



Burren Junction PS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3

Thursday 27th October 2022

'Look, Listen and Think'

From the Principal

Let's start with all the amazing things that have happened this term. Nothing in life is ever easy, but the way that the students at our school and families in our community tackle a challenge is commendable.



We can officially acknowledge that BJPS have the 3rd fastest P5 swimming team in the Department of Education and Catholic systems and the 6th fastest on the track. A massive congratulations to our team of Frank, Bridie, Sophie and William who did the school proud last week at state athletics. Training was almost impossible with one of the four usually away with weather and appointments. Add to that it was hard to find anywhere in the wet to get a good run and there are no marked ovals nearby. What we focused on in our sessions at school were baton changes, trusting in each other and communicating and they all did this on the day.

The first round had 4 heats, and the team were successful in winning theirs. They then got down to 2 heats for the semis and came in 4th. It really was anyone's race in the final, with less than one second between the team that came 3rd and BJPS.



They gave it their all and had many great texts and messages coming through. It was lovely to see the photos of the children at school and home and their families who couldn't be there streaming online. The team also loved watching back the commentary that was included in the broadcast.

Maybe the parents were more excited than the kids upon spotting Melinda Gainsford-Taylor, but she was so happy to talk to them and wish them well. A Narromine girl herself, she understood what it meant to make it when you are from the bush and did mention she would be happy to come out this way for a clinic. Looking at the talent we have coming through it would be worth following up on.



Colour Run

Congratulations to our Parliament who organised our joint Rowena and Burren colour run at the start of the term. Students worked together in K-3 and 4-6 groups before lunch doing some collaborative activities with Mrs. Cain and Miss Quirk while staff undertook professional learning. The colour run started with Burren v Rowena, trying to bomb the other school with pantyhose bombs, put together by parliament in school colours. Following that, it was a case of every person for themselves. There was a lot of laughter. Feedback on the day was positive, with students enjoying both the classroom activities as well as the colour run. Rowena is going to organise another day for our school to go over there. At the end of the term, we are going to join with them for a day in Narrabri. More details on this will follow closer to the time.



Transition

Our newest students have started their transition program and are in the capable hands of Mrs. Cain and Vicki. We presented them at the assembly on day one with a hat each, ready for their schooling next year. We have had an additional student join who will be a new family for BJPS. It's not too late, if you do know of anyone who may have a child ready for school or who is moving to the area soon, please let us know.



Flood Challenges

We are certainly all in the thick of the waters that keep coming our way. Looking at the devastation across the state, it is extremely hard to see it ending any time soon. It has provided challenges for all our staff and students as we navigate how we get home and to school while also seeing the devastation to houses and properties across the district, state and country. At all times, staying safe is the number one priority as we do not know what is under the floodwater and have seen even local situations of people stranded on tops of vehicles or in trucks. As a result, several of our students have been learning from home. The Wee Waa SES has been supporting our teachers getting across when they are able to and I sincerely appreciate the efforts all our staff have been making to support our students. There are times when getting to school is not possible and I think living on roads like we do, we are all fully aware of this.



Halloween Fun

Don't forget this Friday Parliament are holding a Halloween day. We realise that getting costumes is going to be a challenge so just do what you can. There will be sport on the day so some clothes to change into, suitable for sport, are needed. Parliament will be selling morning tea at tuckshop Friday. Their flyer is below

I know the rest of the term will be filled with challenges and we just have to face them one day at a time. Look after your families and let us know if we can support in any way.

Kate Slack-Smith—principal



Sentral App Calendar



Term 4

27 Oct	Kindergarten Transition
3 Nov	Kindergarten Transition
28 Nov-	Swimming
16 Dec	Swimming
10 Dec	Community Cut out Event
13 Dec	Year 6 Lunch (TBC)
14 Dec	Movie Day with Rowena (TBA)
15 Dec	Speech Day
16 Dec	Students Last Day School
19 Dec	Staff Development Day
20 Dec	Staff Development Day
25 Dec	Christmas Day

Please check the Calendar on the Parent Portal or App as it is kept updated if things should change.



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