



BURANDA STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER No. 40

Dear Parents and Friends,

6 December 2017

Congratulations and thank you to our outgoing seniors in year 6. Students, families and staff enjoyed the Graduation Ceremony and supper on Monday night.

I thank all of our students, staff and families for a really successful year. I wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing holiday. **School returns on Monday 22 January in 2018.**

Break up day is this Friday (It's a free dress day – remember modest sun-smart clothing).

Please remember the shared student lunch also. This Buranda tradition is a lovely way to finish off the term and year. Each year level brings something from the following list:

Prep – finger food (we'll heat if necessary)

Years 1 and 2 – sandwiches and savouries

Years 3 and 4 – fruit

Year 5 – biscuits and cakes

Year 6 – junk food!

This food should be delivered to the tuckshop before school. (Please remember to avoid sending anything with peanuts or peanut butter and label food which has egg in it). All containers should be named and please remember to collect them at the end of the day.

We need the help of parents who can be at the school to collect the food from about 8.30am until clean-up is over after second lunch. If you are able to lend a hand for part or all of this time, please contact the school office.

Our enrolment for next year is looking very healthy. Tomorrow we will publish lists for 10 classes (during the concert)!

Thanks to our entire teaching and non-teaching staff for all of their hard work in 2017. Our work is to support all teaching and learning. From our classrooms, it has been a great year.

There are a few staff changes to report along with a few new faces in 2018.

We welcome **Miss Grace O'Dempsey**, who has been transferred to Buranda after teaching for 3 years at Dajarra State School.

Mrs Katherine Austin will join us to work on Wednesdays and Thursdays in year 1/2A with **Mrs Desley Alexion** and Fridays

in year 5/6BA with **Mrs Blanchfield**.

Ms Colleen Leeds will teach 5/6L (contract) relieving **Ms Zoe McDiarmid**, who is on leave during 2018.

Miss Anna Conomos will join us to teach year 3/4C (our 10th class).

Miss Kate Bryant has been made a permanent EQ employee in 2018!

Mr Ryan Savage has a permanent position in the South Coast Region and will leave us in 2018.

Ms Taryn Walters will take up a contract position at Wynnum SS in semester 1 in 2018. **Dr Karen Hollands** will relieve in our library.

Mrs Dee O'Leary will continue long service leave in 2017.

Teacher Aide **Ms Karlie Playne** will continue her contract at BSHS in 2018.

The staff list is below:

Class	Teacher	Room
Prep B	Helen Bright	C01
Prep W	Zoe Wragg	C02
1/2A	Desley Alexion (M,T,F) & Katherine Austin (W, Th)	F01
1/2CO	Tanya Cetinic (M,T, Th, F) & Ann O'Brien (W)	F02
2/3RT	Leanne Ruddy (M,T,W,Th) Hannah Tempny (F)	D03
3K	Kate Bryant	D04
4O	Grace O'Dempsey	D05
3/4C	Anna Conomos (Contract)	A05
5/6L	Colleen Leeds (Contract)	E01
5/6BA	Selina Blanchfield (M,T,W,Th) Katherine Austin (F)	E02

Our class lists for 2018 will be posted around the school during the concert tomorrow afternoon.

There is a P&C meeting in the library tonight at 6.15pm. Thanks to the P&C executive and membership for a year of hard work in 2017. It has been a challenging year but a successful one.

I'd like to thank all of you on behalf of the school staff and students. We appreciate the partnership we have in place with all of our families. There are so many people to thank for their input and support throughout the year. At the risk of omitting anyone, can I thank you all for a fantastic year in 2017.

To our departing families, some who have been with us for over a decade, I wish you and your families all the very best in the future. We have enjoyed your support and educating your children.

Best wishes for the festive season, I hope it is relaxing and an enjoyable time for you and your families.

See you in 2018.



Simon Vaseo-Principal

From the Garden

Well, what's done is done. A thousand thanks to everyone who helped in any way this year in the gardens. Together we have literally changed the school in a very positive way.

This year our main focus has been on improving the grounds of the school, both in preparation for the centenary celebrations next year and to make our school the most beautiful place to be for everyone. We have taken out all the major weed trees and replaced them with almost 500 native plants. All we have to do now is sit back and let nature do her thing. (And weed!)

Unfortunately, like me, you may have looked at the vege plots with a little dismay. We know that the simple problem is lack of nutrients, compost and time. This is our main focus for next year now that the rest of the school is futureproofed. I trust all will have a great break and return happy and well rested for another year. Many thanks again.

Mr Bryant—Environmental Education teacher

Welcome BBQ

The P&C is looking forward to welcoming back school families in 2018 with a Welcome BBQ, a free event where all families can catch up with old friends and make new ones.

It will be at the end of the second week of school, on Friday 2 February 2018.

See you there!

Sally

News from the P&C – 6 December 2017

ICE-BLOCK & DRINK fire-sale after school concert, 3.00pm Thursday 7 December

Bring your spare change to the concert on Thursday afternoon, as we will be selling off all remaining ice-blocks, poppers and soft drinks afterwards. **We don't want to store any over the Christmas break, so get licking!**

BEACH PARTY Disco wrap up

A big thanks to Felicity and her gang of Year 6 parents for a wonderfully relaxing Beach Party Disco on Friday night. The school was a sea of loud shirts and laughter. The children had a ball pulling some great dance moves in the hall with DJ Kaz, while the parents chilled out and shared the year's news.

Special thanks to Nigel for the parents' cruisy tunes; Anthea and Bri for their tuckshop brilliance; Helen and Sally M for running the lucky dip and pop-up photo booth and bar; Nghia, Natalie, Fiona and Laura for all their help beforehand and on the night; and of course everybody who lent a hand in any way or stayed to clean up.

Your support of the school disco has added another \$2600 or so to the P&C kitty. See below on spending news for the holidays.

Dates to remember:

P&C Meeting

Tonight

End of Year Music Concert

Thur 7 Dec—2pm

Last day of school /shared lunch

Fri 8 Dec

Back to school 2018

Mon 22 Jan 2018

Tea and tissues—New prep parents

Mon 22 Jan

Welcome BBQ

Fri 2 Feb 2018—5pm

Activities

School Banking — Tues

Jnr/Snr Choir —Thur

Ice blocks — Thur

Active Travel — Fri

Percussion — Fri

Congratulations to Jo Karelin who has won the bottle of Slane Irish Whisky for paying via Qkr! Jo, please come to the office to collect your prize.

If you haven't done so already, please download the app over the holidays, as all P&C payments in 2018 will be via Qkr!

Swim-a-thon wrap up

Congratulations to everyone who put in their best efforts in the pool for the annual swim-a-thon. Special mention to Georgia D from 4/5S, who swam the most laps. The 25 top fundraisers enjoyed their pizza party this week: well done to everyone for having a go.

The total funds raised through the Swim-a-thon were \$3,100.50: amazing everyone!

Bush care helpers wanted

The P&C and Mr Vaseo are working with the Brisbane City Council on an application to establish a bush care group to look after the strip of land along the creek near the Gladys St busway. Our students would benefit greatly from being associated with a local group as the council can provide environmental experts to support the school's learning program, such as botanists to help students identify native plants around the school, or hydrologists to present lessons on creek movements. It would also mean the patch of land outside the school gates on Gladys St could be returned to a native state, with lots more birds and animals for the students to enjoy watching.

We'd love a school parent or group of parents to offer to coordinate the group. To qualify for the program the Bush care group needs to run four working bees a year, with extensive support and advice from BCC staff. It does not have to be an onerous responsibility, but we need someone to coordinate the working bees and be the main contact with council.

If this is your type of volunteering please contact the P&C at pandc@burandass.eq.edu.au

Thanks everyone for a great year

As we wind down towards the end of the year it's a great time to reflect on 2017. The P&C this year has been very busy, with an enthusiastic, creative and professional committee, so from me as President, thank you for all your efforts and teamwork. You've been inspiring to work with. To everyone who comes to meetings, organises events, helps at events, or simply comes up with great suggestions, thank you. Thanks also to Anthea, Tracy and Tatiely—our tuckshop, uniform shop and school banking convenors—and the regular volunteers who support them: Joclyn, Dannielle, Bri and Ludivine.

To Mr Vaseo, teachers, teacher aides and office and grounds staff, thanks for taking such good care of our children and their education. Buranda State School provides a caring community that the P&C is proud to support in any way we can. We're delighted to be able to continue to support Mr Bryant in the school's Environmental Education Program. The gardens throughout the school are looking amazing and as parents we love hearing the latest environmental news from our children.

This year the P&C has worked hard to fundraise for school programs and to run social events to build our wonderful community. We have continued to ensure the school needs are considered in surrounding developments; lobbied to ensure the pool heating is funded by Education Queensland; purchased and installed several shaded aluminium tables; supported two planting working bees; cleaned up Norman Creek; begun working on a traffic management plan to keep our children safe around the school; begun work on establishing a bush care group; supported the introduction of after-school hip hop classes; created policies to support running greener events; begun planning for the school's centenary in 2018; introduced the Qkr! cashless payment system; and financially supported the school's instrumental and sports programs.

The P&C has committed \$21,000 to air conditioning classrooms, with those in D block (under the library) identified as the priority. The work should be carried out over the Christmas break. At this week's P&C meeting we will consider if our budget will stretch to air conditioning the library as well.

We love your feedback and look forward to everyone returning energised in the new year.

Next P&C Meeting *TONIGHT* Wednesday 6 December 6pm for 6.15pm start

Come along to hear what we have planned for next year and to join us for some Christmas cheer.

Please bring along a plate of goodies to share and enjoy a glass of bubbles (alcoholic or non alcoholic) with us.

If you can't come you can still have input via: pandc@burandass.eq.edu.au. Join our mailing list to ensure you stay up to date.



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French Immersion Program

Invitation to interested parents and students

Open Days

Thursday 22 February or Friday 9 March 2018

Information Evening

Tuesday 13 March 2018 at 6 pm in C block

Venue: Mansfield State High School,
corner Broadwater and Ham Roads
Enter by the Broadwater Road car park

Contact person: Mr Kerin Gordon,
Head of Department, Languages
phone: 3452 5356

The French Immersion Program has been running since 1991. It is part of a dual focused educational approach in which French, as the additional language, is used for the learning and teaching of both content and language (CLIL). In the program, which is offered from Year 7 to 10, students study Maths, Science, History, Geography and HPE completely in the French language. This program provides an exciting challenge for motivated students. In 2017, the Year 12 students who were part of the Immersion program achieved outstanding results: 68% of the class received an OP score of 1-5. This is double the already outstanding school-wide result of 30% OP 1-5 across the entire Year 12 cohort. There is a selection process for enrolment into the Immersion Program that will be explained at the information evening.

"You live a new life for every new language you speak."

French Immersion - 28 years of high achievement and success !

vacation care



Buranda

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER - FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 2018

Operating Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am - 6:00pm
 Buranda State School, 24 Cowley Street,
 Woolloongabba, QLD, 4102
 Ph: 0429 528 206

1300 612 462

Monday \$16

11 Dec

MINI INVENTORS | Ever dreamed of being an inventor? Today's your chance, with all the tools you need to bring your creative ideas to life!

INCURSION- IMAGINATION ZONE WITH SCIENCE FACTORY

12 Dec

\$31 Tuesday

EXCURSION - AMF MT GRAVATT BOWLING AND MEAL | Today we'll be enjoying some fun 10-pin bowling action, before tucking into a yummy hotdog and curly fries. (Don't forget your socks!)

Wednesday



13 Dec

TURN BACK THE CLOCK | Step back in time, and come dressed as someone from the past. Astronaut, explorer or something else? The choice is yours!

14 Dec

Thursday

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD | Ever wondered how people celebrate Christmas in other countries? Find out, as we explore a world of fun holiday festivities!

Friday



15 Dec

WACKY WIGS AND CRAZY HATS | Go crazy with your own zany style, from a wacky wig to a hilarious hat... this is your chance to go wild!

Monday



18 Dec

PET PARTY | Do you love pets? Then you'll love today's Pet Party, where we'll be celebrating all our hairy, furry, scaly and fluffy friends!

19 Dec

Tuesday

THE AMAZING RACE | Rally the troops and collect your clues as we embark on all the fun of today's Amazing Race!

Wednesday \$19

20 Dec

EXCURSION - GALLERY OF MODERN ART (GOMA) | Creativity and wonder will abound as we go dotty in 'The Obliteration Room' and get all reflective in the 'Me, Myself and I' exhibition.

21 Dec



Thursday

GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY | To celebrate the people in the local community who help us every day, come dressed as what you'd like to be when you grow up.

Friday \$11

22 Dec

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY | It's party time! Join in the holiday celebrations with a day of party games, music, dancing and fun!

SELF-GUIDED INCURSION- SOAP AND CANDLE GIFT MAKING

Our Vacation Care Programs are **jam packed** with **exciting activities** and **awesome excursions** in a safe and friendly environment.

Vacation Care

INCURSION

EXCURSION



Excursions and incursions are an additional cost to the daily fee \$42 and are charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM AND RETURN TO BURANDA



Please indicate which days you would like to make a booking, and for how many children.
(These are full fees prior to any eligible CCB / CCR benefits)

MON 11/12/17	TUE 12/12/17	WED 13/12/17	THU 14/12/17	FRI 15/12/17	MON 18/12/17	TUE 19/12/17	WED 20/12/17	THU 21/12/17	FRI 22/12/17
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No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
VCI 2	VCE 3						VCE 1		VCI 1

MON 08/01/18	TUE 09/01/18	WED 10/01/18	THU 11/01/18	FRI 12/01/18	MON 15/01/18	TUE 16/01/18	WED 17/01/18	THU 18/01/18	FRI 19/01/18
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	VCI 2			VCE 3			VCE 3		VCI 2

I wish to book my child/ren into the specified Vacation Care Program

Child/ren's Name/s:

I understand that I will need to enrol and book my child/ren in advance as some activities are subject to availability.

I understand that I need to complete a permission slip prior to attending any excursion and that payment must be made in full prior to my children attending.

Signature

Contact Phone Number

PH: 0429 528 206 BURANDA WOOLLOONGABBA , QLD, 4102