Dear Parents and Friends,

Children's Health Queensland will conduct Vision Screening for students in prep on Friday 3 March. A Parent consent note has been sent home with this newsletter. Consent forms need to be returned to Mrs Bright and Mrs Alexion by Tuesday 21 February.

The P&C AGM has been moved from March 1 to March 8.

Last Thursday a number of our students attended the District Swimming Carnival at Hibiscus Sports Complex. Congratulations to the 10 students who participated. Sebastian G. and Marcus F. have progressed to the Metropolitan Carnival on 28 Feb at Chandler. Swim well boys.

We are urgently seeking a volunteer to run the uniform shop. If you are able to commit to a couple of hours per week, we would love to hear from you asap.

Finally, Kelsey Parkin (contract teacher aide) went to Newcastle last week with the Women’s Indigenous All Stars Rugby League Squad. The team won their match against the World All Stars for the first time this year. Congratulations Kelsey on making the squad and being part of the first winning team.

Have a great week everyone.

Simon Vaseo—Principal

BOOKLETS

Any parents interested in reading about substance education can obtain a booklet from the school office. We only have 19 available to give away.

PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS: HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD’S READING

DATE: Friday 10 March, 2017
TIME: 9-9.30am
PLACE: Buranda State School Hall
PRESENTERS: Helen Bright and Desley Alexion (prep teachers)
Prep parents encouraged to attend. All parents welcome.

GERMAN

Welcome back to another year of studying German. In 2017 Year’s 5 and 6 have two forty-five minute sessions a week, which includes one forty-five minute session of online study in the computer lab most weeks.

As always, I look forward to a fun-filled German learning program at Buranda SS.

The first cultural event for the year is Kinderkarneval (Children’s Carnival), hosted by the German Teachers’ Branch of Qld at the Brisbane German Club on Sunday, 26 February. The event kicks off at 11 am and concludes at 3 pm.

This is a significant event on the German calendar and a great way to start a new year of German learning.

The entertainment includes music, games and dance. It is the responsibility of the parents to organise transport to and from the Club. Parents are most welcome to attend.

The cost is $6.50 per student. Permission forms with additional details will be handed out to Year 5 and 6 students and have to be returned by Thursday 23 February 2017.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Karneval.

Frau Newsham—German teacher

SMP PREFERRED PARENT FORMS

All families need to complete this form located on the last page of the newsletter. There is still a large number outstanding. This needs to be done asap and returned to the office.
AGM date change
Hi Everyone - the date for our P&C Annual General Meeting has changed, by a week, to Wednesday 8 March. It’s still 6.15pm, still at the library. Sorry for the inconvenience but hope to see you all there!
Thanks P&C

Active School Travel Update:
Reminder - Fit Feet Friday each week. You can walk, cycle/scooter/skateboard, take public transport or car pool to school. Last week’s winners of the ice block vouchers were: Xavier (3K) & Elsje (P/1A) - well done. The Silver Boot was awarded to 4/5S for 73% active travellers last week - terrific work. Keep actively travelling each Friday to be in the draw for the prizes.

Date Claimer - National Ride to School Day - Friday 17 March. More details soon.

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Visit by Registered Nurse for Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child’s educational, physical and social development. Vision screening is therefore vital in early childhood, particularly for conditions such as ‘lazy eye’, which if not detected early can lead to blindness.

A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school in 2017 to commence vision screening for all Prep Year children. If you wish to have your child participate in this vision screening program, please complete and sign the consent form sent home with your child and return this to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child’s screening.

Please note that if your child has had a vision assessment in the past 12 months it is not necessary for him/her to participate in this screening program. If this is the case, please complete the consent form and indicate that you do not wish for your child to participate, and ensure that you follow the schedule of reviews recommended by your eye health professional:

Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program
Child and Youth Community Health Services
Children’s Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service
Dear Parents

The Department of Education and Buranda State School are always seeking ways to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child/ren. With this in mind we have been advised of a new Departmental directive with regard to Unexplained Absences. From January 2017 all schools will be required to contact parents/carers to notify them if their child/ren has/have not arrived at school. We introduced steps in 2016 to meet this directive.

Please be reminded of the following procedures:

- All children MUST be present in their classroom by 9.00am, at which time teachers will mark the roll and close it. Any child not in the classroom will be marked as Absent.
- Children who arrive after the roll has closed will be required to go to the office to collect a LATE SLIP for presentation to their teacher.
- Office staff will check and clear the Absence Line between 9.15-9.30am and a DAILY UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE report will be run.
- A generic SMS message will be sent to parents advising of their child’s absence and requesting an explanation.

How you can help us to keep your child/ren safe:

1. Provide a preferred current mobile phone number on the tear-off slip below. If your number changes, advise us immediately. Families with shared care arrangements will be required to advise the school and provide BOTH parents/carers mobile phone numbers. In the event of an unexplained absence for a child in shared care, both parents will receive an SMS message.

2. **Text the Student Absence Line** on **0428 679 117** (we recommend you save this number to your mobile) before 9.00am to advise of any/all occasions when your child/ren will be away from school. You can text this number at any time (convenient if your child is up ill during the night!)

3. In the case of an absence, messages will come to you from **0428 679 117** or **Buranda State School**. When you receive an SMS message, reply by text to explain the absence OR if you believe your child/ren is/should be at school contact the school office on 3435 1222 immediately to notify us.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact the office.

Yours sincerely

Simon Vaseo

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