

Mothers play an important role in the lives of their children, nobody knows their child like a mother. Mothers are our best advocate, they know our shortfalls and yet they love us nonetheless. This Sunday we celebrate our mothers and the love that they share. We thank them for the sacrifice that they make each day so that we can be the best that we can be. Often mothers are taken for granted but they don't complain. Burrowes State School cannot make improvements and be the best school without the love and support provided by them to our students. From getting the uniforms ready each day, organising lunches, supporting students through homework, mothers are a key to the Burrowes' community. This Sunday take some time to let your mum know that she is special.



High Expectations

You either seek to actively improve or you remain stagnate and ultimately regress. High expectations encourage us to reach our potential, to move beyond mediocrity. Everything we do needs to be our best. That is one reason why the expectations at Burrowes State School are set high around uniform, behaviour, attendance and engaging in our learning. All Burrowes students have the ability to learn.

Thank you for the continued support by parents, teachers and students around these issues. School improvement is everyone's business, it takes a community to support and prepare students for the future.

Report Card Term

This term is a report card term. Report cards will go home with students on the last day of Term, Friday June 24. We will also have an Academic Parade to celebrate the high achieving academic students in our school. I would like to encourage students to aspire to achieving a school academic medal this semester.

Continue to support the school, class teachers and your child throughout the year.



P and C

Our next P and C meeting is scheduled for 9am in the school Resource Centre on Monday May 9. All are welcome.

NaplanThe logo for NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) is displayed in white text on a blue rectangular background.

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the annual Naplan tests. It is important that our students do their best. While these tests are important they are only one part of the assessments and information used by teachers and the school to determine the progress made by students.

Parents can help this week by doing the following:

- ◆ Ensure students get a good night's sleep the night before each test day.
- ◆ Reassure students that they need to do their best and that is all that can be expected.
- ◆ Encourage your children to answer every question.
- ◆ Provide students with a healthy breakfast.

Sports teams

Our interschool sporting teams are going well and have been well received by our parents and students. The teams also look great in their new uniforms. Over the next month or so we will be sending some sporting teams to compete at Marsden High School in a variety of sports. Touch footy teams will compete on May 19 and hopefully I will take a couple of basketball teams to Marsden May 23. Notes will go home soon if students make the teams.



Enjoy the weekend.

Stephen Josey

Principal



BREAKFAST CLUB
EVERY DAY NEXT WEEK (5)



Breakfasts throughout NAPLAN week will be served Monday – Friday from 8-8:45 am.

BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER NEWS & VIEWS



Crossing at the Crossing

This week we had a call from a concerned motorist who was driving past our school and noticed that some parents were crossing Third Avenue but not using the designated crossing areas to do so.

If you are crossing the road, please be responsible, as we should be teaching our children how to cross busy roads and streets carefully and safely by showing them the correct processes to do so.

Please think about the outcome and teach your child the correct way to cross a street. In the long term, this could save possible future injuries or lives. Kids and cars don't mix.

Mother's Day

In Australia, Mother's Day is observed on the second Sunday of May every year.

This year, it will be marked on May 8 with a celebration of mothers, including outings, gifts and shared family time.

While the May Mother's Day celebration was introduced from the US, Australia's tradition of giving gifts on Mother's Day has been attributed to Janet Heyden, a Sydney woman who led a campaign to collect gifts for lonely aged mothers in the 1920s.



Remember this Sunday is Mothers' Day. We would like to wish all of our Mum's a very happy Mothers' Day. Hope you all get spoilt rotten.



P & C Meeting

The P & C Meeting is on Monday 9th of May in the Library. We are always looking for volunteers and helpers, particularly with upcoming events like Under 8's Day, Sports Day BBQ's etc. If you are interested in being part of our P & C, please feel free to come along.

Under 8's Day

Under 8's Day is on again this year. Mrs McMahon is heavily into planning what I am sure will be another fantastic day for our Junior School. The date of our Under 8's Day is Friday 27th May, 2016. Please continue to bring in your donations for the day, they are much appreciated. There will be games and activities for all to enjoy.



Newsletter Article 3 - *Music News*



Welcome back to Music for Term 2. The Year 5 and 6's are working hard on their rhythmic assessment piece, working collaboratively in small groups becoming experts to then join other experts to show them their part and play together. This will culminate in a class performance and assessment.

All the year levels are working hard in class, trying their best, listening well and working in small and large groups.

The Senior Choir has been hard working as well, performing at the Anzac Day ceremony with dignity and feeling. How proud I was when I had parents, teachers, students and visiting guests compliment me on the performance. Well done Senior Choir.



Please keep encouraging your student to join or continue with choir as their persistence really pays off. I am looking forward to the Quota Beenleigh Eisteddfod in early Term 3 and the Senior Choir will be practising hard to achieve the best results they can. To do this we need all voices to come along every week and practise. Your encouragement goes a long way in helping this happen.

I thank you for your support.

Junior Choir will be performing in the hall at assembly in week 6 and 7. I hope you can come along and support your child in this exciting performance. Your presence in the hall could make all the difference to one little person standing up and giving their best performance.

During the week there has been some enquiries about the Year 1 students joining Junior Choir. I am excited to say they will be invited to come along at the beginning of Term 3.

Last week I was pleased to meet the newest member of the Music team, Kathryn Anderson. Her name and face may be familiar to you as she has worked here a few years ago. She returns to the Music classroom on Thursdays and **Fridays. Because of that, I will be having Thursdays off to spend more time with my family, but I'll be here all the other days.** Please make Kathryn feel welcome if you see her. We will be collaborating on different musical projects and the future looks very exciting.

Remember that singing helps to improve your health, your stamina and it helps to reduce fatigue, anxiety and depression. So sing to your kids, your friends and mostly to yourself for an easy, cheap, wellness tonic.

Musically Yours
Sally Mansfield

Resource Centre News.



We are happy to inform everyone that our new Resource Centre software, Oliver v5 is now operational. Students can now search our library catalogue from home and school 24/7. For easy access there is a link on the front page of our school website.

<https://burrowesss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2016

May

Monday 9th - P & C Meeting, 9.00am
Resource Centre
Senior Parade 2.00pm

Tuesday 10th/Wednesday 11th/Thursday 12th
Year 3 and 5 Naplan Testing

Monday 16th - Junior Parade 2.00pm

Friday 27th May— Under 8's Day



June

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

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

Thursday 16th - Junior Sports Day
Prep to Year 3



JUNIOR AWARDS - 18TH APRIL, 2016



2C Ulimasao - Principal Award
for improving his concentration.

2C Tia - Persistence Award, congratulation
for always having -a-go.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS 29/4/2016

Girl's Touch and Boys Football

CANCELLED DUE TO
WET WEATHER:

GOOD LUCK THIS WEEK.



BARR News - (Behaviour and Reward Room)

Week 4 - Sibling rivalry



We can't all get on all of the time – it's natural for your children to argue and fall out with each other and often on a regular basis. The relationship children have with their siblings can help to map out the way they will socialize and deal with disagreements when they grow up.

Why do they have to argue?

One of the reasons brothers and sisters find it hard to get on, is because of differences in age that mean they are at different stages in their development and are interested in activities relating to that. It may help to try and introduce activities and days out that all age groups can participate in, such as a trip to the park – younger children can play on swings whilst the older ones may want to kick a ball about. This means that no one is getting left behind and there's no cause for resentment. Encourage the older sibling to help their younger brother or sister, such as with a game or by building something together, this can make the older child feel important and a special part of their younger siblings' life. Sometimes younger children feel jealous that their elder brother or sister is allowed to do things that they aren't – such as having a later bedtime or staying out with their friends for longer. Explain that they will be able to enjoy the same privileges as they get older. Point out the advantages of being young – such as they don't have to help around the house as much as their older brother or sister does.

Next: How to manage these aggressive rivalries.

YOU CAN DO IT!

Persistence and Organisation.

This week, in our You Can Do It! lessons we continue to learn about the key Persistence.

Persistence means...trying hard and not giving up when something feels like it's too hard to do.

This week we learnt that in life we need to have goals. Along the journey to achieving these goals you may encounter "Road Blocks" and "Obstacles"

eg: When there is homework to complete, not having the right book or being tired can create an obstacle or a road block that may interfere with completing the homework.

To be successful in life we need to have a plan to take these road blocks down (to overcome obstacles) and achieve our goals.

~ If you see your child being persistent try to praise them - "You tried really hard, even though that activity was tricky. Excellent job!!"

~ Help your children identify obstacles which will make it harder for them to achieve their goals – talk to them about how to overcome the obstacle.

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

Vest: Red = I Am Respectful

Focus: Our weekly focus is around how we use language when speaking to others.



What's been happening?

NAPLAN Breakfasts

The team is ready to go, the toast is smelling good and we are ready to cook breakfast for our 800 students throughout NAPLAN testing.



Breakfasts throughout NAPLAN week will be served Monday – Friday from 8-8:45 am.

Breakfast Club is run at no cost to the community, providing students with a free healthy breakfast to give them energy for the day.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

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

Soccer – Fridays, 2nd Break on senior oval.

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.

Be Safe 
Be Strong

