From the Principal

Welcome to the 2016 school year!

I would like to welcome back all our students and their families for 2016. We have had a great start to the year with all systems working from day one. I would especially like to thank our staff for their wonderful work in preparing the school. A big thank you to our parent body for the manner in which our students were prepared and presented for school last Wednesday. We all look forward to a fabulous year!

Newcomers

I’d like to extend a special welcome to our three new students Georgia, Summer and Jake as well as their families. We are very happy to have you as part of our school community and look forward to the year ahead.

Family Information

It is very important that the school has your up to date information. If you have moved, changed phone number or your family situation has changed please advise the school as soon as possible.

Pick Up and Drop Off Times

Our school day starts at 9am. Children are not to be dropped off at school before 8:30am without prior approval from the Principal - bus students are the only exception to this. Our school day ends at 3pm. Students need to be collected in a timely manner, as staff frequently have other meetings and appointments following the finish of the school day. Please discuss this with me if it presents a problem for you.

Languages Other Than English (LOTE)

LOTE lessons are compulsory for students in Years 5 and 6. This year, our LOTE lessons are also being delivered by the Charters Towers School of Distance Education via web-conference. The language studied will be Japanese.

Webber Shield

The Webber Shield is an annual swimming carnival held between the Burdekin primary schools for 9 - 12 year olds. This year it is being held on Tuesday 10 February. Mrs Wellington will be supervising. Bella, William and Summer will be representing our school. We wish them the best of luck.

Medical Details & Medication

The start of the year is a good time to make sure that we have all of the information we need to care for your child during school hours. Please make sure that we have an up to date list of your child’s medical conditions and/or medications. It is also important to remember that only prescribed or labelled medication (accompanied by a note form the parent) can be given to students by school staff, and that it must be kept at the office.

Book Club

Forms need to be returned to the office by 9am Monday 15 February. Payment for Book Club can be made by cash, cheque or online payment with credit card.

Kind Regards,
Ben Cavanagh
Acting Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday 9 February - Webber Shield Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 24 March - Last Day Term 1
- Monday 11 April - First Day Term 2

Icy Cups
Bella and Bailey will be selling icy cups for 50c on Fridays on behalf of the P&C. A great way for finish after a hard weeks work.

Star Student
This fortnights ‘star student’ goes to Georgia for her happy and inclusive nature. Even though she is new herself, Georgia made sure everyone felt welcomed and included for the start of the year. Well done Georgia!

P&C News

P&C Association
Our P&C will be looking for new members this year. Please talk to myself or a staff member at school if you think you may be able to help out in any way. (Miss Cindy)
Our First Week Of 2015...

Bella collecting a bountiful harvest and Kade trying a lemon from our tree.

Emmah and William enjoying some tennis.

Kai doing a bit of reading.

Bailey Djokovic really got into the Australian Open spirit.
**Community News**

**BURDEKIN TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

**Under 14 Touch Competition**

**WHEN:** Wednesday afternoons at 5:15 pm starting on 10 February to 17 June.

**WHO:** Boys and girls in Years 5, 6, 7 or 8 at school

**WHAT:** Touch competition for younger touch players. Enter with a group of friends or BTA can organise a team for you.

**COST:** $50 per player (includes player insurance and covers 18 games)

**REGISTER:** Phone Bruce Johnson on 0408 060 476, complete a registration form at the BTA clubhouse or email the BTA at burdekintouchassociaction@outlook.com