Dear Families,

SSO Week:
This week we celebrate SSO Week in schools. It is a time to formally recognise the invaluable work done by our SSOs each day, whether working in a classroom, curriculum support or administration role. The benefits to the learning programs for our students are significant. Many thanks to the dedicated and tireless work done by:

Julie Pickles, Marg Newsome, Maxine Winkley, Chenna Viv, Lee Woodman, Chris Newstead, Deb Davies, Nicole Goodfellow, Cathy Summers, Someth Lem, Carmen Natt & Kelly Jacobson.

3 Way Conferences:
Notes are coming home about 3 way conferences later this term. This is a valuable opportunity to speak with your child’s/children’s teacher/s about their progress and learning needs. Education is very much a partnership between home and school and it is important that the children understand that we are all working together to ensure the best outcomes for everyone. Please return the form provided with times you are available to meet. Children are expected to attend these interviews to provide their input into the conversation and take ownership of their learning.

Powerful Learners:
Data from NAPLAN and other international assessments show that SA students are in the middle range of achievement and need to improve in their ability to solve problems, use inferential reasoning and confidently deal with new and unfamiliar situations—to become powerful learners. This relates to learners having the curiosity, creativity and confidence to:

♦ Participate actively in their learning
♦ Make decisions based on sound evidence

♦ Skilfully solve problems and deal proactively with new situations
♦ Communicate effectively in a variety of forms
♦ Collaborate with others

(DECD Literacy & Numeracy Strategy)

On our upcoming Pupil Free Day, all staff will be involved in PD to understand how we can best support our students to become powerful learners and “help all young people to develop the confidence, capacity and appetite to face, select and pursue difficult things worth doing.” (Guy Claxton)

More information to follow.

Alison Lynch,
Principal

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**What’s happening?**

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DID YOU KNOW THAT
The Amazon rainforest
• is the largest rainforest in the world
• contains 1/3 of all animal species
• has 250 centimetres or 100 inches of rainfall each year
• contains 1/3 of the world's fresh water
• has some bears that climb trees to get food
• has lily pads that are strong enough for a child to stand on
The Amazon River is the largest river in the world.
The Daintree Rainforest in Northern Queensland is the oldest rainforest in the world.
Rainforests have four layers - forest floor, understorey, canopy and emergent layers.
Rainforests are hot and wet because they are closest to the Equator.

Room 17 did!!
We have learned many facts about rainforests.
Please collect the stickers for the Earn and Learn promotion at Woolworths. Ask your friends, neighbours and relatives to save them too. If the person in front of you doesn’t collect the stickers you can ask for them too! Please send the completed sheets or stickers to the office. We can receive a range of resources including sporting, art & craft, music, literacy, early years etc. to benefit our students. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Dress Code Policy
The following has been added to our dress code policy to ensure a clear message:

“Children may have a single stud or sleeper earring in each ear only. No facial or visible body piercings are allowed.”
The amendment has been approved by staff and Governing Council.

Keep your kids smiling
Dental care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.

All children aged 0-17 are welcome.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 8222 8222.

Father’s Day Stall
Donations are needed for our Father’s Day stall to be held on Friday September 4th.

Please send along any unused presents (re-gift) - toiletries, tools, garden supplies, plants, socks, gift sets, chocolates ..........

This is our major fundraiser for the term. Money raised this year is providing valuable resources for our PE and Music programs.

Father’s Day

The value of the week is Team Work. Congratulations to the following students.

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Below is a list of 25 reasons developed by Principals as to why public schools are great. We hope you agree that they apply to Burton Primary School.

25 Reasons Why My Local Public School Is Great

1. Caring staff, aware of complexities and diversity within the local community
2. Non-denominational; accepting and respectful of all religions and beliefs within the school and local community
3. Inexpensive, affordable school fees
4. Facilities targeted for children’s education
5. Strong focus and attention on students, who are considered as the prime clients
6. Learning programs that meet the needs of each child
7. Students and parent can walk to school, creating less traffic congestion
8. Clear and openly evident stance against bullying
9. Students form friendships networks within their local neighbourhood
10. Welcome access for community use of school facilities after hours
11. Creates a strong sense of community, often the hub of the community
12. Prepares students for life through the acceptance of differences and the development of resilience
13. The staff never give up on anyone, child or parent
14. Offers learning opportunities and work opportunities to adults within the community – teachers and volunteers – who may not get a fair go elsewhere
15. Has solid links with other government agencies, which helps to support student and their families
16. Staff continually seek ways to make all children literate and numerate for their world
17. Helps students understand cultural differences on a daily basis, both discreetly and overtly
18. Connected to local community centres and local businesses
19. Provides the catalyst for families getting to know each other in the local community
20. Builds a sense of community and a sense of belonging
21. Responsive to individual needs
22. Works closely with and for families that need support
23. Provides education for all, and not selective of potential enrolments
24. Creates employment in small towns/communities
25. Provides and consolidates strong values base for students