



# Burren Junction PS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10

18th December 2019

'Look, Listen  
and Think' .....

## ***Farewell Year 6***

We farewell the 2019 Parliament as they go forth to seek new horizons and great new adventures. Thank you for all that you have done here at Burren Junction Public from the moment you arrived in Kindergarten and especially this year as our 51<sup>st</sup> Parliament. You have set the bar high for all future parliaments! Know that you will be missed here at Burren Junction. We look forward to hearing your news throughout 2020 as you enter the high school world and make your mark in your new schools.



## ***K-2 Excursion***

Miss Mooney and Mrs Hattingh accompanied the K-2 students on their excursion to the Crossing Theatre in Narrabri on Thursday.

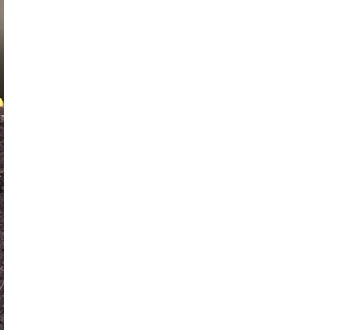
The children were greatly excited and had a great day out.

Thank you to the P&C for funding this excursion.

## ***Upcoming Dates:***

- 5 Feb First day for students, K-6, & Kinder parent morning tea
- 11 Feb BJPS Swimming Carnival—Narrabri





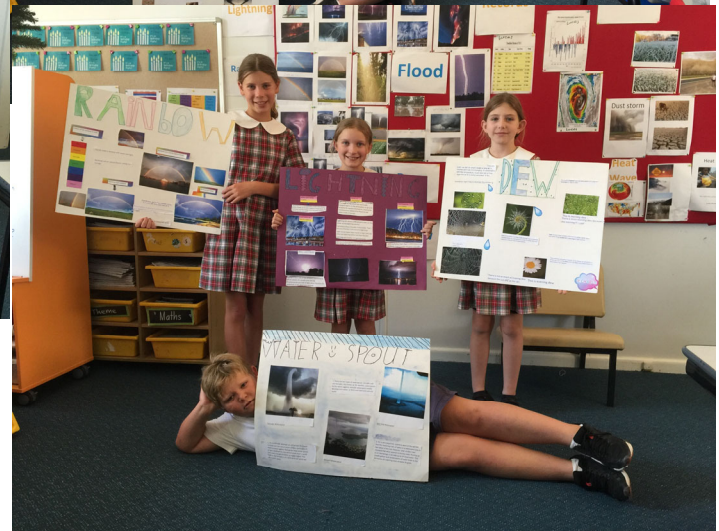
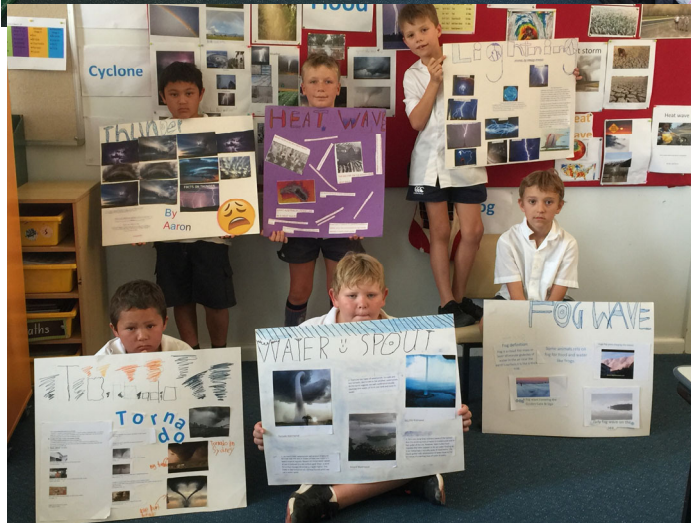
### ***Mrs Ciseolka's Farewell and retirement***

It is with great sadness that we farewell Anne Ciesolka as she retires after 15 years of teaching Catholic scripture here at Burren Junction Public School. Anne has contributed to scripture teaching in the local area for over 50 years which is an outstanding contribution to the community. The Ciesolka family will be greatly missed by us all. We wish them well in their new home on Stradbroke Island.



## Weather

2/3/4 did posters and oral presentations all about weather events as their explanations in science this term.



## Local VRA

Burren's Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) has had a major reboot after a few years in recess. It is now led by Stephen Gardiner, after years of Peter Holcombe's dedicated guidance, and it has attracted new members and renewed enthusiasm. A 3-day training exercise was held at Burren Where members were trained by outside educators in a range of potential rescue scenarios. What a relief to know that the district will have a highly trained VRA again.







# K-1 EXCURSION







### **Speech Day & Morning Tea**

Congratulations to all the children on a fabulous Speech Day last Friday. All children were acknowledged for their many efforts throughout 2019. Each and every child in the school is trying their best at all times and it is fabulous to share that with you all.

We thank the many organisations who contributed to the prizes for the day especially the Burren Junction CWA who provided a gift for each of the Year 6 students.

The P&C morning tea afterwards was a lovely way to end our celebrations. Thank you to the parents and teachers for their contribution to the morning tea. Being able to use the supper room for the morning tea was a very special moment as it is such a delightful space for us all to gather.

***Congratulations to all the children at Burren Junction Public School for all their efforts in 2019!***

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## Hello From the Principal...

### ICAS results, 2019 compared to 2018

At the ICAS assembly we were able to acknowledge the 17 children who participated in the assessments this year. This was the first year that the ICAS assessments were done online and was very good practice for going online with NAPLAN in 2020. Overall, 2019 saw better results across the board. Congratulations children!

Congratulations to Harry P who achieved three distinctions out of the four assessments in which he was enrolled.

ICAS 2019		ICAS 2018	
<b>17 participants</b> <b>52 assessments competed</b>		<b>15 participants</b> <b>27 assessments completed</b>	
<b>Distinction</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>Distinction</b>	<b>zero</b>
<b>Credit</b>	<b>17.3%</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>22.2%</b>
<b>Merit</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>Merit</b>	<b>11.1%</b>
<b>Participation</b>	<b>59.6%</b>	<b>Participation</b>	<b>66.6%</b>

### School Internet Page

After many weeks of updating the BJPS internet site Mrs Schwager informed me this week that the update is complete. Thank you Mrs Schwager for completing this mammoth task.

### Congratulations to the 2020 Parliament

After all the special speeches that the Year 5 students prepared for their tilt at the Prime Minister's position, voting was undertaken and then counted. It was with great delight that I was able to announce the 52<sup>nd</sup> Parliament of 2020 at Friday's Speech Day. Congratulations to all the children as they get ready to take on their new roles in 2020.

**Prime Minister: Elke**

**Treasurer: Kendra**

**Minister of Environment: Grace**

**Deputy Prime Minister: Sam**

**Minister of Arts: Chloe**

**Minister of Sport: Jock**

### Thank you to all our staff

Thank you to all our staff for all that they do to ensure that Burren Junction Public School is a great place for learning, where each child is known, appreciated and valued.

Sadly, Miss Mooney will be leaving us as she travels throughout 2020. Her presence will be greatly missed here at the school. Miss Mooney will be in at





the school during the first week back next year to assist Miss Whiteley as the Best Start assessments and the InitialLit assessments are completed.

### Community thoughtfulness

Over these last few weeks the school has been the recipient of a variety of gifts that we have been able to distribute to our families. Firstly, Mr Gary Ernst, from the HopeCU church at Maitland provided the gift vouchers for each family and we thank him for keeping us in his thoughts throughout the year. This week the children will receive a gift from the East Cessnock RSL club and a book from the Lismore, Inner Wheel group. Thank you to Renee Ritchie from Narrabri as well as Anna Baird and Wendy Revell, from Wee Waa, for being the connection to these two organisations.

On your behalf I accepted the gifts for distribution to yourselves and the children. The ongoing generosity from people across NSW is to be applauded and I will send out thank you letters to these organisations.

Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Travel safely over the summer break and I look forward to all you news in 2020.



Year 5 and 6 Making their own Archimedes Screw.





# Year 6



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