TERM 4 WEEK 5 - THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, 2022



# BURREN JUNCTION PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Look, Listen and Think"

# From the Principal

**Kate Slack-smith** 



Transition 2022 with Mrs Stuart, Mrs Cain, Dougie, Clancy and Billy

Burren Junction is certainly making the news lately for all the right reasons. The efforts our staff and students are going to, to attend school has been picked up by the Department of Education who ran a story on the front page of their internet homepage. The ABC radio followed up, interviewing me live on their morning program a week ago and Ali Smith, local reporter for the Courier has also run a story on the effort that is going in to keep our school open and fully operational with constant road closures and floods. We have staff and families who have relocated to allow them to attend school. Leaving behind pets, their own homes and loved ones is no easy task, thank you to all our staff and families for working together to keep our school as normal as possible. I say in every interview that we are a strong community and in times of hardship this is always evident. I hope the roads and paddocks dry and harvest begins for all very soon.

Link to article on the Narrabri Courier

### **TRANSITION FINISHES**

Congratulations to Dougie, Clancy and Billy on completing their transition program last Thursday. Students were presented with their books and a homemade library bag by Mrs Cain.

Every year, transition parents are given a school information handbook. This year Mrs Schwager and I have revamped ours to cover as much as we could think of. A copy of this is on the Sentral app. I welcome any feedback or ideas of things which may need to be added to the next version. It is all in alphabetical order to help you with navigation.



### **ASSESSMENTS**

It is a busy time of year as we finish up the years assessment tasks to help inform student reports. Teachers are continually gathering information on students to help improve their outcomes.

Currently we are undertaking assessments in line with our School Assessment Schedule. Students have taken this all in their stride and we are almost done. Reports will be available for collection at the end of Speech Day in Week 10.



### **DRESSED TO IMPRESS**

We may be isolated, but that did not stop students and staff from using their imaginations to come up with some amazing costumes for Halloween. After being greeted by the ghost in the office, students at assembly shared stories of the costumes they had created. Parliament raised \$165 in total by running a very successful morning tea. Following this, a number of students followed with fascinators on Melbourne Cup day.













### **UNIFORM DRIVE**

A big thank you to Suzi Moore who has kindly offered to run a uniform pool on Speech Day. There is a flyer attached. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to exchange some uniforms and donate uniforms in good condition for others to get as needed. If you have uniforms you would like to send in earlier these can be sent in to allow Suzi to set up in advance. There is some supply in the canteen now and this is a reminder that you can access this at any time.

### **TROPHIES**

If you have any perpetual trophies at home, can you send them back in ASAP so we can get them sent off for engraving.

### **POOL KEYS**

Reminder to please return your old keys or \$20 deposit to the School Office.

Our word of the week is indispensable.
Students told us it has 5 syllables, a prefix, a suffix, 12 phonemes, and means absolutely necessary







### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Students have been reflecting the importance of Remembrance Day this week in for our service preparation tomorrow commencing at 10.50am ready for a minute's silence at 11am. We welcome anyone from the school and community to join us for this service. A report will follow in the next newsletter.



### **Contact Us**

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## **Sentral App Calendar**

### Term 4



11 Nov Remembrance Day Service

28 Nov - Swimming 16 Dec Swimming

10 Dec Community Event13 Dec Year 6 Lunch

14 Dec Movie Day with Rowena

15 Dec Speech Day

16 Dec Students Last Day School19 Dec Staff Development Day20 Dec Staff Development Day

25 Dec Christmas Day

### 2023

### Term 1

7 Feb First Day of Year for Students17 Feb Swimming Carnival (TBC)

15 Mar - NAPLAN 27 Mar NAPLAN

7 April Last Day Term 1

### Term 2

24 April Staff Development Day

25 April Anzac Day

26 April First Day for Students Term 2





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