Dear Families,

Welcome everyone to a new school year. A special welcome to the families new to our school. Our enrolment numbers have increased significantly this year, resulting in only families living within our zone being able to enrol their children. This will also be the case for future Reception enrolments. Going to Burton Park Preschool will not guarantee children a place at Burton if they live outside of our zone.

We also welcome 3 new teachers to our school. Mr Matt DiMonte is working with Year 6/7 students, Miss Grace Bond is teaching Year 3 students in Room 10 and Mrs Bernadette Haggerty is in Room 17 with Year 4/5 students. Mrs Maureen Hegarty is also working at our school, coaching staff and students in numeracy, one day a week.

Acquaintance Night:

All families are invited to join us for our Acquaintance night on Tuesday, February 14th. Classrooms will be open from 5.30—6.15pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to visit your child’s class, speak with his/her teacher, visit other areas of the school where your child will be working and meet the specialist teachers involved. This is not the time for a lengthy conversation with your child’s teacher. Alternate times can be organised and 3 way interviews are held later this term.

Learning for each child is a partnership between home and family. It does not just occur at school. Your support in listening to your child read, practise sight words, tables etc is vital to ensure your child reaches their full potential in both their learning and their well-being. We look forward to working closely with all families.

Governing Council AGM:

Following our Acquaintance night, all parents are invited to join us for the AGM of our Governing Council at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

There are several vacancies for parents to join our Governing Council. Please see the office if you are interested for more information and a nomination form. As a member of Governing Council you will be involved in decision making and will gain a greater understanding of the workings of the school and pre-school. Meetings are held twice a term on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm – approx. 7.30pm. Please consider joining.

Alison Lynch, Principal

Reminder
Due to declining offers of parent support, our canteen will only be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has lunch and recess on the other days. Emergency lunches (sandwiches) are available but are not on a regular basis.

What’s happening?

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We can use rulers to help us add and take away.

We take turns.

We help each other to solve problems.

I can use different strategies to help me add numbers.

Maths is fun.

We can use counting on as a strategy.

We have been learning to play Sneaky Snake.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Congratulations!!! You made it through another holiday period. I trust your children are feeling rested, refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

As we begin the school year, it is important we work together to ensure your child is experiencing an optimal level of wellbeing. With health and wellbeing in check, children are in a better headspace to focus on their learning.

If you have any information or concerns that you believe may impact on your child’s ability to learn, I encourage you make contact via phone or email. During this time we can discuss possible support options as well as strategies we as a school can put in place to ensure your child is successful in all areas of learning.

If you wish to book in a time to meet, please contact the front office on 8280 6277.

Kind Regards
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Arriving on Time:
Hopefully all children and families have settled back into morning routines that ensure children are arriving at school before the siren at 8.45am. This is important as it ensures a settled start and provides children with an organised and uninterrupted lead in to their learning.
The gates open at 8.30am for children and families. There should be no-one on school grounds prior to this time as there is no supervision. The office opens also at 8.30am. If you require care for your child prior to 8.30am, please contact OSHC.

School Uniforms:
It has been pleasing to see that the majority of students are wearing the correct school uniform each day. Please remember that:

◊ Hoddies are not permitted
◊ Bottoms (shorts, skirts, pants etc) are to be plain navy, black, grey or burgundy
◊ Sun-safe hats are to be worn when outside
◊ Please label all clothing clearly. Lost property is already appearing!

FREE READING SUPPORT PROGRAM
Would your child benefit from some extra support with reading?
The Smith Family’s student2student reading program matches students with trained high school buddies who listen to them read over the phone a few times a week.
Last year, 95% of participating students improved their reading over the course of the program.
The 18-week program aims to improve students’ reading and confidence. Students need to be 8 to 14 years old to participate in the program.

For more information please contact:
Stacey Hall (Program Coordinator)
(08) 8252 8908 Mob: 0429 044 829
stacey.hall@thesmithfamily.com.au

Amaze yourself!
Learn to play a Musical Instrument
When: Lessons are on Tuesdays after school
Where: At Burton Primary School
Price: Please call for prices
Any music books required are an additional cost

Instruments offered:
Piano/Keyboard
Guitar

Instrument hire is available – please contact Learning Through Music for current prices.

How do I join:
Complete an enrolment form (at front office) and return either via post or email to Learning Through Music

Enrol now for 2017!
Phone the office on 0401 398 120 or email info@LTMusic.com.au for more information.
Acquaintance Night & Governing Council AGM Reminder

February 14th

Classrooms open from 5.30-6.15pm

Children can complete a special passport

Governing Council AGM at 6.30pm in the staffroom

Please consider nominating for a position on GC

Creche provided during the AGM

Burton Park Preschool Vacancies

Is your child eligible for preschool? Children turning 4 before April 30th this year are encouraged to access preschool for 15 hours per week. Burton Park Preschool has vacancies for 10 children. Phone 82806472.

School Banking Information Session

Burton Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits.

Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

School Banking day is Wednesday.

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: 8.30am & 2.30pm
Date: Feb. 15th
Location: Courtyard

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking

Reminders:

Swimming
Money and consent forms need to be finalised by February 15th.

Camp
All money needs to be paid by tomorrow—February 10th

Canteen
Please remember that our canteen is only open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.