PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
STAGE ONE

TEACHERS
Kimberley Taylor – 1T
Emily Pruszinski – 1P
Jennifer Nitschke – 1/2N
Emma Ball – 2B
Daniel Roe – 2R (Stage Leader)
Kristie Pascoe – Learning Support
Lindy Robins – Learning Support
Kate Hogg – Instructional Leader (Literacy and Numeracy)

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS
School starts at 9.00am sharp. Students arriving after 9.00am avoid hearing important instructions about the day and the first lesson. Creating good habits now will help set up valuable routines for the year.
Teachers are on duty in the playground from 8.40 am each morning. Any students arriving at school prior to 8.40 am must sit on the steps near the shade shelter.
Any students arriving after 9.00am MUST go to the office to get a late note and have their attendance registered. Students who have not been picked up by 3.10pm must go to the school office to inform someone on staff. A teacher or support staff will contact a family member to find out who is picking them up and when.

ABSENCES
Any student who is away needs to provide a note when returning back to school (this is a legal requirement). Parents can inform the school via the school app as well if needed.

LUNCH AND LUNCH ORDERS
Students are encouraged to bring a nutritious lunch each day. Sandwiches and wraps are strongly encouraged. Students will eat their lunch with their class each day. Teachers monitor students at lunch to ensure they eat what they have been provided and avoided throwing any items away. Students are encouraged to take home items they don’t eat. Students need to tell their parents if they don’t like a certain item for lunch to avoid them going hungry.

CRUNCH AND SIP
Students are given an opportunity to have fruit/veggies and water in class at 10.00am each day. During this time most teachers take the time to read story to their students. If you are able to cut or peel the fruit or veggies it helps your child to eat it much quicker.

ASSEMBLIES
Assemblies will take place each Thursday at 11.30am. The school comes together to celebrate the achievements of students across the school. Class, PRIDE and sports awards will be given out at these assemblies. Parents, family and friends are strongly encouraged to join us each week at this event.
**PRIDE**
Students will need to receive and collect 20 awards to receive their ‘P’. Class, library, science and RFF awards can count towards their P-R-I-D-E awards.

20=P 30=R 40=I 50=D 60=E

**HATS**
Students must have their school hat at school every day. Students without a hat will be directed to the shade shelter for lunch and recess.

**HOMEWORK AND HOME READING**
See additional note

**KEY LEARNING AREAS**

**English** – All teachers in stage one are implementing the L3 pedagogy. Teachers will continue their training in this area all year to ensure they provide the best possible teaching methods for the students.

**Maths** – All classes use maths groups to support student’s learning in numeracy each day.

**Sport** – All classes take part in sport each Tuesday. Students need to wear their sport uniform including their hat.

**HSIE** – This year students will study four different topics for HSIE related to the local environment, society and it’s needs

**Science** – Mr O’Mally will take all classes for one hour a week for a science lesson.

**Library** – Classes will attend library once a week to borrow books and conduct a lesson related to areas they are studying in class.

**CHOIR**
Students will have the opportunity to take part in the junior choir this year. Throughout the year the choir will attend a Festival, an Eisteddfod and sing at other formal occasions. Choir will start towards the end of first term and continue all year. Students who make a commitment to join the choir must stay for the whole year.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**
Burke Ward actively uses Facebook and Twitter as well as the school App to keep the community in touch with what is happening at the school. Parents and families are encouraged to access these sources as a way of keeping in touch with important messages and information.

**BURKE WARD YOUTUBE CHANNEL**
Many teachers across the school have taken the time to record themselves reading some of their favourite books. These videos are uploaded on to the Burke Ward channel for anyone in the community to access. Viewing a book being read on the YouTube channel is a great opportunity for kids to access stories in a new format.

**ISSUES, PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS**
Parents and caregivers should always contact their child’s teacher first if they have any issues, problems or concerns regarding their child. Quite often assistant principals or the principal have been contacted about issues they have no knowledge of and are unable to provide any clarity on the problem. Your support is appreciated.