



Burren Junction PS

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1

Friday 23rd July 2021

From the Principal

'Look, Listen and Think'

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone for a terrific Term 3. Unfortunately, we have had to say a sad farewell to Abbey and Ruby who have both been with us since preschool – we wish them every success in their new school.

This term we welcome Mrs Mareka Deacon to the school as she takes the 3/4 class for the rest of the year. The children and Mrs Deacon are having a delightful time of quality learning each and everyday.

School Play

Mrs Stump is getting us ready for a mini school play this year. Here is what she is organising: "This year the children of BJPS are going to put on a School Concert at the beginning of Term 4. Work will begin this term on a combined musical, dance and drama production based on a re-writing of well-known Fairy Tales. Each



Awards at Friday Assembly in Week 1, Scarlett, Ruby, Lucas, Bec and Charlie

class teacher will produce their own mini play with the help of Mrs Stump and each class will also work on a dance routine with Mrs Deacon and a musical piece that Mr Carrett will direct. The result will be a performance in three acts on Friday October 8th.

Hold onto your hats, we are going to have a fun ride!"

Parent & Teacher Zoom Interviews

This year the Parent & Teacher Interviews will be conducted through zoom on Thursday the 5th of August due to the current COVID restrictions. The booking sheet will go out next week. If you are unable to zoom in on the day then you will have the opportunity to organise another time to zoom with your child's teacher or, if internet access is problematic, then the phone will be used.

4/5/6 Excursion Update

Due to the fact that overnight excursion cannot take place in the current climate, as directed by the Department of Education, the Y4, 5 & 6 excursion is now on hold until Term 4. A Google Doc survey will be going out to the parents of the children in Year 4-6 to assist the school in our decision making around the rescheduling of this excursion.

Upcoming Dates

3rd August	School Photos
5th August	Parent Teacher Zoom interviews
6th August	PSSA Athletics
9th August	ICAS Writing
10th August	ICAS Digital Technology
11th August	Jenny Wright Shield Carnival - Walgett
16th August	ICAS English
23rd August	ICAS Science
24th August	ICAS Spelling Bee
4th September	Council elections
12th September	CWA Flower Show
17th September	Last day of T3



Data & Graphing!



3-4 data & graphing with Ms Galvin

This week the 3-4 class have been working on their data collection skills and graphing that data. On Tuesday the class created column graphs using data related to the Starburst lollies and then their heights. The Starburst lollies were used to create a physical column graph that then informed the creation of column graphs on paper. With the children's heights they were first measured against the door frame of the classroom then these measurements were used to create a graph on the back grass using a string line, marking pegs and marking paint. I think the children enjoyed this second graphing activity as their efforts were then on display for the whole school to see during the recess and lunch breaks. It was a joy to work with the 3-4 class on Tuesday and to see how they could successfully manage to work in teams to collect data and then graph the data.



STEM Share Kit

This term we have secured the 360 camera kit for loan from the Department of Education. Mr Carett will use the 360 cameras during his RFF lesson with the Year 3 – 6 students. We are looking forward to lots of great work from the children with these cameras.

Little Scribe Writers Festival

Over the next few weeks the children in the Year 3 – 6 classes will be participating in a variety of writing workshops online. This opportunity has been paid for by a donation to the school. Thank you to Mrs Moore for securing this funding for the children.

Ms Suzanne Galvin—principal

Year 3 Lake Keepit Excursion

The Year 3 excursion to Lake Keepit will be organised for Term 4 in anticipation that overnight excursions are allowed to resume. Mrs Deacon and I will organise a meeting of the Year 3 parents in the coming weeks to discuss our options for the Lake Keepit excursion.

Good For Life Good For Kids

In this week's newsletter you will find some interesting health information provided by Hunter New England Local Health. Each newsletter this term will have one of their excerpts.

6 Ways Carnival

As advised the 6 Ways athletics carnival has been rescheduled to later this term. However, the date has still not been confirmed. So, please ignore the "save the date" notice sent out earlier this term.



Good for Kids good for life

RECIPE FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

Did you know that primary school-aged children need between 9 - 11 hours of sleep every night?!

Poor sleep quality and insufficient sleep has been associated with a range of physical and mental health problems that can impact on a child's health and development.¹

Here's some sleep tips to help make sure your kids are getting their zzz's...

- Have a consistent sleep schedule and bedtime routine to help your child relax and wind down each night.
- Switch off all screens (TV, tablets, computers, phones) an hour before bed, and no screens in the bedroom!
- Daily exercise and time outdoors promote good sleep. Make sure your child is getting plenty of physical activity throughout the day.



Check out more sleep tips at www.healthdirect.gov.au/sleep-tips-for-children

Peer Support Training Today

Today the Year 6 leaders and the Year 5 students have been undertaking their Peer Support training for 2021. The children had a terrific day of bonding and developing marvellous ties with their peers. See the photos sent through as this newsletter goes to print.

Thank you to Miss Whiteley for organising the training and Miss Coles for assisting.

We look forward to starting the Peer Support program for all children in the school this term.



3/4 this week

3/4 have been working on turning facts into sizzling starts. They were provided with exciting examples that they had to match with an appropriate headline.

The students then examined each example to identify what sizzling technique it was using.

Each student was given a story to present to the class in a news reporter style. They all thoroughly enjoyed adding their own dramatic flair.

Mrs Mareka Deacon



Attendance

Last week the Home School Liaison Officer was in to check the school's attendance data.

Whilst we are doing quite well overall with our attendance what we are needing to improve upon is the speed in which the absentee notes are submitted upon the children's return to school.

Please email the school to let us know why your child is away or, when they return to school, submit a note to the class teacher to explain the nature of the absence.

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8.45 am to 3.30pm

Hot Chocolate Tuesday

Every Tuesday

From 27th to 31st August

Year 6 Parliament will be selling

Hot chocolate at Recess for \$2.50 each

Can everyone please bring "A Keep Cup"

with a lid and your name on it For your hot chocolate.

Enjoy!!!



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