



Burren Junction PS Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6

Friday 28th May 2021

From the Principal

'Look, Listen and Think'

ICAS: For students in Year 2 – Year 6

The ICAS tests are now available to be purchased online and an information sheet is attached to this newsletter with the dates for the assessments and the parent online payment code. All the ICAS tests are now presented to the children online – the paper tests are no longer available. In the past, when the tests were paper based, they were conducted over many months. In the online format the tests are conducted over a four week period. So, be mindful about how many tests you book your children into as this can be quite a rigorous regime for the children. All purchases of the tests need to be finalised by Sunday the 25th of July.

PSSA Rugby Trials Gunnedah



Congratulations to William on being selected to represent the Narrabri zone at Tamworth.



Merit Awardees Week 5

Athletics Carnival: Tuesday 22nd of June

Our athletics carnival will be held at Burren Junction oval this year and all family members are welcome to attend. It is terrific that we can resume normal procedures around such events. We will also require parental assistance in the running of the carnival on the day. Don't forget that we also have the parent relay – so mums and dads get out those running shoes.

During the sport sessions each Friday Toby Knight and the teachers are working on developing the children's skills around fitness and field events.

This year we will be awarding gold medallions to the Champions of each level and silver medallions to Runner Ups. We are looking forward to this day with great excitement.

Trivia Night Fundraiser

Miss Quirk is busily getting everything organised for the Trivia Night at the hall on the 18th of June. The money raised from the event will go towards the Sydney excursion. Thank you Miss Quirk for all your efforts with this event. See the attached flyer for further information.

Upcoming Dates

1-3 June	Narrabri Eisteddfod (Speech & Drama)
8th June	STEM Day for Y5 & Y6 (Narrabri)
9th June	School Photos
10th June	NW PSSA Cross Country
14th June	Queen's Birthday
15-16th June	STEM Outreach Incursion for Y4 -Y6
18th June	Trivia Night Fundraiser
22nd June	BJPS Athletics Carnival
25th June	Last Day of Term 2
13th July	Student's first day of T3
6th—11 Sept	Sydney Excursion



Narrabri Eisteddfod

On Tuesday the whole school travelled to the Narrabri Music Eisteddfod to perform in two musical events. Mr Carrett has been working with the children each Thursday on their music performance skills in the use of the marimbas, drums, boomwhackers and assorted percussion instruments. This year Mr Carrett asked me about purchasing a set of djembe drums to extend the music program and they were used extensively at the Eisteddfod on Tuesday. Money well spent – thank you Mr Carrett! The Year 3 – 6 group performed first with the two songs, *Canoe Song* and *Echoes of Ecuador*. Their performance was superb and they were very deserving of first place in their section. The K-2 children performed next with their djembe drums and boomwhackers, with the Year 3 and 4 students accompanying them on the marimbas. They played the songs *Morning Tea* and *A Walk in the Wild*. The change of pace from the boomwhackers to the drums was a wonderful way to open this performance. The younger children received second place in their section. Mr Carrett was most impressed with how the children performed and their behaviour throughout the Eisteddfod. Congratulations to the children for such fine musical performances. We thank Mr Carrett for the many musical opportunities that he provides through the BJPS music program.





International Bee Day

The 20th of May was 'International Bee Day' and is a day to celebrate the amazing role bees play in all of our lives. Miss Quirk focused the year 3-6 art lessons on creating artworks to honour bees. Miss Quirk and the 3/4 class also capitalised on the opportunity to create a 'Bee Garden' full of beautiful flowers and plants for pollination next to the stage and canteen. Thank you to the Knights and Powells who donated plants to contribute to the garden.

Some bee facts:

- Australia is home to around 2,000 species of native bees.
- Bees have 5 eyes.
- Bees have been on earth for about 30 million years.
- If you see a bee struggling the best thing to do is gently put the bee onto a bee-friendly flower.

Miss Quirk received her birthday certificate last week at Assembly right beside the new "Bee Garden" that she and her 3/4 class created.





PSSA Soccer

The children in 4-6 played soccer against Mullaley in Narrabri this week. Whilst the children did a great job, Mullaley were too good on the day and won the game, 5-1. Congratulations to Mullaley who now progress to the next round.

Do It For Dolly



The Parliament held a ***Do it For Dolly*** fundraiser at the school on Wednesday raising \$50 to donate to the cause. This event was to raise awareness of bullying and how to combat bullying.

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