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Message from the Principal

Tomorrow is the Budgie Cup Touch Football at Coorparoo SC. Best of luck to our participants. Parents are welcome to attend and parking is available in Birubi St.

Ms Finnimore (year 3/4T) is leaving Buranda at the end of the term to work at an International School in Thailand. Whilst Mrs Tempany has made great improvements in her rehabilitation, she will not return to work in 2019. 3/4T will be joined by Miss Karina Talbott for semester 2. Miss Talbott met with Dr Scholl and me recently and will meet with Ms Finnimore and 3/4T in week 10. We look forward to working with Karina. Thanks to Ms Finnimore for her work with us this term.

I met with Gerard Donovan - incoming Acting Principal on Tuesday to discuss our handover arrangements. It was pleasing to get to discuss our school with Gerard, he will be a great asset to the school and community. I discussed several key issues including the Wee Hurr/Tomkins development and the Master Planning process. Gerard was able to meet Craig Unthank, who was also involved in the discussions mentioned above.

I am pleased to confirm that the Community Gambling Fund Grant application lodged last year toward purchasing new instruments for our instrumental music program, was successful. The items on the wish list have been ordered and should arrive prior to the end of term. Mr Cipollone is delighted. Many thanks to Sally Dillon for her work in making this submission a successful reality. Bravo. The total grant amount was \$14,883, the total cost is \$15,539. The \$656 shortfall will be paid by the school.

I thank P&C members past and present for their continued support and input. I am grateful for the messages of support from members of our school community over the past week. Please continue to support our staff to do the best for our students. We are most fortunate to have such dedicated, supportive and hard-working staff across the school.

I wish everyone all the best for the rest of 2019. I know that in my absence the great team at Buranda will continue to provide the high quality educational program for which we are known.

You can be sure that I will miss Buranda State School.

Simon Vaseo – Principal



Message from Mr Donovan

To the Buranda State School Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Gerard Donovan and I am currently the Acting Principal of Aspley East State School in Brisbane's northern suburbs. I have worked at Aspley East for 6 years as Deputy Principal. Prior to this I have undertaken a variety of administration, coaching and teaching roles in various schools across Brisbane and Ipswich. I am looking forward to working with the Buranda School Community for the remainder of 2019.

My current educational interest areas include educational change, in particular the skills students will need for their future, and brain development, in relation to learning and self-regulation. As educators it is our role to support students in getting ready for their future, ensuring they have the knowledge, qualities and competencies to thrive in their future endeavours.

I look forward to meeting you and continuing the fantastic educational opportunities Buranda State School is offering students.

Gerard Donovan – Acting Principal



Tuckshop

In term 3 we will be trialling a weekly, Friday tuckshop. We can only offer this if we get the volunteers to help us out.

Here is a [link](#) to our volunteer roster for weekly tuckshop and Thursday iceblocks. Please consider putting your name in at least one time slot for the term. We hope to have the spots filled by 26 June so we can make the decision for next term.

Thank you for your help. We hope to see some new faces in the tuckshop. If you have any questions please email the P&C and they will forward to me.

The roster will also be made available at the Winter Solstice.

Anthea Harris – Tuckshop Convenor



Helping Hands

Places for Vacation Care are filling up quickly. To ensure your spot, please book in as soon as possible. The booking system allows parents and carers to book at any time before the holidays, but you will not be able to book after the Vacation Care time begins. This is to allow your co-ordinator to ensure staff/child ratios are correct at all times. Excursions may be capped as we need to confirm numbers to make sure we have enough seats on the bus and the correct ratio of staff to children. Our normal at school ratio is 1 staff to 15 children, but this goes to 1 staff to 10 children on excursion, so we may need more carers depending on numbers booked. So please get in early as I would hate for anyone to miss out.

Sue Chiswell – Co-ordinator Helping Hands Buranda



Garden stall (14 June)

Well, Winter has finally arrived I think. To celebrate, we are holding a plant stall this Friday afternoon from 3pm near the Prep classes. We have Freesias, Chillies, Pineapples and Vanilla Bean Orchids up for grabs. All plants are either \$1 or \$2 depending on pot size, with proceeds going back into the garden.

I'd like to bid Mr Vaseo a fond farewell and good luck in his new school. Mr Vaseo has easily been the best boss I've ever had. It has been a true pleasure to work with him. I shall sadly miss our day to day chats and all the other fun and good work we have shared. I know Mr Doug feels the same. Farewell from the garden, all our best.

Andrew Bryant – Environmental Education teacher



P&C Update

Recently I attended a P&C Qld Professional Development day and to be honest it was a bit of an eye opener for me, especially regarding the responsibilities of the P&C committee. Whilst not onerous there are a number of regulatory items that we need to abide by, one of which are the requirements of volunteers working with children as well as the requirement for all volunteers to sign on for each event/function, both of which are discussed further below.

We're also in the process of updating our email addresses utilising our burandasspandc.org.au domain, which will be rolled out at the start of Term 3, in lieu of our current Gmail address.

I had the opportunity to meet with our new Acting Principal, Gerard Donovan, yesterday and look forward to working with him for the rest of the year.

We're still looking for a Secretary to assist us for the remainder of the year, so if you'd like to contribute, come along to our next meeting or speak with a committee member.

We're also looking for someone to assist writing of grant's for the P&C. Grants can be a great source to assist P&C's improving our school, for example the \$14,883 grant we've recently received for music instruments. If you have experience in grant writing or can otherwise assist us in applying for grants, please let us know at the P&C meeting or via email burandapandc@gmail.com

Craig Unthank – P&C President



A Thank You

As we were all notified last week, tomorrow will be Mr Vaseo's last day at Buranda, at least for the remainder of the year as he is heading off to Tingalpa SS as Acting Principal until the end of the year. Mr Vaseo has devoted 20 years to Buranda SS, first as a teacher and for the last 10 years as Principal.

On behalf of all the past and present students and parents, I'd like to thank Mr Vaseo for his service and guidance. Hopefully it's just, "See you later" and not "Goodbye".



Run Club (19 June)

We had our 2nd Run Club yesterday when we again concentrated on correct running form. Next week we'll practice starts for the Sports Days in the last week of term.

Additional parent assistance would be welcome to allow the kids to be divided up into smaller groups, so if you have some time on Wednesday morning come down and lend a hand. Parents must complete a permission form for the student to participate.

Craig Unthank – P&C President



Winter Solstice Event (22 June) 4-6pm

We've had a few parents offer their assistance for the Winter Solstice, which is greatly appreciated.

We're still looking for volunteers to assist serving on the night as well as assistance with cooking beforehand.

If you are able to assist on the day or prior please let us know via burandapandc@gmail.com or speak with one of the Committee members.

The event will follow a similar theme to last year with tree planting/working bee in the afternoon, followed by a light meal and fire on the school oval.

To celebrate the number of different cultures at the school, we'll be providing food from several cultures. If you're able to assist in any way with preparing/cooking some food before or have a suggestion for food to be included please email us or again speak with one of the Committee members.

Currently we'll be having Pumpkin Soup, Daal & a Brazilian dish.

We're still finalising costs for the night however we're aiming to keep it at a reasonable price so that all our families large and small can join us.

All items will be available to purchase on Qkr from Friday 14/6 until Friday 21/6. Items pre-purchased through Qkr will be at a discount to the prices at the event to encourage pre-purchase.

Organic sugarcane bales similar to those used at last years fete will also be available to purchase and available to pick up after the event or to donate to the school

gardening program. Sales for the sugarcane will cut off on Wednesday 19/6 to allow time for delivery to the event.

Costs will be updated on our [Facebook event](#) and our website www.burandasspandc.org.au.

Craig Unthank – P&C President



Tree planting/Working Bee (22 June)

Tree Planting (2pm - 4pm) to coincide with the Winter Solstice event, we'll also be tree planting and spread mulch, so come along with your kids and join in what was a very successful and enjoyable event last year.

Working Bee (12noon - 4pm) - Some of you may have noticed a large new chicken coop that's appeared at the vehicle entrance off Martin St. We're after around 6-8 people to assist with moving this to its new home in the school's garden including preparing the site. Please let myself or our Groundsman, Mr Doug know if you can assist.

Craig Unthank – P&C President



Working with Children – Blue Card

Any volunteer, who is not a parent of a child of the school or exempt, or paid employee of the P&C irrespective of being a parent, must have a Blue Card before they start volunteering or working at the school which includes P&C events/functions.

The main implication for this is that even Grandparents who assist us in a volunteer capacity are required to have a Blue Card before they can volunteer.

More details on the Blue Card can be found [here](#).

An application, which is free for volunteers, can be started online [here](#). Once completed I will need to sign as sighting the relevant forms of identification.

If you need any more details or assistance please let me know via email at president@burandasspandc.org.au.

Craig Unthank – P&C President



Insurance for Volunteers

Did you know that all volunteers whether you're a P&C member or not, are covered by our insurance?

The cover is for anyone between aged 10 & 90, who is carrying out volunteer work at the school. It should be noted that children accompanying parents and who aren't volunteering are not covered.

For more information please see the [summary](#) from our insurers.

All volunteers at P&C functions are required to sign in on our volunteer form. If you're assisting in a class, tuckshop or uniform shop or any other time during school hours please ensure that you sign in to the visitors register in the office or the register in the tuckshop or uniform shop. This will assist in proving that you were volunteering in the event of needing to make a claim.

Craig Unthank – P&C President



Wee Hur Development Update

Yesterday we received a copy of a letter from the BCC to the consultant undertaking the submission of the Construction Management Plan (CMP) on behalf of the builder stating that the CMP does not comply with conditions of the Development Permits. Among the reasons given for noncompliance is currently the CMP provides for a partial closure of Cowley St and loading/unloading of vehicles from Cowley St. The BCC have stated that Cowley St must remain open and unobstructed at all times and that no loading or unloading is to take place from Cowley St.

They've also stated that the CMP is to be amended to state that no heavy vehicles are to utilise Cowley St.

One of the P&C's primary concerns has been our student's safety particularly due to the potential use of Cowley St during construction, so this is a significant win. A huge thank you to Belinda Hogan, who has represented and continues to represent the P&C in meetings over the last couple of years.

Craig Unthank – P&C President



Woolworths Earn and Learn

A reminder that there's a box for collection of stickers/sheets located outside the office until the end of Term 2. There's also one at Woolworths Buranda.

The stickers will enable us to redeem them for equipment from www.teaching.com.au

Please note that we in no way endorse shopping at any supermarket, however if you do shop there, we'd welcome you donating any stickers you collect.

Craig Unthank – P&C President



Active School Travel Update

The Silver Boot has been won by **3/4T** for most Public Transport users last Friday – awesome effort. Keep actively travelling.

Carmel Newman



Dates to Remember

- Fri 14 June - Budgie Cup (Touch football)
- Fri 14 June - Garden stall (3pm near prep classes)
- Fri 14 June – Tuckshop
- Wed 19 June – Run club – permission form essential
- Sat 22 June – Winter Solstice Event (4-6pm)
- Sat 22 June – Tree Planting (2-4pm)
- Wed 26 June – Sports day
- Fri 23 August – Premier’s Reading Challenge concludes

- **Every Wednesday** – Uniform Shop Open (2.45pm-3.15pm)

- Every Monday – School Banking
- Every Thursday – Senior Choir
- Every Thursday – Ice Blocks
- Every Friday – Active Travel
- First Wednesday every month – P&C Meeting 6pm

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