Welcome back everyone! I am proud to advise you all that we have had a fantastic start to the year! We have now had every student attend school this term and all classes have settled in well.

A shout out to all of the students who have dealt with new classmates, new teachers, new classrooms, and new routines like pros!

You will hear from your child’s class teacher in the coming weeks regarding their Individual Curriculum Plan (ICP) which will inform their classroom program.

A reminder, if your child will be absent from school to please phone and advise the reason on or before the day. We are now required to make contact with you on the day if we don’t know why a student is absent.

I am interested to hear parent feedback about the school tracking student social skill data – should we/shouldn’t we? Feel free to drop by and let me know your thoughts.

Also interested to hear your thoughts on the new shorter newsletter! Like it or want more added in?

Yours in education

Claire Cheyne
Principal

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

School starts at 8:40am, please drop off students no earlier than 8:25am as we cannot provide supervision earlier. If you are running late please be mindful of class programs in session when you drop your child to class. Thanks.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Every student has done an amazing job of getting back into routine. Well done!!!

CHAPPY’S CHAT

Welcome back to everyone for a great year at Burdekin School for 2017. We welcome Matty Hayne to our middle class. Matty has settled well and says he "loves this School."

Our First "Burdekin Carer’s Connect Group" is next Wednesday the 1st of Feb. Please come along as we hope to plan future meetings for the year and we may look at some other options for meeting times. Come along and be part of the discussion! Morning Tea and Lunch are provided and we meet in the "Parent Room" (next to Life Skills) at the Burdekin School. Parents and Carers from outside our School group come too so it is a good time of sharing ideas and the journey.

Please contact me on 0409136415 (call or text is fine) or the School office if you are unable to attend and would like to add to the discussion.

See you about our Great school,
Chappie Gwen

FROM THE P&C

The first P&C meeting for 2017 will be held on Friday 10th February at 3:00pm in the parent room. Hope to see you all there!

BEHAVIOUR BRIEF

When seeking to understand why a child is ‘misbehaving’ it is useful to think about what they are trying to tell us – the function of their behaviours. Here is a list of common issues being communicated by behaviours:

- I need attention (or other positive Reinforcement)
- I feel frustrated or stressed, help!
- I need a break or you to go away
- I’m confused or I don’t get it
- I feel out of control
- There is too much sensory stimulation!

WE ALL MATTER

This year We All Matter is getting a facelift! More time, more social skill focus, more fun! Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for more information!

PHOTO TIME!