



Burren Junction PS

Newsletter

Term 4, Week 2

Friday 15th of October, 2021

'Look, Listen and Think'

From the Principal

Welcome Back to Term 4

It was with great pleasure that the staff and I were able to welcome all the children back to school on Tuesday the 5th of October.

After the many weeks of uncertainty, as we all grappled with the enormity of the events around us, it was pleasing to see how well the children coped with the learning at home again.

Thank you to all our parents who supported the children with their learning at home whilst juggling their own working at home. Certainly a complexity for you all. With the return to school comes a swathe of restrictions that we are learning to live with. Currently, assemblies are still on hold. Next week there will be a change to the mask wearing rules and staff do not have to wear masks outside.

School Play

Mrs Stump and the staff have decided to continue to work on the school play in the hope that we are able to hold the event later in the year.

Stay tuned!

Upcoming Dates

5th Oct	First day of T4
21st Oct	Transition
28th Oct	Transition
4th Nov	Transition
11th Nov	Transition



Canteen

Thank you to Ms Howie who has been able to open the canteen for Term 4, all the while adhering to the COVID restrictions. The very fact that we can have the Canteen again gives us all a sense that normality is returning.

Excursions

With the continuing restrictions on excursion the overnight excursions to Lake Keepit and Sydney will have to be cancelled.

I will contact families who have paid for the Sydney excursion regarding the management of the refunding of payments. Maybe families would consider carrying the money forward to the 2022 excursion.?

Semester 2 Reports

The NSW Department of Education has indicated that the Semester 2 reports may be modified as a result of the recent stay at home orders and with the children completing their learning from home. More information will come about this soon.

Kindergarten Transition

The first of four kindergarten transition days start on Thursday the 21st of October. If you are bringing your pre-school child for transition then you are to bring them to the school office and a member of staff will take the children to the classroom.

We welcome the children to the school and look forward to them all having a marvellous time with Mrs Stump.

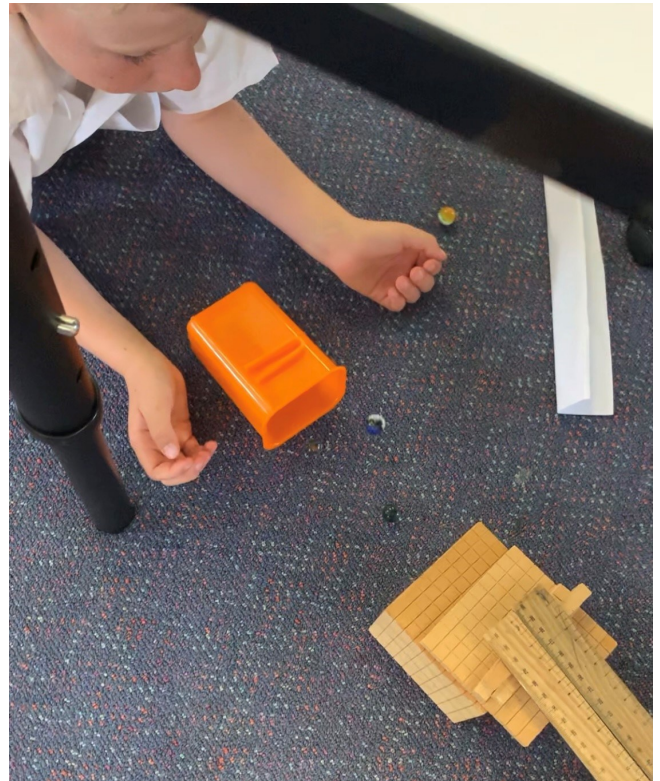
Marble Racing

On Monday, 3/4 boys were discussing marble racing so Mrs Deacon set them the challenge of creating their own marble run using one large sheet of cardboard and any other equipment in the classroom.

The boys all had lots of ideas but had to work together to create a successful marble run. Jamie incorporated a highly creative and well thought out marble drop at the beginning using a relay baton. Harry P worked on creating the perfect corner for the marbles to execute as they raced down the cardboard gutters.

Bill and Fred were the brains for the last leg of the run. They experimented with rulers and different containers to ensure the trajectory and execution was 100% spot on.

Well done team!



Working with Scrabble

3/4 have been working with scrabble tiles in English, mathematics and sport. They have been given themes to create their words around or given the team challenge of running up and down the court gathering letters and making words with the aim of getting the most points. The students have been working on mental addition strategies to quickly calculate their total scores.

It has become competitive and it didn't take long for them to work out what words they could make to get the top scores, this is when we introduced the "theme" idea around words. Many students have tried to sneak in the occasional "made-up" word and even provided very convincing definitions of their fictitious words in desperation for the points





ICAS assessments

Last week the delayed ICAS assessments were started here at the school. The children have been very efficient in regards to getting their laptop computers ready for each of the sessions. Thank you to Mr Boughton for his IT assistance during each of the tests.

Opportunity Class Update

The Opportunity Class assessment this will be conducted on the 17th of November. More information will be provided by the NSW Department of Education soon.



School Visitor Check-In Updates

From **Monday 18 October** 2021, all visitors, contractors and staff can use School Visitor Check-in to sign-in at their school. The new QR codes replace all existing COVID-safe QR codes and will be located at the front office area to ensure visitors and contractors who attend the school during school hours report to the front office reception area.

The School Visitor Logbook Explained

The new QR Code in place at the front desk will register your visit in the School Visitor Check-in log book online. Only the Principal and School Admin Manager has access to this log book. Your information will remain private.

Parents and carers will not be required to check-in for drop off or pick up if this takes place at the **front gate**.

There are of course exceptions, for example parents/carers attending to vulnerable students, students with disability, and where the pick up and drop off would normally require them to sign in and out. (Parents entering the Office for late and early departures).

You will give the reason why you are picking up or dropping off your child when you sign in electronically. There will be no more paper sign ins for children leaving early or arriving late. This will be recorded by staff from the Online Log book to Sentral.

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