



# Burrowes State School

"To meet the diverse needs of all students"

## NEWSLETTER

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### Principal - Mr Stephen Josey - Issue 3, 23rd February, 2018

Last week was very challenging after the Sunday night storm, thank you to our community for supporting the school during this time. The power outage on the Monday made things difficult but we were able to get through it relatively unscathed and stay open. With the power back on Tuesday and Mr Dias focussed on chopping up branches and trees we were able to return the school to normal quickly. Mr Dias did a great job clearing our play spaces and thanks must also go to our staff who maintained learning during difficult circumstances.



I appreciate parents making changes at short notice to come to our Leadership Parade this week. Thank you to Mr Jon Raven, our Logan City Councillor and Mr Andrew Peach, Principal of Marsden Highschool for attending and presenting badges to our amazing leaders. This year we extended our leadership positions and formalised others in direct response to the quality of students that we have at Burrowes State School.

Our Year 6 teachers visited Marsden High school yesterday as a part of our strategy to make links between our Year 6 students and their transition to Year 7 and Highschool. The particular focus is on implementing some of the work around AVID skills earlier in the Primary school to better prepare our students for the future.

## Parent Teacher Meetings



A Letter went home yesterday with each student concerning details on how to book a time for a Parent Teacher interview on Monday March 26. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child's academic progress with your child's teacher.

You can book a time by going to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) ,entering the code 8v4fg and following the prompts.

If you don't have access to the internet you can use the school ipad located in the office. Administration staff are also there to assist you if needed.

We formally report to parents four times a year. Term One and Three verbally and Term Two and Four through a formal written report card. Our school also encourages appropriate ongoing conversations between parents and teachers throughout the year.



## Hearing tests for Prep

Congratulations to Mrs Lemon, Prep teachers and prep parents. We have had 100% permission forms returned for our students to have hearing tests. The school pays \$4000 for this service which is free for parents. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Mathletics and Sunshine online

Please be aware that the school pays thousands of dollars for our families to have free access to Mathletics and Sunshine on line. Please ask your child's classroom teacher for details on how to access these great resources at home.



### Parking at school and road safety.

It is everybody's responsibility to adhere to road rules and road safety to ensure that our families and students are kept safe. This includes crossing the road at the crossing and ensuring that cars are parked in the appropriate places. The Council and Police drive around the school from time to time issuing tickets.



To ensure that our students stay safe I need to ask parents not to park on the school grounds. This includes both the front staff car park and the Prep carpark.

## Facilities

Due to the storm damage last week we have had to remove some trees. I would like to thank the Regional facilities team and Mr Ryan Cooper for supporting our school to clear the mess and have our school up and running as soon as possible.

The shelter outside 3B and 3C is now completed and looking great. The class dividers are still on order and should arrive by the next newsletter. Students and teachers have been amazingly patient while waiting.

## Uniform

Generally the school uniform is being supported and I thank families for this. Remember students with pierced ears need to ensure that the ear rings are either gold or silver sleepers or studs, no bling!!

## Behaviour

I have had several reports from relief teachers that they have had a great day with our students and as a result more teachers are asking to come to Burrowes for work. This is great feedback and as a Principal I am very proud of my students and our supportive families.

Could parents please remind their children not to pick up sticks or rocks. There have been several incidences this fortnight where children have had consequences for picking up rocks and throwing them.



## Attendance: Every Day counts



Last year our school's attendance went over the 90% mark!!! This was a great achievement. Our target this year as a school is 92%. As a community we all need to play our part to ensure our attendance rate is up around the Education Queensland target of 95%. Every day counts, students need to be at school unless they have a valid reason. Come on Burrowes we can do it!!!

Our percentage is already at the 92% mark so it is even more important to be here every day. The attendance team met this week, action will be taken in the next few weeks for students whose attendance is unacceptable.

## P and C

Our first meeting for the year was cancelled due to the hot weather and power issues. Our first meeting will now be after our AGM on Monday March 12. After an amazing 2017, where we built a very strong P and C team, we were able to organise some great events. We look forward to working with the community again this year and continuing our fund raising in order to purchase a playground for our Year 3 and 4s. If you are interested in helping us please come along.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey

Principal

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

## Behaviour and uniform

As this is week 5, term 1 at Burrowes I have to say that I 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.

## School Captains

We had our student leader induction on Monday this week, with all recipients receiving their badges. Congratulations to all school leaders! Induction sessions will start in the coming weeks for school captains, vice captains and sports captains.

## Sports days

All students have now been selected for their nominated sport, all other non-competing students have been placed in a rotation class. Students made selections for inter-school sports which starts in week 7, Term 1. If students are successful they will give you a consent form to sign and return to the school office along with a small payment for the bus service.



# Parent teacher night



It's that time of year again, yes that's right parent teacher night! This term Parents and carers will have the chance to meet their child's teacher for a 10 minute interview on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. We have set up the online interview booking system and all parents will receive a letter with a code to log onto the site and make their booking. If you don't have access to the internet you can still come into the school to make a booking using the office ipad. The process takes only a couple of minutes to complete.

## Halogen Student Leader Conference

Congratulations to our School captains and vice captains and their success becoming our 2018 school leaders. These six students (Emilia, Shannon, Blessing, Skye, Jacinda and Tatua), will attend a student leadership day in Brisbane city in Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Students will listen to guest speakers and celebrities talking about successful leadership strategies that help schools leaders grow with their school.

### Deputy Principal - Jacqui Jones (Year 3 And 4)

It was a privilege and an honour to be part of parade on Monday seeing our leaders receive their badges was truly a highlight of the beginning of 2018. Congratulations to all school leaders.



School  
Captains



Vice School Captains



Cultural Captains

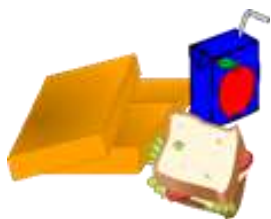


AV Team



Environmental Teams

# Donna Bower - Business Manager



## Tuckshop

Remember that our Tuckshop is open 5 days a week. First break only. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to buy and try some yummy food. We will be having our specials coming up again soon. These are a big hit with students and staff alike.

If you have any healthy recipes that you would like to share and think other children will love to try, please let us know. We are always open to try new things.

## New Uniform Shop Opening times

We are changing the uniform shop times temporarily to 2 days a week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March due to limited use by parents at this time of year.

**The new times will be:**

**Monday afternoon 2:30pm – 3pm**

**Wednesday morning 8:30am – 9am**

The uniform shop will not open on Fridays at all for the time being.

Getting closer to Winter, we may have to revisit this change and reschedule according to the needs of families.

## Recent Storms



Recently we have had some extraordinary weather events. A couple of weeks ago we sustained some damage to trees in and around the school. Since then the arborists have been back to remove and take down dangerous trees, limbs and branches. We thank all of our staff and student for your understanding and co-operation while this work is completed.

## Curriculum Corner.

### Hello Again Everyone,

I hope you are continuing to enjoy reading books as a family, particularly as the weather begins to become colder over coming months. It's the perfect time to snuggle up under a blanket whilst sharing a great book, either with you modelling reading or listening to your child. It helps to foster relationships and a love of learning through texts. This week I have included some ideas to help your child when tackling their home readers. Of course your child's class room teacher is your first line of contact if you have any concerns or you wish to share any positive experiences around reading. They will also have many ideas to support you.

### Using the Home Reader.

There are three distinct learning times for you to be aware of when listening to your child read the home reader. These are –

- Before reading the book.
- During reading of the book.
- After reading the book.



**Each** of these areas are important for your child to become proficient and confident readers. The following is a suggested list of ideas you can use during these times. You do not need to do all of these each time they read, choose a few to focus on.

#### ***(1.) Things you can do with your child before they read.***

- Look at the cover and use the pictures to predict the story. Explain/discuss with your child any concepts in the book your child may not be familiar with. Also talk to your child about experiences they have had which connects them to the text they are about to read.
- Look at the pictures on each page and discuss what is happening in them.
- Look at the print in the book. Find words they already know. Find some (not all) words they don't know and discuss letters/sounds and meaning.
- Talk about and find in the book, conventions of print such as full stops, speech marks, question marks and capital letters. Discuss the purpose of these conventions.
- Discuss any layout features in the book. E.g. Speech bubbles, pictures and headings.
- Read the print to your child. Ask your child to quietly read the book to themselves before they read to you.
- Have your child read the print to you.
- Ask questions about the story.

Please **DO NOT** cover the pictures in the book, as this is a skill that your child is not ready to use.

Some books in the home reading program do not have text. Please use the pictures to construct a story with your child. This activity is extremely valuable as it helps the children construct meaning through pictures. As your child becomes more confident begin to use some of the strategies titled "**Skills to encourage**"

## ***(2.) Things you can do with your child as they are reading.***

- Use the **PAUSE - PROMPT - PRAISE** technique when your child is working out a word.

**PAUSE** for 5 seconds as this gives your child time to do something to solve the problem.

**PROMPT** by giving clues to help solve the problem.

**PRAISE** when the problem is solved partly or wholly.

Encourage your child to use the skills of sounding out by chunking/breaking words into parts, rereading and making sense.

## ***(3.) Things you can do with your child after they have read.***

- Ask your child to retell the story. Include detail.
- Ask questions directly related to the text.
- Ask questions that are inferred from the text.
- Go back to the text and-
  - talk about words they had difficulty with.
  - find words that start or end in the same sound.
  - look at and compare the shapes of words.
- Discuss the author of the text. Talk about what the author wanted the reader to think, feel or do when they read the text.
- Talk about the characters in the text. If possible, discuss how the ending of the story would change if the character was different or had different actions.

## **Skills to encourage:**

**Watch punctuation** – STOP at full stops. Pause at commas. Change your voice where you see an exclamation mark!

**Reread** – If it doesn't make sense, go back and read it again.

**Read on.** If you come to an unknown word, read the rest of the sentence and see if you can get some clues.

**Picture Cues** – It's OK to look at pictures for clues.

**Sounding out/Breaking Words into Parts** – Look at the initial letter or letter blends (br /sh/ sw) and the final letters. Talk about the differences – boot/book, swing/sling.

**Look for little words** – if you can see *OUT* in *shout* or *IT* in *visit* you can work it out.

**Prediction** – talk about what might be going to happen.

**Comprehension** – Can the child retell the story or answer questions about what happened? If not encourage them to make a movie in their head of the story as they read.

**Strategies** - Ask your child if they are able to recall the strategies they use at school throughout their reading sessions. We have a high focus on reading at Burrowes and we want all children to progress from "Learning to Read to Reading to Learn." The length of time this takes for each student varies and can take some time, however they need to be engaged and encouraged to stay on the journey.

**REMEMBER** – reading is about understanding what is written not just about being able to read the words. Making sense is the most important thing!

It is good practise to encourage your child to read the book a few times. During the first read, your child is concentrating on decoding. Further rereading gives them confidence and an understanding of fluency and expression.

Whilst the above is the formal aspect of Reading, I would like to remind you of the importance of continuing to read books to your child. Being read to is an essential part of developing the desire to read. It is also a great way of encouraging the child's enjoyment of using a library.

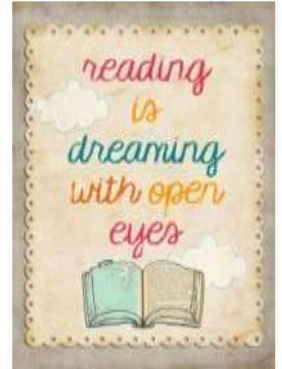
The goal of overnight readers is to improve skills, but it is also to foster and encourage a love of reading and I would like it to be a pleasant time with your child. If it becomes too stressful, please talk to your classroom teacher.

Until next time .....

Yours in Education,

Leslie Ward

Head of Curriculum



## Burrowes SS Cross Country 2018

*Burrowes State School Cross Country is on  
Friday 2 March 2018.*

### YEAR LEVELS 4, 5 AND 6

*First Race starts at 9am SHARP Race order is as follows:*

*Children who are turning 9 and 10 years old this year will complete 1 lap of the course and the older children will complete 2 laps.*

*It is vital that all children know their YEAR OF BIRTH. Please make sure the children are aware of this. Children need to wear Hats and Sunscreen and also they need to bring a waterbottle with them to the oval. Children may also wear a house coloured shirt if they wish. Students to see their class teacher if they don't know their Sport House:*



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**Yongurra - Green**      **Coolawin - Yellow**

**Kargon - Red**      **Wunnamurra - Blue**



*Children requiring an asthma puffer will need to also ensure that they bring this with them to the oval. Please Remind ALL CHILDREN of this.*

*Children will remain seated at their house tents until they are marshalled for their race. At the completion of their race children placed in the first 5 positions will be sent to the score tent. All other children will return to their house tents. At the completion of all races I have arranged for all Year 4-6 students to receive an ice block from the canteen. Please escort your class to receive these. The winning house will be announced at assembly on Monday.*

*Enjoy your morning and thank you for your help. I am sure all will go well. Please feel free to ask me if you have any queries.*

## **Logan District Swimming**

*Congratulations to Fathiyah H (5T) who represented Burrowes State School at the Logan District Swimming Carnival. Fathiyah performed extremely well finishing 4th in Freestyle, 3rd in Breaststroke and 1st in Backstroke. Fathiyah performance will hopefully allow her to swim at the Met East Championships at the end of February.*



*Well Done Fathiyah and the best of luck in your future endeavours.*

## **KDK First**

*The school holidays are fast approaching; our vacation care program is now available and is jam packed with lots of amazing activities to keep your children entertained these school holidays. With some exciting excursions thrown in there, we are looking forward to taking the children on an amazing journey over the school holidays.*



*KDK are located in the school hall, we are open from 6am - 6pm, and we provide Breakfast and Afternoon tea daily.*

*If you would like a free quote please call our office on 3803 7717 or pop down to the hall and speak to one of our friendly staff.*

# School 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.



## Coles SPORTS For SCHOOL 2018

Coles Sports for Schools is back to help Aussie kids stay fit and healthy. When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers that your local school can exchange for sports gear. The more vouchers you collect, the more sports gear they'll receive. Start collecting today because the race is on!



### Step 1



For every \$10 spent at Coles, you will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.

### Step 2



You then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.

### Step 3



Every voucher you donate to your school can be redeemed for leading brand sports equipment.

# CAR BOOT SALE

FREE  
Sausage Sizzle  
Coffee or Tea



Cold Drinks  
For Sale

**Come and grab a bargain!**

With over 80 stalls

- there is sure to be something for everyone!

8am—12 noon

**SATURDAY 24th MARCH 2018**

31-43 Green Rd, Park Ridge

Plenty of off-street parking (for safety)

Provided by: Browns Plains Baptist Church

*Sponsor of School Chaplaincy*

Enquiries: 3800 3663 or 3800 5928

Email: [lightacandle@bigpond.com](mailto:lightacandle@bigpond.com)

**Bookings essential for stall holders. (1 month prior)**

*Please note: This is a non-smoking environment.*



## Tuckshop

Our Tuckshop is up and running with an exciting menu. Then tuckshop now runs five days a week, first session only, look out for special food events.



### Burrowes State School Tuckshop Menu

Tuckshop is open from **8:00 AM**—Monday to Friday

Orders are required to be placed prior to **9:30AM**.

Clearly write on bag, child's name and child's class.

Bags are available for purchase at 10 cents each.

**TUCKSHOP CLOSED SECOND BREAK**

<b>HOT FOOD</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
Garlic bread	\$1.20
Hotdog & Sauce	\$3.50
Chicken Nuggets	\$4.00
Hawaiian or Cheese Pizza	\$3.50
Beef Slams	\$4.00
Spaghetti Bolognaise	\$4.00
Lasagne	\$4.00
Mac & Cheese	\$4.00
Fried Rice	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Sauce	\$0.50



<b>BURGERS</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Beef Burger	\$4.00
BLT	\$4.00
ADD CHEESE OR SALAD	\$0.50
<b>SALADS</b>	
<b>Garden Salad</b> (Lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato & cheese)	\$4.00
<b>Ceaser Salad</b> (Lettuce, bacon, parmesan, egg & croutons)	\$4.50
ADD HAM OR CHICKEN	\$1.20
<b>SNACK BOXES</b>	
Carrot, cucumber, celery, cherry tomatoes & cheese cubes	\$4.00
<b>Meaty Snack Box</b> Carrot, cucumber, egg, chicken & cheese	\$4.50

<b>SANDWICHES</b>		<b>PRICE</b>	<b>SNACKS</b>		<b>PRICE</b>
Honey, Jam & Vegemite		\$2:00	Fruit Tubs		\$1.50
Cheese		\$2:00	Carrot Sticks		\$1:00
Chicken		\$3.00	Boiled Eggs		\$1.00
Ham		\$2.50	JJ's		\$2.00
Egg & Lettuce		\$3.00	Cheese & Crackers		\$1.20
Salad		\$3.00	Sultana Box		\$1.00
<b>EXTRAS</b>			Popcorn		\$0.50
Tomato or Beetroot		\$0.20	Anzac Biscuit/Jam Drop		\$1.00
Sauce or Mayonaise		\$0.20	Banana Bread		\$1.00
Wrap or Roll		\$0.50	Mini Muffins x 2		\$1.00
Chicken, Ham or Tuna		\$2.00	<b>ICE BLOCKS</b>		
Cheese		\$0.50	Lemonade		\$1.00
TOASTED		\$0.20	Callipo		\$1.00
<b>DRINKS</b>			Twirly Pop		\$1.50
Strawberry Milk		\$2.50	Paddlepop		\$1.60
Chocolate Milk		\$2.50	Frozen Yoghurt		\$2.00
Water		\$1.60	<p><i>Our tuckshop's primary aim is to offer quality food choices that children enjoy while refuelling them for the school day.</i></p> <p><i>Any funds raised are directed back to resourcing our school to support our Students' learning.</i></p>		
Poppers		\$1.50			
Juice		\$2.50			



Volunteers always welcome !

## School Watch

# 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.**