



# Burren Junction PS Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7

Friday 12th March 2021

## From the Principal NW SWIMMERS



Congratulations to William, Bridie, Sophie, Frank and Fred for their sensational efforts at the NW carnival on Monday in their individual events. It was good to hear that the children were able to record their best times on the day. William is now going to the State swimming titles in all the events

### 'Look, Listen and Think'



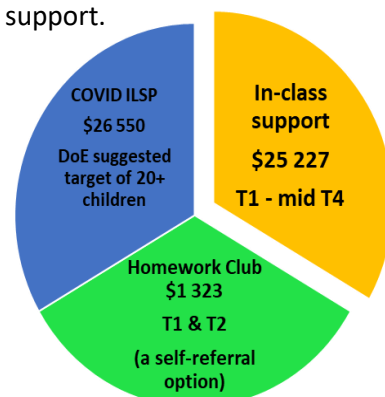
that he entered at NW—that is a phenomenal 6 individual events.

The Peter Dobson relay team, made up of William, Lucas, Bridie and Zara, were also successful at NW, taking 10 seconds of their time, and qualifying for State.

We wish all the children the very best as they move to this elite level of swimming.

### *COVID Intensive Learning Support Program, 2021*

At BJPS we are well underway in the utilisation of the 2021 COVID ILSP funding as per DoE guidelines. In-class support accounts for 95% of the money being expended and is being provided by Mrs Cain until mid-way through Term 4. Mrs Cain is working across all three classes providing small group instruction. Another element of our program is a Homework Club which is being offered in Term 1 and 2 as an after school initiative for any child in Year 1—6. Miss Coles is conducting the Homework Club with my support.



### Upcoming Dates

18h March	PSSA Cricket Trials
26th March	PSSA League Trials
31st March	State Swimming
1st April	State Swimming
1st April	Last Day of Term 1
2-4th April	Cubbaro Campdraft
19th April	Staff Development Day
20th April	First Day of Term 2 for students
25th April	ANZAC Day (March in Burren Junction)
28th April	School Cross Country
7th May	Narrabri PSSA Cross Country
24—26 May	Narrabri Eisteddfod (Music)
1-3 June	Narrabri Eisteddfod (Speech & Drama)
9th June	School Photos
10th June	NW PSSA Cross Country
14th June	Queen's Birthday
25th June	Last Day of Term 2



### **Narrabri PSSA News**

At the recent Narrabri PSSA AGM not all positions were filled including some of the trial convenor positions. As teacher volunteers take up these positions then information will come out as to when the trials will be held. At this stage the following dates have come out for the trials:

Cricket Trials – 18.3.21

League Trials – 26.3.21

### **Narrabri PSSA Athletics Carnival date**

Athletics carnival (Wee Waa PS) – 6<sup>th</sup> of August

### **Intensive Swimming Grant, 2021**

This week I received confirmation that Burren Junction Public School has qualified for funding to run a 10-day intensive swimming program at the end of the year. This is good news and a huge thank you to the Department of Education for this funding opportunity.

### **Wet Weather Exemptions & Wet Weather Work**

With the recent wet weather, and more to come, please make sure that you complete the Wet Weather Exemption paperwork to qualify for the exemption. On the day that your child cannot attend school due to the road conditions then email the school to alert us of this development. Each teacher has wet weather work up on the Google Classroom for every child to access from home. The school also has a number of subscriptions to online learning forums such as mathletics, Essential Assessment and the School Magazine that can also be accessed by children at home. If you need more information or assistance in this matter then please contact the school.

### **Creative & Critical Thinking**

As a result of an Expression of Interest I applied for I have been able to secure an innovative training opportunity in **“Critical & Creative Thinking”**. On Wednesday, Miss Quirk, Miss Coles and I undertook our first of four sessions around this initiative, with Ms Penny Vlies, a DoE Curriculum Leader. Mrs Slack-Smith, Curriculum Advisor, also attended on the day to partake in this learning opportunity. We are very excited about this unique opportunity and developing our knowledge around critical and creative thinking, as well as undertaking an action learning project in the classrooms. All this will assist our students to gain knowledge around critical and creative thinking, which will serve them well in our rapidly changing world.



### **New books**

In the library lesson last week we were able to showcase all the new books. The children were delighted with the new selection and many of the books were borrowed on the day.

Our collection of chapter books is continually being added to and in the hands of the children as part of their guided reading lesson.

More books are on their way, with some arriving this week.

The new books are ensuring that the English syllabus requirements are being met within the school in order to expose the children to a greater variety of books and genres. **Happy reading children!**



### **Tournament of the Minds**

**An International educational program challenging the world to develop creative problem solving skills**

Good news—TOM is going to run in 2021. This will be an optional extra-curricular activity for children in Year 4—Year 6.

*Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a program for primary and secondary students providing the opportunity to solve authentic, open-ended challenges that foster creative, divergent thinking whilst developing collaborative enterprise, excellence and teamwork. Challenges are set in the following disciplines... The Arts, Language Literature, Social Sciences and STEM.*

The challenges will be released on the 9th of July and the regional challenges are held on the 21-22nd of August. **Please note this is scheduled for the same weekend as winter sport. Your child can only nominate for this opportunity if they can be available for the challenge weekend in August. Also, whilst most preparation will be done at lunchtime there will need to be some preparation time required after school too. See the attached flyer for more information.**

### **NAPLAN online**

This year the children in Year 3 and Year 5 will complete NAPLAN online. In class the children will have the opportunity to complete a practice test however, this is only to see if our school has the internet capability to run the test. The window for this opportunity will be between the 22nd of March and the 30th of April.

The online test dates for NAPLAN are from the 11th of May to the 21st of May. At BJPS we will do the assessments between the 11th and 15th of May and use the week later to catch up any child who was absent for the test.

**Ms Suzanne Galvin principal**

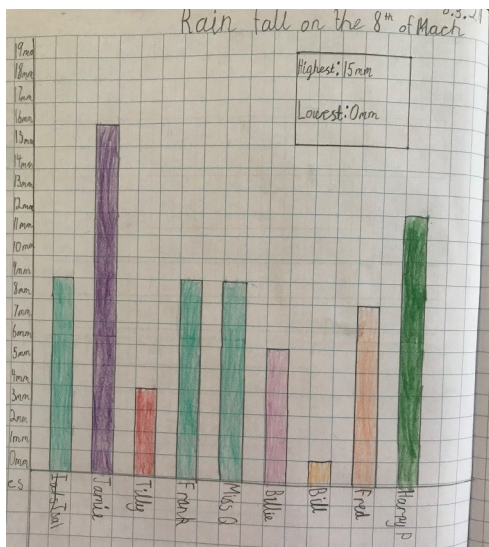
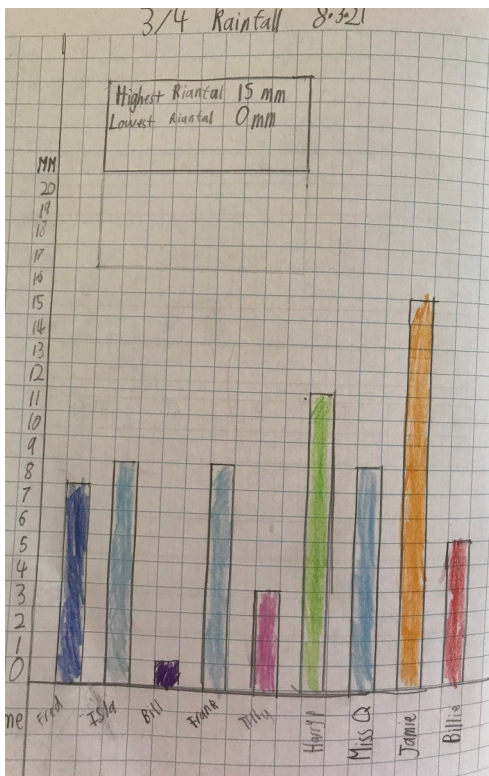
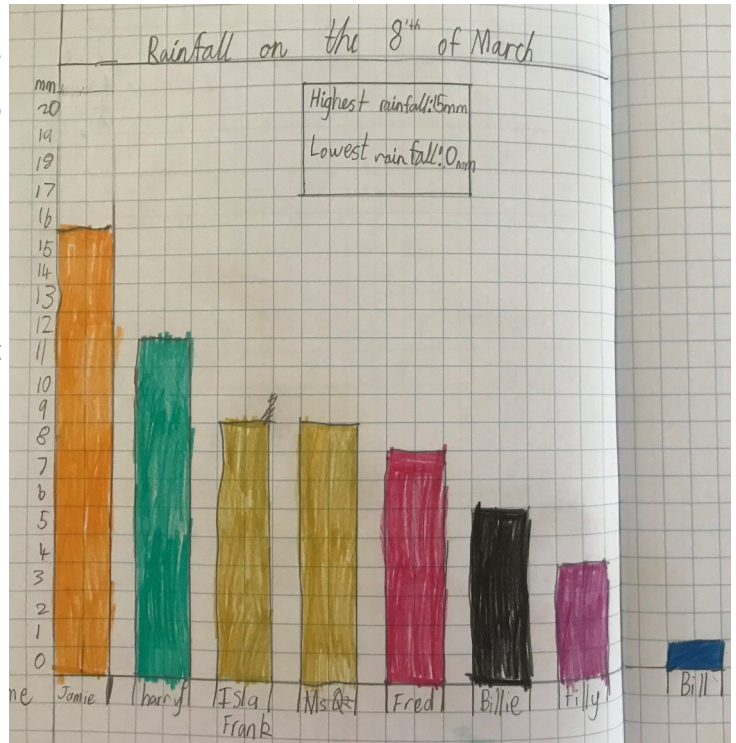


**Year 3 - 4 This Week**

In Stage 2 this week our Maths topic was 'Data' so we used our time with Mrs Marshall to create graphs that show different information.

Our Year 4s graphed the class' rainfall from Monday 8th March, and our Year 3s graphed game result data.

Thank you to Mrs Marshall and our other parent helpers – we love your company and your help!



## WALGETT SHIRE

# 2021 EVENTS

LIGHTNING RIDGE, WALGETT, GRAWIN, COLLARENEBRI, CARINDA, ROWENA, BURREN JUNCTION, COME BY CHANCE

### January

Australia Day - 26

### February

Free Pool Day - Friday 26  
Walgett Hospital Trivia Night - Saturday 27

### March

International Womens Day - 8 - 11  
Spirit of Places Free Pool - Friday 12  
Walgett outdoor markets - Saturday 13  
Walgett & Colly Mud Trials - 13 - 14  
LR New Resident Event Monday 15  
Outback Outloud Workshop - 22 - 23  
Harmony day - 22 - 26  
A Little Bit of Blue Puppet Show - Tuesday 30

### April

Lightning Ridge Easter Festival - 2-4  
L/R Black Opal Bull Ride - Friday 2  
Lightning Ridge Races - Saturday 3  
Spirit of Places Festival - Wednesday 7  
MDA Leadership Program - Thursday 8 & Friday 9  
WAMS 35yr Celebrations - Wednesday 14  
WAMS Youth Week Event - Thursday 15  
ANZAC Day - Sunday 25  
Festival of Small Halls - Friday 30

### May

Walgett Show - Saturday 8 - 9  
Reconciliation Week - 27 - 3 June

### June

CEF Info Evening Walgett - Thursday 3  
Rowena Cracker Night - Sunday 6  
Walgett Races - Saturday 19  
Walgett Outdoor Markets - Saturday 19

### July

NAIDOC Week - 4 - 11  
Carinda Races - Saturday 17  
LR Opal Festival - 28 - 31

### August

Walgett Outdoor Markets - Saturday 14  
Walgett Rodeo & Campdraft - 20 - 22  
Colly Cod Classic - 27 - 29

### September

Collarenebri Races - Saturday 11  
Come By Chance Races TBC

### October

Let's Dance Carinda - 1 - 4  
Macquarie Marches Open Day - Saturday 2

### November

Walgett Twilight Markets - Saturday 14

### December

Christmas Day - Saturday 25

Do you have an upcoming event that you would like added to our calendar of events?  
Email Alana [tourism@walgett.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tourism@walgett.nsw.gov.au) or Phone 02 6828 6139

Visit our calendar of events online for more information on local events happening in and around our region  
<https://www.walgett.nsw.gov.au/tourism/event/>



ABCRA AFFILIATED

# Cubbaroo Campdraft

**2nd 3rd & 4th April 2021**

LIMIT OF 6 FIRST ROUND RUNS  
**FRIDAY 2ND APRIL - 12:00PM START**  
**\$1200 OPEN DRAFT + FINAL**  
ENTRY FEE \$40. 1 ROUND + FINAL - PAID TO 5TH PLACE  
**\$500 LADIES**  
ENTRY FEE \$30. PAID TO 5TH PLACE

**SATURDAY 3RD APRIL**  
**\$750 MAIDEN A**  
ENTRY FEE \$30. PAID TO 5TH PLACE. PRIZE VOUCHER FOR THE HIGHEST SCORING ENCOURAGEMENT RIDER  
**\$400 8 - U13 JUNIORS**  
ENTRY FEE \$20. \$200 TO OVERALL JUNIOR PLACE GETTERS, 1ST TO 5TH  
\$100 TO 8 - U11 PLACE GETTERS, 1ST TO 5TH  
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\$100 TO 13 - U15 PLACE GETTERS, 1ST TO 5TH  
\$100 TO 15 - U17 PLACE GETTERS, 1ST TO 5TH

**SUNDAY 4TH APRIL**  
**\$1000 NOVICE A + FINAL**  
ENTRY FEE \$35. PAID TO 5TH PLACE  
**\$1000 NOVICE B + FINAL**  
ENTRY FEE \$35. PAID TO 5TH PLACE

'Helmets Save Lives'

Nominations via ABCRA iCompete. Nominations open 10am Monday 22nd March & close 10am Tuesday 23rd March. Full Points Awarded. Failure to notify the committee of scratchings 72 hours prior to commencement of program will forfeit nomination fees. Committee not registered for GST. All prize money paid is inclusive GST. \$15 Stock Levy, \$150 Trophy Levy and \$2.20 Ambulance Levy. Breakfast, lunch & dinner available. No bar operating.

**ENQUIRIES: PETER SHEARER 0429965232**




WELLBEING WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

## Being Your Best You



Join us for a day to restore, relax, share great company and discuss tips to help manage the pressures of life.

**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Location: Burren Junction Hall**

**9am registration + morning tea for 9:30am start**  
Please RSVP by 12pm Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Amanda Glasson  
0438 082 731 or Lucinda Stump 0428 961 310 including any dietary requirements

RSVP essential as numbers are strictly limited  
Cost: FREE! Lunch provided  
Please bring a water bottle and wear loose comfortable clothing

\*COVID-19 SAFETY: Attendees are requested to please adhere to physical distancing and appropriate hygiene practices. If you feel unwell, have been in contact with a suspected or confirmed case, or visited a hotspot in the last 14 days, please do not attend this workshop.



### Festival of Small Halls to Burren Junction School of Arts Hall

The Woodfordia Inc team are excited to be bringing the Festival of Small Halls to Burren Junction School of Arts Hall on 30 April as part of the Autumn 2021 tour. The tour will visit 20 towns in regional NSW between 7 April - 2 May 2021.

Festival of Small Halls is a series of tours that takes the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists performing at two of our country's largest festivals, and sends them on the road to tiny halls in communities all over Australia.

It is produced by Woodfordia Inc in partnership with many other wonderful Australian festivals, regional partners and great lovers and supporters of folk and contemporary acoustic music.

It's an opportunity for music-lovers from welcoming communities to invite artists from Home and Abroad into their towns.

Tickets go on sale from 24th February at [www.festivalofsmallhalls.com](http://www.festivalofsmallhalls.com).

For more information or the tour schedule head to: <https://www.walgett.nsw.gov.au/festival-of-small-halls.../>

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**2021 WALGETT SHOW**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**See you at the Show!**

**Showcasing Walgett Shire COVID-SAFE Event**

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