



Burren Junction PS Newsletter

Term 4, Week 2

Friday 23rd October 2020

'Look, Listen and Think'

From the Principal

Talk Like a Pirate Day

The Y6 Parliament are organising their "Talk Like A Pirate Day" for Friday the 30th of October. The information about the event is on the back page of today's newsletter.

All money raised by the Y6 Parliament will go to the Childhood Cancer organisation. This is an Australian group that was set up to support children with cancer and their families.

Flying Doctors Dental Van

Thank you to the RFD Dental folk for visiting us last week to finalise their treatments for the children. This service is so critical to our community – so it is particularly noteworthy that we are on their regular circuit now.

COVID Advice Updates

Over the last two week COVID updates have been provided by the NSW Department of Education.

It is great to be able to welcome Playgroup back onto the premises, go ahead with the planning of the K-6 excursion, have Kinder Transition



Children with birthdays this week leading the school in 20 push ups at assembly as we all counted by fives to a hundred.

and even more exciting the news that we can have parent volunteers in for reading groups.

At this stage, assemblies are to be a maximum of 15 minutes with no visitors.

Sports Assembly

We will still go ahead with our Sport Assembly on Friday the 30th of October. All children will receive their ribbons at this assembly and it will be conducted within the 15 minute allowable by the Department.

P&C News

At last week's P&C meeting it was agreed that the school could use \$10 000 of the budget shortfall money for furniture for the three classrooms. What a generous P&C we have at BJPS. We are looking forward to getting our furniture ordered. Thank you to all members of the P&C for your ongoing support of the school and our endeavours.

Upcoming Dates

23rd Oct	ICAS assessment test catch-up day
28th Oct	School Excursion
30th Oct	Sport Assembly & Talk Like a Pirate Day
5th Nov	Transition starts every Thursday until 26th School Council Meeting
18th Nov	Opportunity Class test
30th Nov	Intensive Swim School to 14th December
15th Dec	Speech Day (confirmed)
16th Dec	Pool Party—Last day T4 for students—class parties



Sports Day

On one of the windiest days in recent memory our students excelled in the track events and shared their magnificent team spirit. Thank you to Mrs Slack-Smith and Mrs Howie for their help.



Apollo

Relays below

Gemini



Term 3, Week 10

Flashback Friday

Miss Quirk's newsletter concept "Flashback Friday" is gathering quite a lot of interest. Thank you to Mr Cummings, class teacher from 1955 to 1958, for writing to the school to let us know how he is going and how he is following the school in the virtual world. We were all quite chuffed to get your letter. Do we have any students from Mr Cummings' era who could write to us or send in photographs? We look forward to hearing from you all.

Assessment Week

Assessment week will be Week 5 this term.

Kinder Transition

The new dates for Kinder transition are:

Thursday the 5th of November
Thursday the 12th of November
Thursday the 19th of November
Thursday the 26th of November

Miss Whiteley and Mrs Pattison will run the Transition program this year.

Disaster Relief (Drought Moratorium)

Late last term we were informed that we were one of the schools that would have the Disaster Relief funding made available for 2021. This means that we will be able to run 3 classes again for the 2021 school year.

Congratulations to our parent community for their involvement in this matter.

School Council AGM

Due to the COVID restrictions the School Council AGM was not able to be held in the middle of the year. The AGM will be done later this term. Nominations are still being sought for parents to come onto the School Council.

Please have a talk to the existing members, Mr Knight, Moore, Marshall and Ferris, Mrs Powell and Mrs Slack-Smith to see what is involved in being on the School Council. A nomination form will go home with this newsletter.

To the Staff of Burren Junction School,

My name is Peter Cummings and I taught at Burren Junction for 3 years 1955-1958. I am now 83 years old but thanks to the internet I still get to see your newsletters etc. My Principal then was Col Badham who was a DFC airman in WW2. I taught K to 3rd class and Col taught 4th to 6th plus correspondence students. I lived for my first year at the Coronation Hotel which burnt down long after I left. I then boarded at the local bakery just around the corner from the PO for the remainder of my time. I taught later at Toukley, Swansea and Hamilton and left teaching for a time working as a musician and working in theatre and clubs. I finally ended up teaching High School music at Catholic High schools in Newcastle. I have fond memories of my time in Burren and hope you enjoy this letter. Thanks, from Peter.



In science for Term 4, 2/3 are undertaking STEM activities related to fairy tales to tie in with our imaginative writing for English. We sent messages to Hansel & Gretel's father as our Week 1 group activity.



ICPA

The ICPA organisation is a group that lobbies to support the educational aspirations of children and their families from isolated rural areas. Please consider joining this organisation.

Selective High Schools test

An email went out to the current Year 5 students and their parents to register for the Selective High School tests. This opportunity closes soon.

Parliament News



“Ooh Arrr, me Hearties... Come to a Dress & Talk Like A Pirate Day”

When

**Friday 30th
October,
Week 3**



**To
participate make sure
to bring a gold coin
donation!**

**Your money is going
towards children's
brain cancer research**

TALK LIKE
A PIRATE DAY



Tell Them From Me survey

The Tell Them From Me survey closes today so please complete the survey. A reminder email went home this week with the links.

School Photographs

If you have any questions related to the photos then contact Montage direct.

2020 Speech Day

At this early stage we will be having Speech Day on Tuesday the 15th of December,

Orders for Tea Towels

There are around 40 tea towels left if you would like one for a Christmas gift.. Please contact the office for order forms. These are to be returned to the office. We encourage you to pay through the website and, once cleared, the tea towels will be sent home.

Ms Suzanne Galvin
Principal

4/5/6 Sixty Second Sentences

4/5/6 have been challenged to write their best descriptive sentences using the word cloud.

The trick is they only have 60 seconds. Look at what they have come up with!

It was as dry as a bone outside. Everyone was delighted when they saw one big, dark rain cloud covering the endless sky. – **S Knight.**

The big, black cloud above my head is approaching stealthily. “Quick!” I yell, “Get this crop off!” – **R McMahon**

The ominous dark cloud swallowed the bus whole. It was the one thing that stood in the way of my only remaining plan. – **J Carolan**

The clouds were floating above like little white boats on the big blue ocean. – **C Jackson**

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