Dear Families,

It’s been a busy few weeks with more to come!

**Olympic Opening Ceremony**

It was great to see all classes dressing up to represent their country and share facts with others at our own opening ceremony. There has been much interest in the various sports and children have been cheering for our athletes.

**The NED Show**

This free show was held last Friday with all children attending to hear the messages of:

- Never give up
- Encourage others
- Do your best

Yoyos will be on sale again tomorrow morning. The sale of yoyos provides money to allow another school to receive the presentation.

**School Disco**

Our first school disco was a great success last Friday. I am sure that all parents join me in thanking the many teachers and SSOs who generously gave up their own time to organise and supervise the event. All children appeared to enjoy themselves and danced enthusiastically.

**NAPLAN Test results—2016**

For the third year in a row, results for NAPLAN tests have shown an improvement. The number of students at and above National Minimum Standard in all year levels and in all tests increased, as did the average scores. Our focus on improving literacy and numeracy is translating into improved results for students. Individual student results will go home next week, after teachers have had an opportunity to analyse the data for each student. Our upcoming Pupil Free Day on Friday, September 2nd will provide additional professional development for staff on numeracy.

**SSO Recognition Week**

This week we celebrate the efforts of our valued SSOs in supporting the learning of our students and in the efficient running of the school. Our SSOs work closely with students and can always be relied upon to support class and school activities. This is also a time to recognise the work of Someth Lem who has been an SSO at Burton for many years. Someth retired at the end of last term but is still visiting to work in the vegetable garden.

**Let us know**

If at any time you have a question, query, concern, suggestion, are appreciative of what someone has done etc, please talk to the person involved. It may be your child’s class teacher, a specialist teacher, an SSO, a Governing Council member, office staff or a member of leadership. All staff are only to happy to listen. It may be best to make an appointment so that learning time is not interrupted and to ensure the person you wish to speak to is available.

*Alison Lynch, Principal*
Room 6 have been learning about the Olympics. The country we have been learning about is France. We have been closely monitoring the Medal tally each day and comparing how many medals Australia and France have won.

All dressed up in our French inspired clothing ready for the Olympic Opening Ceremony. *Vive La France!*

We made Olive Branch Wreaths like the winner used to wear in the Ancient Greece Olympics.

The host country gets to design the Olympic torch. We looked at the Rio Olympics torch and the meaning behind it. We had a go at making it too.

The children in Room 6 looked at all the different sports that are at the Summer Olympics and then they made a collage.

"I liked making the Olympic torches" - Amelia
"They do different sports at the Olympics" - Elliot
"The Eiffel Tower"

We have also been learning about France. We have learnt some common phrases and we have been calling our teachers Madame Cameron and Madame Vega. Here are some of the phrases we have learnt.

Hello/good day - Bonjour ‘bonh-zhoor’
Goodbye - Au revoir ‘ohr-vwah’
Please - S’il vous plait ‘syl voo pleh’
Thank you (very much) - Merci (beaucoup) ‘mair-see-bohn-koo’
Yes - Oui ‘wee’
A range of activities have been planned to celebrate Book Week. These include:

- A focus in classes on Australian authors
- A whole school mural based on the song “Home Among The Gum Trees” - in the library
- Salisbury Library visits to our school
- Reading of short listed books
- Buddy activities—cross age sharing of books and art activities
- Book Fair with books on sale from Peggy Williams Bookstore
- Young Author workshop—for Year 6 /7 students
- Book Swap—Wednesday
- Dress-up parade
- Open classrooms—visits

The dress-up parade will take place on Friday morning at 9.00am. Children are invited to dress up as a character from a book or in the Australiana theme. Please bring a copy of the book. This is not a casual dress day. Children will need to change back in to school uniform after the parade.

Parents are welcome to join us for this celebration in the gym.

Open Morning -Following the assembly, classrooms will be open for parents, grandparents and family friends to see the children at work in their classrooms. You are welcome to stay until 10.15am.

Book Swap— Children are invited to bring along a book from home that they have read and no longer need. They will receive a ticket that entitles them to choose another book from those brought in to school. Books can be brought to school from next Monday with the swap taking place on Wednesday.
NAPLAN on-line testing

All year 3, 5 & 7 students will be doing practice tests during this week and next week. This is mainly to see if our IT infrastructure can cope with online testing that is due to be in place for tests next year. No student results will be returned to the school.

NO PARKING

Please remember that the staff car-park is NOT for parents to park in. This term we have had several near misses with children and cars backing out. Parents should park in nearby streets or the carpark at the rear of the gym, taking note of parking restrictions. The side gates next to Room 1 and the playground are now locked to prevent accidents.

NO SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited by law on school property. Please abide by this when on our school grounds. This applies to out of school hours as well as during times when students are present.

Father’s Day

Donations of goods to sell on our Father’s Day (Sept. 1st) stall are urgently required. Please send to the front office.

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 classrooms.

Father's Day

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Language Alive!

School Holiday Program
Reception – Year 7

Tickets on Sale Now!
Tuesday 11th of October and/or Wednesday 12th October 9.30am – 3.30pm
• Language and cultural workshops
• Hands-on, fun program
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Powerful Learners

POWERFUL LEARNERS AT HOME

Each week we will be including some tips for parents and caregivers, and also some advice from students, about how families can encourage their children in their development as powerful learners at home.

STUDENT ADVICE
We want to master what we are learning. Give us enough time to learn new concepts and to practise them before quickly moving onto something new.

TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS
Support your child’s wellbeing. Children learn best when their wellbeing needs are being successfully met. Ensuring that they are eating nutritious meals, getting sufficient sleep and knowing how to make and nurture friendships all contribute strongly to their growth as powerful learners.

FAMILY QUIZ
Am I a powerful learner?

1. Do I like challenges when I am learning new things? Yes/No
2. Am I good at asking questions? Yes/No
3. Do I like to solve problems and puzzles? Yes/No
4. Am I curious? Yes/No
5. Do I like to find new ways of doing things? Yes/No
6. Am I brave when attempting new learning? Yes/No
7. Am I creative? Yes/No
8. Am I confident I can learn anything? Yes/No
9. Do I keep trying and persisting when things are difficult? Yes/No
10. Do I ask questions when I'm unsure? Yes/No

SCORE: Count up the amount of times you answered Yes.

4 or less: Keep trying
5 - 7: you are beginning to develop qualities of a powerful learner
8 or more: You have “SUPER POWERS!!”