PREP EXCUSION TO PARADISE COUNTRY WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL

Last Wednesday, the Prep classes went on an excursion to Paradise Country (near Movieworld). We had a wonderful time learning about and interacting with different animals. We patted a snake, fed kangaroos, sheep, goats and pigs, watched a horse show, learnt how to milk a cow and shear a sheep. It was a busy day but we all had a lot of fun!





What's been happening?

Chappy's Chat

I hope everyone has had a great holiday break and is feeling refreshed and ready to get back in to the school term. For me personally I had a great break and enjoyed spending time with family, friends and renovating the flat that I live in.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Clubs continue to run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings thanks to YMCA and our wonderful volunteers.

Each week breakfast is provided free to the school community. Our school breakfasts include...

Fruit, Milk Cups, Baked Beans, Cereal and Toast

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, as it gives our kids energy to learn. Breakfast Club is a great community builder in our school, it is great to look out the window and see smiling faces enjoying a piece of toast or a bowl of cereal.

All Breakfast Club resources are supplied by our incredible local sponsors, 4 Real Milk, YMCA and Tip Top.

We are always looking for more hands to help make breakfasts happen. If you would like to volunteer at Breakfast Club please contact the school.

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

Over the last few weeks we have been making fun craft activities. The Juniors have been drawing pictures that have been put up in the chappy room as decoration. The seniors have been experimenting with different paper plane designs and testing them. All in all it has been a lot of fun!

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.



KDK Kids First

Kid Kids First offers Before and After School Care from the School hall, located on school the school grounds, we offer a fully inclusive school aged appropriate program. We run a very active, fun filled program that caters for School aged children. KDK offer a fully catered breakfast and afternoon tea daily, we cater for all dietary needs.

KDK are getting ready for our next lot of school Holidays which are just around the corner, KDK run 2 programs over the school holidays, our little rascals programs caters for prep though to 10 years and our X-treme program caters for 10 years plus, keep an eye out for our program which will be re-leased soon.

For a free quote please call 3803 7717 or pop down and speak to one of our friendly staff

Hours of Operation

Before School Care - 6am - 8:45am

After School Care - 3pm - 6pm

Vacation Care -6am-6pm

P and C News

School Banking every Wednesday, please drop your bank books off at the Tuckshop by 9am

There are some great rewards on offer for children who bank regularly

Uniform Shop

With the cooler months approaching don't leave it till the last minute to purchase one our winter school jumpers, to keep your children nice and warm these school holidays.

Opening Hours

Tuesday 9am-9:30am

Friday 9am-9:30am

Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer on our P and C please contact Karen from KDK on 3803 7717 or see



Girl's Touch Football

Friday :15th /April, 2016

Year 5 Team Lost 4-1 to Marsden.

Try scorer: Aiyshar Gerrard-Elsmore

WELL DONE!!

Year 6 Team

Lost 3-0 to Marsden.



BOYS INTER—SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Friday 15th April, 2016

Burrowes V Marsden

Score: 9 all

Congratulations to Isaac,
Tipene, Cameron, Elijah and
Decode for score try's



Under 8's Day Friday 27th May

60 Years Celebration



The theme for 2016- "Everyone Benefits"

Under 8's day is a great morning of fun and activities for children in Prep, yr. 1, and yr. 2 as well as little children not yet at school. It is held in the area beside our Resource Centre. All family and friends are welcome to come along and join in the fun. To help with the organisation of a variety of activities planned for the day, we are asking families to donate one or more of the following items.

(Please give to your child's teacher).

Cake mix, butter/margarine, food colouring, icing sugar, boxes of fruit loops(cereal), tomato/BBQ sauce, 100's and 1000's sprinkles, jelly beans, lolly snakes, smarties
cellophane, tissues, coloured squares of paper(A4 size), coloured card A4, glitter, pipe cleaners, sequins, anything shiny, pom poms, confetti, stick on jewels
Washing up detergent, paper towels, serviettes, tissues, makeup sponges, cotton buds
Beads for threading, hat elastic for bracelets, stick on letters, craft glue, glitter glue feathers, straws, streamers, buttons
Old magazines, plastic shopping bags, ribbon, plastic table cloths
Bottles of glycerine, large chunky chalk, bubble blowing mix, coloured hair spray
Empty plastic bottles with screw lids, rice, lentils

Thank you all for your support. We always have a wonderful fun-filled morning.

Class	Name	Comment
PL	Gregory	Always doing his work, no matter how hard it is.
PI	Blake	Never giving up when things get hard.
PJ	Jazmin	Not giving up even when work is challenging.
PJ	Summer	Working and trying hard even when tasks are hard.
PJ	Erick	Improvement in his reading and writing through hard work and persistence.
PGB	Rylan	Listening to instructions and helping others out.
PGB	Cooper	Working hard even when school work is hard.
PGB	Shenae	Reading & Sounding out sight words = Principal Award
1M	James	Persistence Award
1M	Billy	Principals Award
1M	Mikaere	Persistence Award
1A	Levi	Great improvement in spelling
1A	Falicittie	Always persisting with writing. Well Done!
1O	Kyle	Trying hard with learning time.
1O	Tyson	Trying hard with book work.
1KO	Jamie Lee	Always trying even when the work is hard.
1KO	Adam	Principal Award. Leaving spaces between each word when writing
1H	Nataliah	Working hard to improve her writing.
1H	Cody	Principal Award. Learning lots of new sight words.
2KR	Tiresa	Always working hard and not getting distracted by others.
2P	Sunshine	Listening to instructions and not giving up too quickly.

JUNIOR AWARDS - 18TH APRIL, 2016



BARR (Behaviour and Reward Room)

News - Week 3

Managing aggression in your children

It is important to try and set some time aside to find out if they are struggling with this, it might not be easy for them to open up straight away and you may have to keep approaching them gently until they can open up. You might want to leave a book for them to write their feelings in if they do find it hard to talk. If they are not much of a writer, maybe give them a memory stick and they can store their thoughts digitally. Let them know that you love them very much and are there for them but need them to meet you halfway. You can ask them questions that will help them to explore their anger, like how it makes them feel when they hit that point, how it makes them feel after, etc.

Feeling angry and upset at times is natural and acceptable and most people do at some point or another, so let your child know this. Try to acknowledge their feelings, but set limits: "I know you feel angry, but I don't want to see any hitting; biting; shouting or swearing."

Keep a diary so you can write down the incidents as there may be a pattern and note down the triggers. Are there particular events that set your child off? If you start to see when, you can sometimes work out why. If children see problems solved with raised voices or fists, they learn to follow suit. If you want to stop a child being violent, you may first have to address what is happening around them, it may be difficult to explore this but if there is conflict in your family life or perhaps communication is often through shouting, they may have learned this behaviour.

Learn how to defuse an angry situation. Lower your voice instead of shouting and look them in the eye. Talk with and listen to your child when they're calm. Look at why they might be feeling bad before looking at what they may do to control their behaviour.

You can't wave a magic wand and vanish away a child's unhappy feelings. What you can do is help them learn how to manage what they do about them. So encourage them to say, "I feel angry/left out/put down", instead of hitting out.

It isn't easy loving or showing affection for a child who is being hurtful. But they need to be shown that they are acceptable. Separate who they are from what they do by saying, "I love you and always will, but I don't love what you're doing."

Be positive and praise them when they do well. Blaming, shaming, or punishing children can make them feel worse about themselves and so even more aggressive.

Next: Sibling rivalries



Resource Centre News

Please make sure that your child brings a library bag to school, so they can borrow books. Library bags are used to protect books from accidental damage by water, food etc. Examples of library bags are plastic supermarket shopping bags,

Department store plastic bags or homemade specific library bags.

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2016

April

Monday 25th - No School (Anzac Day)

May

Monday 2nd - No School (Labour Day)

June

Thursday 2nd - Senior Sports Day 12.45 to 3.00pm - Year 4,5 & 6

Monday 6th - Senior Sports Day - Year 4,5 & 6 All Day

Thursday 16th - Junior Sports Day - Prep to Year 3

YOU CAN DO IT!

Persistence and Organisation.

Hello and welcome to Term Two! This term, we are learning about two keys to help us become successful and happy. They are Persistence and Organisation. We are focussing on Persistence for the first half of the term.

Persistence means trying hard and not giving up when things feel too difficult or boring.

An example is, continuing to try even when school work is difficult. Something that you can say to your child to encourage persistence is: “You kept trying! Great effort!”



This is My Story This is Our Story- ALICE ARMSTRONG - 18TH April, 2016

I am Ms Armstrong. My parents and my oldest brother and sister migrated to Australia from Germany in 1960. They came over on a ship called the Fairsea, with lots of other migrants from different countries. My dad was a ship builder and my mum was a book keeper. When they came to Australia they bought a farm out at Warwick which is about a two hour drive west of Brisbane. My other brother and I were born in Warwick.

Growing up in Australia was tough at times because we had no other family members in Australia to help us out. My parents made friends, who were also German, and I ended up calling them **Aunty and Uncle, even though we weren't related to us. Our family speak a mixture of English and German** with each other- we tend to speak really quickly and use the easiest words from each language.

When we were children, my brothers, sister and I just wanted to fit in at our schools so we tried to hide our German background. Now that we are adults, we are proud of our German background and we are proud to be Australian too. My children have embraced their German side as well and we like to celebrate this by enjoying delicious German food and a good beer.

This is My Story This is Our Story

BURROWES STATE SCHOOL ANZAC PARADE - FRIDAY 22ND APRIL



Thank you to the Burrowes School Leaders for doing a fantastic job for running the Anzac Parade.

