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Term 4 Week 10

Wednesday 9th December 2015

"Look, listen and think"

Important Dates for BJPS

Term 4

December

11th – 2:50pm Silver Award presentation, Yr 6 final assembly, Tuckshop Kieran & Bell

14th – Out of uniform day, Yr 6 Lunch 12:30pm, Disco

15th – Speech Day 10am

16th – Last day of school for students

17th – Staff at school

February 2016

3rd – Staff Development day

4th – Yrs 1-6 start school

5th – Kindergarten start school

16th – Swimming Carnival Narrabri

26th – Pink Stumps Day

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2015. What a year it has been. Swimming is certainly taking it out of all of us. I want to thank everyone for their contribution to our school this year. I look forward to seeing you all on Speech Day and sharing in the celebrations of the achievements of our wonderful students. I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and hope that 2016 is one of those years we remember for all the positive things that happen.

Speech Day

Tuesday morning at 10am we will gather in the hall for our Speech Day. Great news is that Walgett Shire are lowering the fans currently and have plans of doing some work to improve the facility in the next 12 months. Children will arrive at school by bus and we will have them ready to start at 10am. The K-1 class begin our presentation day in costume, so we will have them changed and school uniforms will be backstage for them to hop back into ready for the formal part of the day. Following the Speech Day, lunch will be provided at school. I sincerely thank the P&C who have taken over the organising of this event and contacted parents to ensure we have enough food for everyone to share. There are so many great things about our

school and one of them is the way everyone gets in and helps where needed. Thank you.

New Parliament

I was so delighted to listen to the speeches of our year 5 children yesterday morning. They each spoke clearly, confidently and with a genuine sincerity about why they would like to be Prime Minister or other ministers next year. The leadership of our school is in safe hands and there were lots of promises about how well run assembly would be. I look forward to working with them. Results will be announced at Speech Day.

Final Friday Assembly

This Friday is the final assembly for 2015. Our Year 6 will lead it as usual and will each have an opportunity to present their final report. They will be running our school Speech Day next week as their final duty. Silver Awards will also be handed out to those children who have reached Silver and had their pizza lunch last week.

Swim School

We are well into our second week of swimming. I thank Miss Paull especially for her contribution to the program. It has been a really difficult juggling act as at all times an Aust Swim accredited person needs to be at the pool. Miss Paull has done her best to ensure that over the 2 week period she is able to work with all the children from years 2-6. The children are really lucky to have her skill and expertise on offer. I have been responsible for K-1 with the assistance of Dimity, in the afternoon. We are focused on stroke correction, survival skills and ensuring their technique is correct. Thank you to Genevieve for assisting when you have been available. I hope you are seeing the improvement in your children, we are!

Yr 6 Farwell Lunch

On Monday year 6 parents will join us in farewelling year 6. We wish them all the best as they embark on their next adventure. Lunch will be at 12.30 and children should have given parents the invitations. Lunches will be ordered from the menu. The school pays the cost of the students.

Following lunch a disco will be hosted at school. All children can come out of uniform. This will mean they will have fresh uniforms for Speech Day.

Letter from Mrs Starkey

Mrs Starkey would like me to pass on the following message.

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

As you are probably aware, Brian and I have now left Burren Junction. I regret that I was not able to say good bye to so many of you upon my departure. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me during my time as principal. Good luck for the future and have a happy Christmas.

Lynn Starkey

The staff and I wish you all a Merry Christmas. We are looking forward to 2016 and continuing to make our school great.

Mrs Slack-Smith

Tuckshop

This Friday is the last tuckshop for the year. So that the freezer can be turned off and cleaned out no new stock has been ordered. Please list 3 lunch options on the order in case we run out of your child's first preference. All lunch items \$2.

TENNIS COACHING CLINIC - SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Wayne Dunlop, tennis coach from Dubbo hopes to return to run a clinic here in Walgett in January 2016 school holidays –

Monday 11 to Friday 15 January 2016

Mon 11 to Wed 13 Jan

8am to 11am - 5-8 years (children must be over 5 years of age)

Cost is \$100.00 per child for all three days

Thurs 14 to Fri 15 Jan

8am to 11am - 9 years and older

Cost is \$80.00 per child for two days

The clinic will be confirmed only upon getting enough students, minimum 20 is required.

If interested, please reply with names and session times attending to Lucy Kerr at hamishkerr@bigpond.com.

Final numbers by **Wed, 16 December 2015!**