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Term 4 Week 4

Wednesday 28th October 15

"Look, listen and think"

Welcome to Week 4. We have had a settled start to the term, which has been great. It is a busy time of year and we are beginning to get things organised for the end of year. Presentation Day performances are coming together and will be certainly ready for the big day. Swimming has begun for sport. Please remember to send your child in with a swim shirt and sunscreen. The next couple of Fridays we are assessing children to place into groups for swim school.

Congratulations Hamish Chappel

Hamish Chappel is certainly getting to know what it is like to be a champion athlete. Competing earlier in the year at state swimming Hamish has now also competed at State Athletics. He ran in the 800m, 11yr boys race. Hamish is the 31st fastest 800m boy in the state. An outstanding achievement!



End of Transition

Our transition children are enjoying the second half of the program. They are in the Kindergarten classroom and participating well in all the activities along with Kindergarten. They will finish transition next week on Thursday 5th November. An information session for parents will be held at 2.15pm and

children will be presented with their graduation certificates.

Silver Awards

Last week we had Silver lunches for students who had received 50 white slips. They will be presented with their certificates next Friday 6th November at 2.45pm.

Certificates for ICAS Maths will also be handed out at the assembly.

Assessment Week

Next week is our school assessment week. Children from K-6 will be participating in activities to track their progress in both Literacy and Numeracy, in line with the School Assessment Schedule. This data gives us lots of information and helps guide us with our planning. If you know in advance that your child will be absent at any stage next week, letting the teachers know helps us to factor that into our assessment.

Concert Opportunities

We have 2 musical opportunities to offer to our students. The first is Let the Music Move You. This performance is happening at our school on Tuesday 10th November. All children K-6 will participate and the cost to students is \$4. A full permission note with more details is attached.

The second opportunity is one being provided by Wee Waa PS. The following is an email sent to me by Mr Carrett. We are happy for students to attend this concert, however it will require parents to take their own children in. If you would like to attend, please let Jenny know by the 6th November, so we can arrange it with Wee Waa

"On Thursday 26th November Wee Waa Public are hosting a performance by a string trio from the New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM).

The details are as follows:

- *Visiting Ensemble: PIANO TRIO*
- *Performers are: Eliza Scott (Violin), Charlotte Low (Cello) Jol Choct (Piano)*

- **Date:** Thursday 26th November, 2015
- **Number of sessions** (each one is 50 minutes): Three
- **Starting Time(s):** Trio will arrive at 9.00am and times will be arranged for three presentations before lunch.
- **Cost to each student is \$4.00:**
- **School Venue:** hall

I would like to invite your school to participate with us. As a way of keeping your costs down I am prepared to pay for your students. If you are interested in bringing some or all of your students in for one of the performances please let me know and we will organise a time for your school to join us.” Peter Carrett

Horse Sports

Burren Junction School has an incredibly successful Horse Sports team. The children competed last Friday at Baradine, and once again collected many awards. Kim has written the following report.

Last Friday, the BJPS Horse Sports team competed at the St John’s Baradine Horse Sports. Our largest ever team of 11 riders participated and included 1st time school horse sports competitors Sophie and Strath Sendall and Isabella O’Brien. Also representing BJPS were Max and Arki Shearer, Prim and Will Slack-Smith, Mille, Cam and Hamish Chappel and George Powell. The first event was the mounted parade where the best presented school is judged. Coonabarabran High School won with BJPS the only other school receiving a mention with a Highly Commended award. Everyone performed to the best of their ability throughout the day and displayed brilliant sportsmanship. The team received 5 individual highest point score awards. These were Max, Arki, Prim, George and Hamish. Congratulations to these riders. After the presentation when two of our team members thanked the St Johns Baradine Principal for a great day she responded “you are a very well manned school with very good riders”. This was the icing on the cake after another outstanding day for our horse sports team !



George, Campbell, Will, Arki, Strath, Milly, Isabella, Max, Sophie, Prim, Hamish



Have a great week,
Mrs Slack-Smith

Fiona Robertson from Health Wise in Narrabri will be in Burren Junction at the CWA rooms from 1:30 to 4:30pm on Friday 13th November, to perform health checks.

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School - Tamworth

Selective Schools applications now open online

Farrer is the only all-boys government Agricultural high school in Australia & would like to inform parents of current Year 5 students, that **registration for Year 7 2017** is now open online.

To register your son to sit the Selective Schools test visit the Farrer website and follow the Selective Schools link. Applications close 16th November.

For further enquiries contact Farrer on 6764 8600.



Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).

Important Dates for BJPS

Term 4

October

30th – Tuckshop Marney & Mel

November

5th – 2:15pm Transition Parent mtg & presentations

6th – 2:45pm Silver Awards Assembly

6th – Tuckshop Sarah & Gillian

10th – Let the Music Move you

13th – Tuckshop ?

20th – Tuckshop Jo & Kim

27th – Tuckshop ?

30th – Swim School starts

December

4th – Tuckshop ?

11th – Tuckshop ?

15th - Speech Day 10am

16th – Last day of school for 2015