



# Burren Junction Public School

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Term 4 Week 8

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*"Look, listen and think"*

It is with very mixed emotions that I write this newsletter. Yesterday both Miss Paull and Miss Hunt accepted job offers and will unfortunately move to the east and west of us. They have both offered so much and will be sadly missed. They have been a great part of our school family for the past two years and have grown so much along the way. It has been my absolute pleasure to work alongside them both. They made us laugh and were always keen to try something new. In my 18 months as principal, they were supportive and happy to help out with anything I asked. We all know how lucky the two schools that will get these wonderful ladies are.

Our First two stories are of the great success that our students have once again had on the representing our school at a state level. Thanks to Kirsten and Kim for assisting with these articles.

## *Moorambilla*

Moorambilla has now wrapped up for 2016 and what a journey it has been for Angus Goddard. From attending the unknown that was the audition in Baradine with Alex, Alli & Emma at the start of the year to performing with Casey Donovan at the Martin Place Christmas Tree last weekend.

After attending two residence camps in August, the whole Moorambilla Voices Choirs made up of Boys and Girls primary school choirs and MAXed Out - (high school) performed at two sold out Gala concerts in Dubbo. The choir was then invited back to Dubbo in September to perform for the Artland Festival Delegates. In October, Angus was notified that he was chosen to perform in Sydney at the Martin Place Christmas Tree. There were 53 children who travelled to Sydney not knowing most of the songs chosen. After some intensive rehearsals, the choir performed beautifully on Saturday night. They sang with Casey Donovan, Taylor Henderson & Megan Washington. Such a proud moment and such an amazing experience for Angus.

I had the pleasure on Saturday of attending the tree lighting ceremony in Martin Place in Sydney with my children. Angus did an amazing job and I was very proud to sit in the audience and listen to those around comment on how fabulous they were. Lucy Smith, from Rowena sang solo and led the choir in one performance. I would like to encourage everyone in year 3 to 6 to attend their development

workshops next year. We will inform you all of the dates.



### *George at State Cricket*

Last week George P travelled to Sydney to compete at the State cricket carnival. 14 teams competed over 4 days at various cricket ovals all over south eastern Sydney. Each game was a "one dayer" format - bat 50 overs/field 50 overs. The NW team won 2 and lost 2 games. The final game saw NW fall short by only 18 runs in the run chase which meant the winning team placed 3rd while NW came 9th overall. George batted and bowled in every game in his role as an all-rounder. Of note were his 17 runs on day 2 to be the 3rd highest run scorer for that game and a 10 the following day off only 16 balls. George also made 2 run outs. George had a great time and now loves cricket even more!



### *Yearbook*

Our yearbook is at the printery in Gunnedah and has been loaded onto their equipment. Sandy has seen their draft and given the approval to go ahead. Please email the school with the number of copies you would like to order by Friday, we can give them a number to print. They are a full colour magazine and will cost \$30 each.

### *Swim School*

Swim School has begun and we thank Miss Paul for stepping in the past two days as Abi has been unwell. Ideally, we would love to run 3 small groups within each class. If you are able to assist on any day in the next week, please let us know. We swim between 9.45 and 1.20pm. Any parent helping out will be provided with activities to do with their groups.

### *Speech Day*

Speech Day will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. It will commence at 9.30am and finish by recess. As we did a major play earlier in the term, Speech Day will be an awards ceremony mainly. We ask everyone to bring a plate to share for morning tea at the end of the event. Tea and coffee will be provided by the school.

### *Changing of the Guard*

Year 6 will be having their farewell lunch on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Parents and staff will join them as we wish them all the best of luck for high school. They have been superb leaders this year and will be a hard act to follow. Year 5 will be presenting speeches to the school next Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. All students will then vote for next years' parliament. Families of the children are most welcome to come and support them as they make their speeches.

### *Library Returns*

This is the final week for children to borrow books. We ask that all students please return any books they have finished with, so we can finalise the year in the library. I thank Mrs Hattingh for continuing to fill the position until staffing finalise it.

Mrs Pattison has also finished assisting in the school for the year. I thank her for all her time and patience assisting the lower years with reading and maths. Vicki continues to work with the Kindergarten students on a voluntary basis. How lucky are we to have someone who gives her time to listen to the children each day? Thank you both.

Have a great week,  
Mrs Slack-Smith

#### **Important Dates for BJPS**

##### **Term 4**

##### **December**

1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – Swim School continues

12<sup>th</sup> – Yr 6 lunch 1pm

15<sup>th</sup> – Speech Day 9:30am and reports available for collection

16<sup>th</sup> – Last day for students

19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Staff Development Days

##### **February 2017**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Staff Development Day

6<sup>th</sup> – Yrs 1-6 start

7<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten start

9<sup>th</sup> – Swimming Carnival Narrabri

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