



Burrowes State School

"To meet the diverse needs of all students"

NEWSLETTER

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Stephen Josey - Principal - Issue 17, 21st October 2017

On Monday this week we had a Pupil Free Day. There are several Pupil Free days throughout the year, most of them go unnoticed as they occur at the beginning of the year before school starts and during the Easter holidays. The October Pupil Free day exists to support High School teachers prepare for moderation and assessment requirements for their senior students. Primary schools use the opportunity to progress the school improvement agenda and engage in professional development.

Our staff took some time to celebrate and review the exciting journey that we have been on since 2015 and to prepare for the next body of work going into 2018. Our Year 2 teachers shared with the rest of the staff the success that they have experienced around using Learning Walls in their classrooms. Their enthusiasm was catching, as other year levels are starting to adopt the teaching strategy.

Last Thursday the Principal from Ormiston State School and three teachers came to visit Burrowes to see what has been happening in Year 2. I will be taking some staff for a return visit soon to experience the great work over at Ormiston so we can experience the work that they are doing around the Literacy Continuum.

This illustrates the strength that we have in State Education. The ability to share and support one another to maximise the outcomes for all students. A great State School has a great school down the road.

Also on our Pupil Free Day Mrs Appleton shared her numeracy expertise with our teacher aides, Mrs Kuit shared strategies with the staff on how to cater for our growing population of students with an additional language or dialect, we investigated teacher standards and how we can use them to become the best teachers we can and we engaged in calibration moderation processes.

As the Principal of Burrowes State School I must say that I am proud and excited to lead such an amazing group of teachers and support staff. We have a collective desire to be the best teachers and staff that we can be for the students of Burrowes State School.

Arts Evening

Last night our school community came together for our inaugural Arts Evening. Thank you to Ms Anderson, Mr Fodor and Ms Chivers for a great night. A big thank you to all of our participating students and to families who attended. This was the first event like this and so it will only get better. Thank you for your patience, the night was a great celebration of the Arts at Burrowes and was all about our amazing students.

Head of Curriculum

After running a comprehensive process I am happy to announce that Mrs Leslie Ward has been appointed to Burrowes State School as Head of Curriculum. Mrs Ward comes from a strong curriculum background and has been a Pedagogical Coach and Head of Curriculum in previous positions as well as a successful classroom teacher. Mrs Ward will be joining the team on Monday.

Chaplaincy Dinner

Wednesday last week I joined around ten other schools to celebrate and raise some money around chaplaincy in the Logan area. It was a great night. Thank you to the staff who attended. A big thankyou to our Chappy Aaron for all of his hard work and the support he provides to our school community.

Staffing and classes for next year

One of the biggest challenges each year is the construction and organisation of classes for the next year. To help us be as accurate as possible and minimise any changes at the start of next year please let the office know if you are moving next year and are anticipating not returning to Burrowes in 2018.

The staffing and class formation process continues right through until the first few weeks of the following year. Preparation and planning is designed to limit any changes and adjustments to classes. I anticipate at this stage starting 2018 with 32 classes. However this does not include a fifth Prep class which is possible. Also we have a new estate and several blocks of land in our catchment that may result in increased enrolments. There is also a strong chance of a Prep One class, this has been very successful over the past two years. Burrowes State School attempts to reduce the amount of composite classes where possible but staffing and enrolment numbers don't always permit this.

I would like to extend an opportunity to families to inform me, in writing, of any educational considerations that you would like me to be aware of when considering your child's placement for 2018. Where possible we will be doing all that we can to ensure that classes are balanced in both number and educational dynamics. With this in mind you can appreciate that it isn't possible to request a specific teacher, expect the same teacher who may have taught their sibling in the past, or want all your child's friends in the one class. Sometimes being best friends in the playground doesn't always equate to industrious work habits in the classroom, and often friendship groupings change during the course of the year. Your child's educational needs will be valued and taken into account, however the final class construction is ultimately a school decision made in consultation with this year's teachers. If you would like to write a letter please address it to the Principal and hand it into the office by Friday November 17.

At this stage our teachers do not know what year level they will be on next year and Education Queensland's transfer and staffing process remains active until the last day of the school year and in some cases staffing isn't finalized until after Day 8 2017, so needless to say that all of this is a work in progress. We also have a number of teachers on maternity leave at various times throughout 2018.

Attendance

The attendance target for Education Queensland is 95%, this means that students can only be away from school for 10 days in the school year. In 2015 we finished the year on 88.8%, last year we ended the year on 89.5%. At the end of Term 3 we were on 90.6%. With a concerted effort during this term we should be able to end the year above 90%. Can parents please ensure that students are at school every day?

10% of days off each year equals 20 days a year.

20 days a year is four weeks of schooling which equates to 1 and a half years of school missed over the child's 13 years of schooling.

School Uniform

With the summer fast approaching it is essential that students have the appropriate school hat. We have a No Hat, No Play policy at Burrowes. Students without a hat will be directed to sit during their play time. Students are encouraged to drink plenty of water. Non-school jumpers need to stay home. Next year during winter students will not be able to wear jumpers that are not endorsed by the school dress code.

Prep enrolments

We have 86 preps currently on our books for 2018. Positions are filling up fast. If you are a current family with prep age siblings for next year, please notify the office as soon as possible. Our prep enrolment process for 2018 has begun, if you know of any new families with prep aged children who live in our catchment could you please encourage them to make contact with the school as a matter of urgency.

Parents on the prep list have been booked in for an enrolment meeting. We will be offering families an orientation and information session in November.

P and C

The next P and C meeting is scheduled for 9am in the school resource centre on Monday November 13, all are welcome. The main focus for this meeting will be planning fundraising for 2018.

End of Term Key Dates

October 31	Beersheba Spectacular
November 13 to 17	Year 56 Camp
November 20 to 24	Prep Orientation
November 24	Colour Run
November 30	Christmas Spectacular
December 5	Year 6 Graduation
December 7	Academic Parade
December 8	Last Day of the year

Deputy Principal - Mr Neil Ewing (Year 5 And 6)

Year 5 and 6 camp



Year 5 and 6 students have the bi-annual camp from the 13th – 17th November and its only 4 weeks away. We will be holding an information morning on Thursday 26th October from 9:00 – 10:30 for all attending students as a representative will visit Burrowes. If you have any problems please come in and speak to us. All attending students will receive more information as we draw closer to the camp date. Student requirement lists have also been returned to the office.

Inter school sports

Inter school sport will resume this term as part of the winter season. We still have our interschool sports on the Friday afternoon.

Kingston orientation Day

Kingston State High have informed me of an up and coming orientation day for all students that wish to enrol for the 2018 year. At the moment they are looking at some time in week 9 of this term. Once we receive a confirmed date and more information about the day, I will put it in the newsletter so enrolling students can attend.

Student leadership Nominations

All student nomination letters should have been returned to the office by 21st October 2017. This is a great opportunity for students to start enhance their leadership skills and become a great role model for younger students, as well as prepare themselves for future endeavours beyond primary school.

Graduation and Academic parades

Year 6 students have the opportunity to participate in a graduation dinner towards the end of this term. Letters have been handed out to students explaining dates, times and expectations for dress attire. The letters need to be signed and returned to the office as soon as possible. Students will be reminded about graduation later in the term. We also have our academic parade on Thursday 7th December it recognises the great work our students have completed throughout semester two. Parents are most welcome on the day and we encourage as much support for students as they receive their certificates.

Jacqui Jones - Deputy Principal (Year 3 And 4)

Arrival times at school



Over the last few weeks we have had an increasing number of students arriving at school prior to 8am. Our before school safety plan involves students being in designated areas of the school from 8am with supervision. Senior students report to the tennis courts and Junior students to the top undercover area. If parents do wish to wait with their children until the school day starts, please wait in the undercover area. All play equipment is out of bounds in the mornings. The school day starts at 8:50am.

Karen Lemon - Deputy Principal (Prep , Year 1 And Year 2)

Tips for Practising Reading at home

Reading improves with practice, so during the school holidays, encourage our young students to read every day. Reading is not only about working out the words but also about understanding what has been read. This is reading comprehension and it requires children to think.

You can help develop your child's Reading Comprehension by asking them different types of comprehension questions when they are reading. Here are some examples of the different types of questions you can use.



1. **After looking at the cover of a book ask your child "What will the book be about?"**
2. **When reading stories to your child, pause to ask "What will happen if....?" e.g. "What will happen if the boy lets the dog off the lead?"**
3. **Encourage your child to identify the cause of an event by asking e.g. "Why did happen?", "What made happen?"**
4. **When you encounter problems in stories ask your child "What should (character) do?"**
5. **Ask your child to explain why possible solutions wouldn't work e.g. "Why shouldn't the boy just leave school if he was bored?"**
6. **When looking at pictures with your child, ask them to explain observations e.g. "How can you tell the boy feels sad?", "How can you tell the girl is going to school?", "How can you tell the egg is cooked?"**
7. **As you encounter problems in the story, encourage your child to think of ways the character could solve them.**

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

P&C will purchase used unwanted uniform items for \$2 cash per item (as long as they are in good condition meaning no cuts, tears or marks). If you have items that you would like to sell, please see Carrie in the uniform shop. Once the uniform shop have purchased them from you they will on-sell these items for a flat fee of \$5 to families willing to purchase second-hand.

OLD STYLE JUMPERS

The uniform shop still has a few of the cheaper \$20 jumpers for sale. There is only limited stock in certain sizes. Feel free to ask whether we have something that might fit your child – even perhaps for NEXT winter – get a bargain now!!

LAYBY

Our uniform shop does offer a layby service. If you would like to take advantage of this, please see Carrie in the uniform shop for details. If you choose to use this service, please be aware that all laybys are required to be finalised by Friday 19th January 2018.

Uniform Shop Hours are:

Monday 8:30am – 9:15am

Wednesday 8:30am – 9:15am

Friday 2:30pm – 3:15pm

P&C News

The P and C are excited to announce that we will be hosting our very own Colour Fun Run in November. All money raised will be going towards the schools new playground equipment.

More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Student Banking



Student Banking is to be handed in every Wednesday to the tuckshop by 9am, you can back as little as \$1 or as much as you like. This is a fantastic way to teach your children how to save, along with receiving some great rewards along the way. For more information please contact Karen from KDK.

KDK Kids First

KDK Kids First is run out of the school hall, we open at 6am for before School Care and we walk the preps and grade 1 to class, and we open from 3pm to 6pm for after school care.

We provide Breakfast, Afternoon tea, Homework club, Crafts, Sports, Cooking, Music, Technology

Our programs are inclusive for all school age care children

We also offer an action packed program for Vacation Care (program will be out soon)

For more information please call our office on 3803 7717



Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: School Colour Fun Run

We're turning our event from bland to GRAND this year by adding a splash of colour. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, the P and C are happy to announce that we will be hosting our very own school colour run in November.

Students obtain donations from family and friends; earn exciting reward prizes according to the amount of money raised which ends in a blast of colour... the School Colour Fun Run!

The event will be held on (DATE) starting at (TIME). We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt. The colour powder is made of high quality corn starch with permitted food colours. It is non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly.

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form which will assist in raising funds for the school. Please read through the Sponsorship Form and get familiar with the five steps to supercharge your fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. There are over 70 prizes on offer, so best to select your favourite and make this your fundraising goal.

Student Profile Page

Create a profile page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and you're in the draw to win an **APPLE WATCH**. It's that simple! There are also some great features like recording your sponsorships and selecting your prize goal.

You can also register for **online fundraising**. It's the easiest way to boost your funds raised and to achieve your fundraising goal sooner. The average raised per student using online fundraising is a staggering \$115. Achieve that and more and there's an awesome prize right there!

Major Promotion - \$5,000 Cruiseabout Gift Voucher

Simply raise \$30 or more in donations and one lucky family will **WIN** a \$5,000 Cruiseabout Gift Voucher which can be used towards any cruise, from any port, to any destination. To register, create a profile page online and click the 'Choose your Cruise Draw'. *T&C's online.*

How to Order Prizes?

As a reward for your efforts, each child will receive an incentive prize based on the total amount of sponsorship raised. Please complete Step 5. on the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class. Student incentive prizes will be delivered shortly after the fundraiser has finalised.

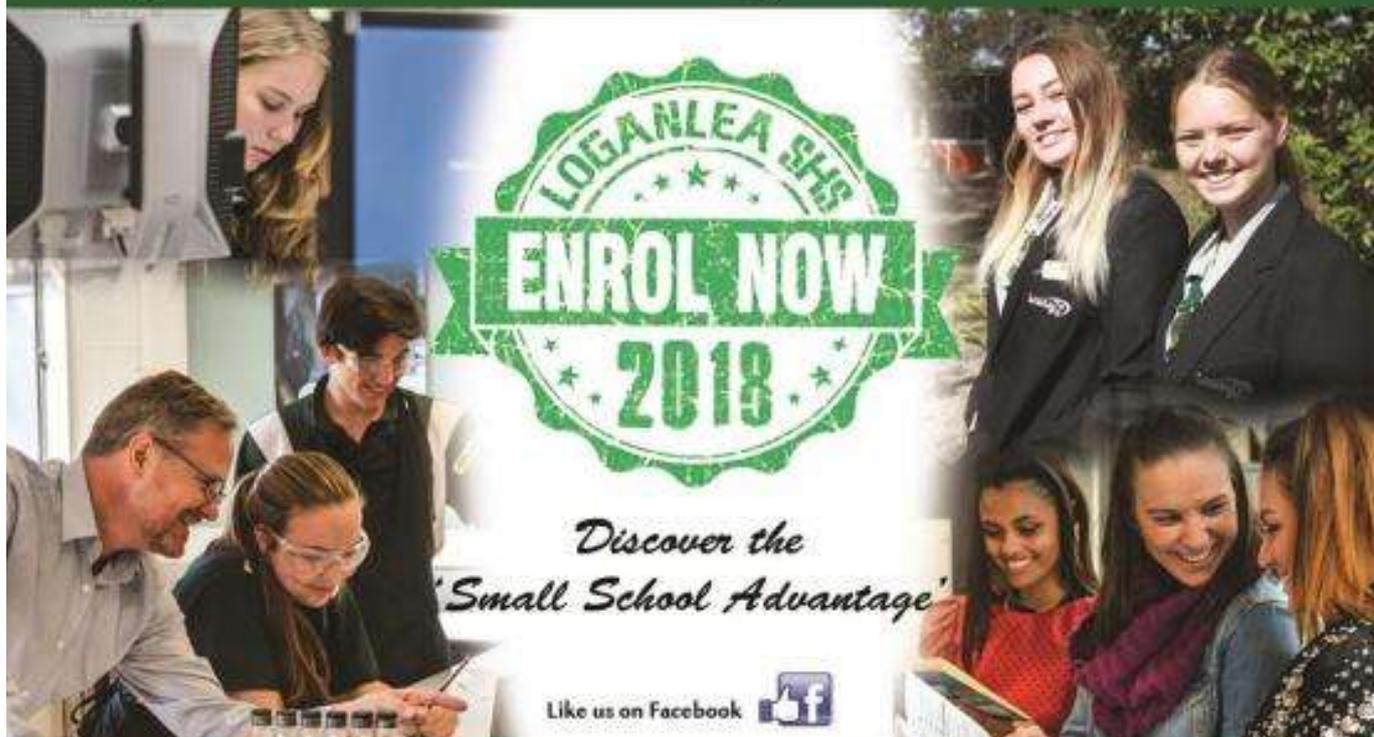
Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a **BLAST OF COLOUR!** Happy fundraising!

Karen Petersen

Fundraiser

Burrowes State School - 0402421570

Loganlea SHS Enrolment Day - October 24th 2017



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Our beautiful coeducational school is situated on 56 hectares of prime river front land. It is a large, centrally located high school in Logan City, with an enrolment of approximately 800 catering for students, years 7 to 12, from a variety of cultural backgrounds.

Our aim is to provide the best education possible to all students so that they may become active and resilient citizens of the future, living out the schools vision of "... making a difference for every student". In this way, we seek to provide a well-rounded education with opportunities for intellectual, social and emotional growth throughout the six vital years of high school.

We have outstanding facilities that support learning experiences unparalleled in other school sites, such as air conditioned high-tech classrooms, the award-winning Agriculture facility, and the "Campfire Dreaming" Restaurant, an industry standard Trade Training Centre in Hospitality. In addition the schools' Connections program for senior phase students, offers opportunities for early access to traineeships and apprenticeships. In these and many other ways unique to Loganlea SHS, we recognise the talents of all students and provide opportunities for them to be developed.

In addition Loganlea State High School is well known for its innovative specialist programs including targeted Literacy and Numeracy Enhancement affiliated with QUT and the Signature Excellence Program affiliated with University of Queensland, Performance Dance, Sport Development, Knowledge House (Indigenous Education Support) and as the only metropolitan Gateway School of Agribusiness.

For more information about the wonderful opportunities Loganlea has to offer your child, please call (07) 3451 8777.

If you are unable to attend our scheduled Open Day, please call to arrange an alternative tour and information session.



Our school is a short 600 meter walk from the Loganlea Train Station

Call today to make an appointment Ph: 07 3451 8777





REGISTER NOW!

Where	Burrowes State School
When	First session is on Wednesday 25 th October
Time	3:10pm – 4:10pm
Length	6 weeks
Contact	Shaun on 5594 5722 or shaun.jasper@afl.com.au

only \$75

When you participate in NAB AFL Auskick you receive your very own football, lunchbox, a hat, pump, stationary kit plus some other goodies!



REGISTER ONLINE BY SEARCHING YOUR POSTCODE OR SCHOOL IN THE CENTRE LOCATOR

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School Watch 13 17 88



We need everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our school. No one can access the school grounds after hours without written permission from the Principal.

If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene.

Call the School Watch number - 131 788.