



# Burren Junction PS Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6

Friday 8th June, 2018

'Look, Listen  
and Think'



## STEM CHALLENGE DAY

On Wednesday all the 4/5/6 class went to Narrabri for the Science and Engineering challenge day organised by the Narrabri Rotary in conjunction with Newcastle University. In groups of 2 or 3 students completed challenges including building bridges, moon buggies, bionic fingers, catapults and earthquake proof towers. They communicated with lights, powered cities and ran wires as efficiently as possible. The aim of the day was to show students what a career in Science and Engineering could be like. There is limited assistance and students need to work together to complete the tasks. Points are awarded for each activity. The organisers commented on the well mannered, sensible, practical and capable students they saw representing BJPS. A great day was had by all with children eagerly telling me which activities they would love to do next year.

*Mrs Slack-Smith*



# Sustainability Day @ BJPS



## Sustainability Day: Some written responses from the 2/3 class

“Wow! It’s Sustainability Day and I just can’t wait until we get into it. I **JUST** can’t wait.” (Luc)

“Um ... I’m not so sure of this! I have never touched a python before. Maybe it has just got mixed up with a carpet snake? But, I’m still too scared to touch any snake. One more kid before me! Oh, please save me before I get bitten!!” (Zara)

The shingle back lizard is like a rock. Its lumps hold water and it has a stumpy bit at the back so it looks like it has 2 heads. It likes to curl into a circle. And if something tries to eat it, it will bite. (Aaron)

“LOOK! A SHOP! I can’t WAIT to make reusable bags out of T-shirts. At least I think we are going to do that first.” (Sophie)



At the end of the day the children were given the challenge to create their own hashtag!

#getintothegarden	#banbags	#beesbees	#inthegarden
#it'sworthitmaketheearthperfect	#zoo	#lookafterthebees	

A big thank you to Mr Wes Leedham, from the Warrumbungle National Park Environmental Education Centre for providing this wonderful opportunity to the students from Burren Junction, Pilliga, Gwabegar, Bullarah and Wee Waa Public Schools. The children enjoyed participating in a day of great learning provided by Taronga Zoo, the Botanic Gardens, the Environmental Education Centres and many more organisations. All 14 presenters were at pains to tell me how wonderful all the children were on Tuesday, especially the Burren Junction students.

Also, a big thank you to Mr Boughton who cooked breakfast and dinner for the presenters on Tuesday. They all want to come back again next year—for the food and also because the children were so marvellous!





# NETBALL KNOCKOUT

The netball girls headed off to Wee Waa last Friday to play their round one game against Wee Waa Public School in the PSSA Netball Knockout. The girls played their hearts out on the day but were defeated by the Wee Waa team. Undeterred, the girls trained after school on Wednesday with Miss Whiteley and Mrs O'Brien to get ready for the netball cup games coming up in Narrabri on the 19th of June.

A big thank you to Mrs O'Brien and Miss Whiteley for the time that they are putting in after school and at lunchtime to train the netball players. Mrs Smith and Mrs Chappel have also been assisting during training.



## RADIO FM



On Thursday, in between Eisteddfod presentations, Kaan, Declan and Charlie visited Maxx FM to talk to Neila about their Eisteddfod experiences.

Don't they look very comfortable being interviewed? Real naturals!

## Hello From the Principal...

Our week 6 newsletter is overflowing with all of the exciting activities that the Burren Junction students have been involved in over the last two weeks. The resounding message from all of this is that our students know how to make the best of all the opportunities that come their way. The groups that have been working with our students over the last two weeks have all praised them for their enthusiasm, problem solving skills, calmness and politeness. The parents are to be praised for the time and effort they also make to ensure that the children all get to events that are off the school site, often driving in excess of 200 kilometres to ensure that the children get to these special events.

### **Narrabri Eisteddfod**

Congratulations to the P&C, and especially to Mrs Shearer, for the wonderful results from the Eisteddfod. Sandy worked with the children in Term 1 and 2 to select poems, organise entries, guide the students to interpret the poems, add lots of drama to their poems and then at the Eisteddfod itself. The result of Sandy's guidance was that our students excelled in the Eisteddfod and reached new heights with their recitals. Fantastic!

### **Athletics Carnival moved to the backup date: Wednesday the 27th of June**

This is a gentle reminder that the BJPS Athletics Carnival has been moved to Wednesday the 27th of June to allow the Burren Oval to be ready for our big day. Parent volunteers will be required to assist on the day. Also, parents are encouraged to wear suitable footwear on the day to participate in the annual parent relay.

### **e-Gats, 2018**

Audrey, Charlie, Emma and Sarah have all been offered an invitation to participate in the e-Gats program in 2018. This is an outreach program for our students, conducted by Mrs Russell, from the Opportunity Class at Armidale Public School. The students will attend a camp to learn more about their program, engage with the new learning and then participate in a number of online lessons as a follow up. This is a tremendous opportunity for the children and we wish them all the best in their endeavours with e-Gats.

### **PSSA Knockout Soccer against Gravesend PS**

The soccer game with Gravesend will take place on the 29th of June in Wee Waa to cut down on the driving time for Gravesend PS. At this stage I am just waiting on further information from Gravesend as to their expected arrival time in Wee Waa for the game. A note will go out once I have more information.

### **6 Ways Athletics Carnival: Rowena Oval, Friday 22nd of June**

This year the 6 Ways carnival will be held at Rowena oval starting at 9am. All children are to be transported to the carnival by private vehicle. Children will wear their BJPS sports uniform.

*Ms Suzanne Galvin*



### **Zone Cross Country Friday the 8th of June**

Today our cross country team made the trek to Maules Creek to run in the zone carnival. Not only did our red uniform stand out from the crowd, the new Burren Junction caps were on display on many children. The course was very dry with plenty of dust and burrs to get stuck in shoes and socks, just for an added challenge.

Children who were turning 8, 9 or 10 this year ran a 2km course while children turning 11 or 12 ran 3km. All the children ran races they can be proud of. The training has certainly paid off as children were all running their whole course. The competition was fast and particularly tough this year. The first 6 competitors make it through to North West level and run at Coolah on Friday 15th of June. Those making it on to North West and their results are:

8/9 years: Elke 1st    8/9 years: Max 5th    10 years: Grace 4th    11 years: Milly 1st, Audrey, 3rd, Emma 5th.

*Good luck to you all as you compete next Friday.*

*Mrs Slack-Smith*

# Eisteddfod Results

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First	Second	Third	Highly Commended
Arki - Humorous Poem	Harper – Prepared Mime	Declan - Australian Poem	Elke – Humorous Poem
Arki - Mime	Sabrina – Set poem	Max – Australian Poet	Harper – Humorous Poem
Audrey – Piano	Sophie – Poet other than Australian	Strath – Humorous Poem	Jock – Humorous Poem
Charlie - Humorous Poem		Sarah – Mime Solo	Max – Humorous Poem
Charlie - Mime	Audrey/Jenna – Poem for Two	Sam – Humorous Poem	
Emma - Poet other than Australian	Milly / Sarah – Duologue	Sam – Poem for Two	Harry / Frank—Poem for Two
Jock – Australian Poet	Emmy/Matilda – Poem for Two		Jenna—Duologue
Emma – Poem for Two	Grace / Alli – Duologue in Costume	Bec / Bridie – Poem for Two	
Sarah – Poem for Two	Jenna—Piano solo	Zara / Sabrina – Poem of Two	
Sarah – Humorous Poem		Jock—Humorous Poem	
Charlie / Arki - Duologue in Costume		Dec/Jock—yr 6 Duo	
Harper / Sophie – Poem for Two			
Will / Lucas D – Poem for Two			
Jenna/Grace—Primary Duet			

Participants: Kaan, Declan, Jenna, Strath, Charlie, Arki, Audrey, Emma, Milly, Sarah, Alli, Jock, Sam, Max, Elke, Chloe, Grace, Zara, Sabrina, Lucas D, Abbey, Sophie, Bec, Bridie, Will, Harper, Emmy, Matilda, Matilda, Harry, Jamie, Frank, Kitty & Fred.

## Upcoming Dates:

13 June	ICAS Spelling
14 June	ICAS Writing
15 June	Cross-country, Coolah
19 June	Netball Cup (Yr 4,5,6)
20 June	Life Education Healthy Harold
22 June	6 ways Athletics Carnival at Rowena oval, 9am
25 June	Charlie Truscott performance & workshop at BJPS
27 June	BJPS Athletics Carnival
29 June	PSSA Soccer Knockout at Wee Waa
2-3 July	e-Gats camp
6 July	End of Term 2



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