



# Burrowes State School

"To meet the diverse needs of all students"

## NEWSLETTER

Produced every second Friday for the Burrowes School Community

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**Principal - Mr Stephen Josey - Issue 6, 27th April, 2018**

## ANZAC DAY

Our ANZAC service on Monday was a respectful tribute to the men and women who have served our community in the Defence Forces. Among our Burrowes community we have many family members connected to the military. We also have many families that have been impacted by war. It is because of our brave men and women that serve that we can enjoy the freedom and safety of a great country. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that Australia continues to be a safe and inclusive country.

Thank you to our special guests, Major David Lockwood, Mr Jim Chalmers and Mr Jon Raven. Our guests were complimentary of our service and in particular made comments on how good our students looked in their uniforms and how respectful and focussed they were. I would like to extend my gratitude to all teachers, parents and students for honouring our fallen.



## Celebrating Diversity

On the back of a successful Cultural Diversity Day last year the Wellbeing committee and the leadership team have decided to extend the celebrations to a whole week. Our Celebrating Diversity Week will be held in Week 11 of this term. More information will follow so keep up to date with the newsletter and Facebook.

## Attendance: Every Day counts

Please ensure that your child attends every day on time. This is essential to your child's success in life. Attend today, achieve tomorrow.



## Naplan

Year 3 and 5 students will sit the Naplan assessments in numeracy and literacy during Week 5. These assessments are conducted once a year and give our school a snapshot of how our school is performing in five areas. Teachers implement other short term and medium term assessments throughout the year.



The most effective assessment is formative, conducted on a regular basis that informs teachers in a timely manner of student performance. This form of assessment allows teachers to make key changes and implement interventions when students need it the most and not at the end of the semester when it is too late.

You may have heard your children talk about Stop, Move, Learn (SML). SML provides rich formative assessment on a weekly basis in numeracy that allows teachers to tailor teaching strategies to individual students.

The best support that parents can give to their Year 3 and 5 students is to encourage them to do their best, make sure that they have a good sleep the night before, provide them with a healthy breakfast and reassure them that no matter what the outcome of the tests that you love them. I am confident that our students will do well again this year. Our teachers work to build student confidence and prepare them for assessments throughout the year.

The Breakfast club will be running each day of the assessments. I would personally like to wish our Year 3 and 5 students all the best and thank our teachers and support staff for their efforts.

## Reporting and Parent Teacher Meetings

It was great to hear that so many people turned up for interviews at the end of last term. This term is a Report Card term. Reports will be emailed out Thursday of the last week. Please ensure that your email is up to date on the school's system.



In preparation for this please add the following email to the safe senders list:  
Application.Oneschool@dete.qld.gov.au.

This will prevent reports going into the junk folder.

## Facebook



Please like our Facebook page if you haven't already and spread the word to other families. So far this has proved a positive way to share information about the school. Remember if you have any concerns to please approach your child's teacher then Deputy Principal and finally if needed the Principal. We have 177 followers at the moment.

## Uniform



As we head into the colder months it is important that students are wearing the correct school jumpers, only school jumpers are allowed to be worn at school. Burrowes State School already has a progressive and fair uniform policy that allows girls the freedom to choose skorts, skirts, formal dress or shorts as long as the skorts, skirt or shorts are black. While the uniform shop will stock cost effective shorts, families are permitted to source black shorts elsewhere. Shorts must be all black without any logos.

## Behaviour

The overwhelming majority of our students make great choices. Please remind your children of our behaviour expectations.

I am a Learner

I am Responsible

I am Safe and

I am Respectful



Students need to keep their hands and feet to themselves at all times and never pick up a stick or rock.

## Before school procedures

No students are to be on the school site before 8am as there can be no guarantee that staff will be present. At Burrowes State School we generously supervise students from 8am in the morning. Year 3 to 6 are to go straight to the basketball court area and Prep to Year 2 to the upper under covered area. Parents who wish to stay with their students are welcome to sit with them in the under covered Tuckshop area. Teachers are often preparing lessons in the morning before school so it is important that interruptions are kept to a minimum. Students at school in the morning are encouraged to bring a reading book. When the bell goes for the school day to begin, students are to move directly to their classroom ready for learning to start at 8:50am. It is important that students are ready to start the day on time.

The school day concludes at 3pm, arrangements for students to get home need to be made in a timely manner and no later than 3:15pm. KDK, our before and after school care facility, is available before 8am and after 3pm at a competitive cost.

## Staff and Council Carpark

Please remember that the carpark next to the hall at the side gate is a council carpark. I have been advised that Council has new technology that can scan number plates and determine if someone is illegally parked without having to approach the car owner and issue them a ticket. The first people will know about an issue will be the fine in the mail. We have had members of the public and other parents complain that people park in the disabled carpark spaces.

The staff carpark on Third Avenue is for staff only. Parents and members of the public using this area to drop off and pick up students risk endangering the lives of our students.

Your support with this matter is appreciated.

## P and C - New Executive

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 9am in the Resource Centre. I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great weekend

Stephen Josey

Principal

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

### **Junior assembly**

All Year 3 classes will attend Junior Assembly from Monday 30th April. Assembly dates to follow- week 3,5,7,9 unless otherwise notified. All parents and friends welcome.



### **Prep vision checks**



Health Department nurses will make one more visit to our school to complete vision checks for all Prep students who have signed permission forms. Parents will be notified of testing results.

### **Prep Enrolments 2019**

Enrolments are open for children who will be attending Prep in 2019.

The first step to take is to call the school to get an enrolment pack.

If you are aware of any other community members who have a 2019 Prep student, please remind them to enrol now.



## ***Mr Jason Kearney - Acting Deputy Principal Year 5 And 6***

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I have a few things I would like to share with you all.

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Jason Kearney

Behaviour Teacher - Positive Support Co-ordinator

***Mrs Jacqui Jones - Deputy Principal Year 3 And 4***

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday.

It's a busy long term this term, with many special parades, public holidays and end of semester report cards.

Updated Term 2 Class Newsletters will become available over the next few days. You can find these on the school website page. Please select the Curriculum tab across the top and then the Teaching and Learning page as well as the relevant year level to obtain access.

Please remember that school starts at 8:50. Morning supervision from 8am in either the courts for years 3-6, top undercover area for years 1-2 and near the prep classrooms.

Jacqui Jones

Deputy Principal

Burrowes State School



**Hello Again Everyone,**

This term I will be focusing on Numeracy. Mathematics, which includes Numeracy is often considered the poor cousin when comparing it to Reading. **Numeracy** compliments literacy and is sometimes called

'mathematical literacy'. Both **skills** are needed in order to function fully in modern life. Being numerate means being able to reason with numbers and other mathematical concepts and to apply these in a range of contexts and to solve a variety of problems.

So..... What is numeracy development and Mathematic skills?

**Numeracy** is the ability to apply maths concepts in all areas of life. **Numeracy** skills involve understanding numbers, counting, solving number problems, measuring, sorting, noticing patterns, adding and subtracting numbers and so on.

Teaching mathematic concepts has long been considered the domain of the classroom teacher, with many parents often feeling unable to help their children develop this skill. However, parents already do many things with their children that can encourage mathematical thinking and help them see the relevance of mathematics in their everyday lives.

Cultivating this sense of relevance and interest in mathematics has been shown to be a key contributor to a child's future success in this area. Here is one opportunity for developing mathematical thinking, which adults and children can enjoy together.



### **Out and about**

Next time you are travelling hand the map to your child/ren or google maps or any other technology you may have access to. Use this opportunities to engage your child/ren in different types of mathematical thinking.

Working out how many kilometres you will travel is an easy way to practice computation skills and develops an interest in map reading. Another calculation might be how far you can travel on one tank of fuel, then finding a place on the map to stop and fill up.

Older children can be in charge of planning overnight stops after working out how far you can travel in one day. Challenge them by adding extra information:

If the speed limit is 100km, what is the latest time we can leave to arrive by 4pm?

This encourages them to think about the question and plan a method for finding a solution.

There will be some more ideas in my next article.

Until next time .....

Yours in Education,

Leslie Ward

Head of Curriculum

## *Donna Bower - Business Manager*

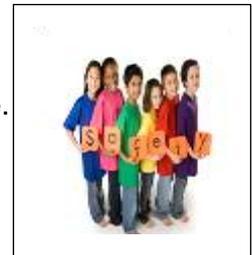
### **Welcome Back**

I hope that you all had a wonderful Autumn break. This term is 11 weeks and we have a lot to get through with lots of activities happening in and around the school this term.



### **No Driving into the School Grounds – Child Safety**

Please be aware that no parents or carers should be driving any vehicles inside the school gates. Due to the health and safety of our students we ask that parents and carers park outside the school gates and do not enter the grounds in your vehicle.



As we all know children are unpredictable and can appear when you least expect them too. A few years ago, I worked at another school where a student was hit by a parent of another student. This was a horrific accident and one we don't want to happen here at Burrowes. Please keep your vehicle outside the gates to assist with student safety.

### **Facebook**

Reminder to 'like' our facebook page. After many suggestions from parents, we have finally started using facebook as another way to communicate with our families and community. If you have facebook on your phone or home computer, please join our page so that we can reach as many of you as possible with day to day photos and information you may find worthwhile.



**DATES TO**

### **Week 3**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Junior Parade 2pm in Hall

### **Week 4**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – P & C Meeting, 9am in Resource Centre

### **Week 5 – Naplan Week for Year 3 and 5**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Senior Parade 2pm in Hall



### **Week 6**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Junior Parade 2pm in Hall

### **Week 7**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Senior Parade 2pm in Hall

### **Week 8**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Junior Parade

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – ½ Day Senior Sports Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Junior Sports Day



### **Week 9**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Senior Sports Day

### **Week 10**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Junior Parade 2pm in Hall

### **Week 11 – Diversity Week**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Whole school Diversity Parade



Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Under 8's Day 9am to 11am

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Last Day of Term 3, Academic Parade 9am in Hall, Report Cards sent home.

## **Bronze Star Awards**



## **Congratulations to the first students to receive their Bronze Star Pin on parade on 17th April, 2018**

3K - Crystal, Eren, Michael, Harmony, Quijan, Isabella, Oceana, Jessica, Summer-Lee, Rishika, Clinton, Levi, Maddison and Lanaiya

5K - Ruth

### **My Story - Mrs Susan Ewer**

**Over the school holidays, I was lucky to be a Volunteer at the GC2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. My job was a Spectator Service Volunteer at Oxenford Studios where Boxing, Squash and Table tennis was based. Each day I greeted spectators with a happy smile and guide them to the different locations. My highlight of the GC2018 was being part of a team of 3100 volunteers and making the spectators smile and feel safe so they could enjoy their day at Oxenford.**



## School Banking

Student Banking is to be handed in every Wednesday to the tuckshop by 9am, you can back as little at \$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.



## School Tuckshop News



### 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.



# 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.**