Dear families,

Week 3 is nearly over with only 6 more weeks of the term to go and so much to do! On our Pupil Free day last Monday our teachers were involved in investigating and analysing our NAPLAN and Reading Record data to determine individual student needs and ongoing planning to address these needs. We also reviewed our Site Improvement Plan and completed a detailed self review to determine areas of growth this year and future directions. The afternoon was spent fine tuning our end of year processes and starting our planning for 2015.

At present we still have a number of staff vacancies to fill for next year. I am pleased to announce that the following teachers have been successful in gaining a permanent position at Burton—Melinda Cox, Briony Page, Kim Henderson & Andrew Maczohan.

We have started the class placement process so that we can hopefully inform families of the 2015 class and room each child will be in before the end of this year. In order to do this, we need to know who will be at Burton next year—those enrolling and those leaving. Funding for staffing is provided per student and we need to know reasonably accurate numbers to calculate the number of classes. At present some teachers have ‘heard’ that a few students are not returning. We need this information in writing from the parent/s. We also are expecting around 80 + new Receptions, mostly from the pre-school, but to date only have 40 enrolment forms. If you have a child, or know of a family who intends enrolling, please contact the school. Places cannot be guaranteed for those who do not provide enrolment forms.

We will be celebrating the end of the year with a concert on Wednesday, December 3rd. A BBQ tea will be available from 5.00—6.00pm with the concert to start at 6.15pm. Please keep this date free. All children are expected to attend.

Bookings have also been made by class teachers for end of year celebrations at swimming centres. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all who attend, students who display inappropriate behaviour leading up to the excursion will not be permitted to participate.

We hope that all children will have the opportunity to celebrate the 2014 school year with their classmates.

Alison Lynch, Principal
Room 3 Report

It’s coming to an exciting end to an excellent year in Room 3. While it’s hard to believe that it’s the last term of the year already (the final term at school for our year 7’s) looking back it has been a very full year!

We have been pleased to win awards and help our buddies. We have worked hard to improve our understanding of literacy and language devices. In science we have applied our learning to the garden, enjoyed watching our plants grow as well as starting a school wide composting program. We have protested against harassment and bullying and learnt about tolerance. During sports day we displayed our leadership qualities as well as our athletic abilities.
Play is the Way is a practical methodology for teaching social and emotional learning using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language. At Burton Primary School, teachers use a set of Life Raft posters which provide the foundation for the program. Through the use of classroom games, students are supported in developing skills around self-awareness, social awareness and social management.

The 5 Key Concepts are:

- Treat others as you would like them to treat you
- Be brave participate to progress
- Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with
- Have reasons for the things you say and do
- It takes great strength to be sensible
**Classes for 2015**

Please inform the school if your child will not be at Burton next year. If you intend to enrol your child to start next year please complete an enrolment form. These are available from the office.

**Hats**

Please remember that all children are required to wear sun safe hats when outside at play times and during PE lessons and other outdoor activities. As the weather continues to warm up, please ensure your child has sunscreen on when coming to school.

Hats are available from the office. We have a number of wide brimmed hats available for $5.50 or bucket style ones for $12.00.

**Transition Meetings Reminder**

Meetings will be held next Monday, November 3rd and Thursday, November 6th at 9.00am for parents of children enrolling at Burton in 2015. Please meet at the front office or ERIC.

Further information will be provided to parents at this time to assist with the smooth transition to school for all children.

To assist us with seating arrangements, please inform the school office if you are attending.

**Christmas Raffle**

Many thanks to the families who have sent along items for our Christmas raffle. We still need lots more!

Donations of toys, books, toiletries, non-perishable food etc are needed to make up our giant stocking and other prizes.

Books of tickets will be coming home soon with each family. Please support our fundraising efforts to provide additional facilities and resources for our students.

**Goal Posts going in!**

Keep a look out for our new football, soccer and netball goal posts. These will be put in, in coming days / weeks.

These have been funded through our successful entry in the Woman’s Day loom band competition.

**Governing Council Report**

James Somerville presided at our recent Governing Council meeting in his role as Chairperson. James has ‘stepped up’ from the Deputy Chairperson position as Kelly Jacobsen is now employed part-time by DECD and is not able to hold the position. Our thanks to Kelly for her efforts this year and her continued involvement at the school.

The following discussions and reports were presented:

- Transition programs from pre-school to school
- School finances—including debt collection update
- Uniform changes
- Responding to Abuse & Neglect training required for volunteers. Training will be offered at school in term 1 next year.
- Approval for the Church of Bethany schools team to support our Breakfast Program next year

A question was raised about the possibility to offer After School Care to pre-school children. This will be followed up to determine the legalities and costs for additional staffing ratios etc.

Next Meeting: December 2nd.

**Uniform Notice**

**No Hoodies!**

This year we have allowed some leeway in the wearing of hoodies, (providing the hood is tucked in) as some parents had already purchased these items. Unfortunately this has caused considerable issues and behaviour problems with some students not following teacher’s instructions, being argumentative and repeatedly wearing the hood in the yard and class.

**From the start of 2015, no child is to wear a hoodie to school.**

We have designed a new zip up jacket at a reasonable price (under $30) as well as a half zip front jumper and long sleeved polo shirt. These will be available from the start of the year.