



Burren Junction PS Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1

Thursday 28th April 2022

'Look, Listen and Think'

From the Principal

Burren Junction is a small and close community and we are all devastated that we start this term having lost one of our fathers in tragic circumstances. Matthew Harris, a hardworking and proud husband and dad has been a parent of BJPS for the past 18 years. His four children William, Simon, Alli and Bridie have all attended primary school here. Matt could always be relied on to give a hand, from setting up or packing up at events, taking a stopwatch, cooking the BBQ for the P&C, providing a laugh as a parent on our ski trip, attending Mass as his children undertook their communion or confirmation. Matt had mastered the skill of pinning a badge on his kids as they were sworn into Parliament and planted the tree as you walk into the gate of the school along with Alli, as she finished school in 2019. In the last week of Term One, Matt and Sonia made the trip to Sydney to support and watch Bridie and the team bring home bronze medals at state swimming and he was really looking forward to attending the 4-5-6 snow excursion again this year. As a school and community, we send our love and strength to Sonia, William, Simon, Alli and Bridie and their wider family during this extremely difficult time.

BRONZE MEDALISTS.

It was an exciting time in Sydney when our P5 relay team finished 3rd and received the Bronze medal in the finals of the state small school mixed relay. This event sees the State, Catholic and Independent schools all come together to compete. It has been a massive effort given our nearest 50m pool is 100km away. The team dropped time in every race going from 2.59 in Narrabri, 2.47 in Armidale, 2.38 in state heats and an amazing 2.36 in the final. A massive 23 seconds in total.

They worked together as such a united and supportive team and made our school and their families cheering them on enormously proud. Congratulations Will, Bridie, Sophie and Jamie.

William was selected as the North West team flag bearer to start the carnival and swam beautifully in all his events. He was amazing to watch in the pool.



EASTER ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to our Yr 6 team who organised a very successful out of uniform day on the last day of term. There were a number of very creative outfits on display and as a school we undertook a number of Easter inspired events and games. The money raised by being out of uniform went to purchase Easter eggs for prizes during the day.



MOORAMBILLA

In the last week of term Moorambilla voices program came to the school. I have heard it was a great success. Moving on from here I understand students will be soon notified if they have been successful in being part of the program. I will advise if the school receives any further information.

ANZAC DAY

On Monday we held the town ANZAC day service. A big thank you to everyone who was involved in pulling the event together. The hall looked great and our school leaders spoke confidently, clearly and did our school proud. A special thanks to Peter Carrett who once again supported us following his commitments at Wee Waa.



CROSS COUNTRY

The Burren Junction Public School Cross Country carnival will be held here at Burren Junction Public School on Friday 29th April, 2022. Families are most welcome to attend.

Time: Students will walk the course at 10.45 am. Races will commence after recess from 11:40am

Starting point: The Hastings Street gate

Course: The school, Burren oval and the old golf course

Distance: Based on the age you turn in 2022: 5,6,7= 800m, 8,9,10= 2km, 11,12= 3km

Dress: School sports uniform

Special requirements: sunscreen and additional water

Children who are aged 8-12 then have an opportunity to progress to Narrabri on Friday 13th May. Any child who is absent on Friday will still have an opportunity to progress to Narrabri, just have a chat to me if this occurs.

EXCURSION

Next week our 5/6 class will venture to Sydney for the week to undertake the postponed excursion from last year. One of the highlights will be the Harbour Bridge climb on Thursday which is being funded by the P & C. The excursion is also linking to our study on Australian History and the Rocks walking tour, Barangaroo ceremony and Australian Museum will assist this understanding develop.

LOCAL HISTORY

This week years 2-6 have been looking at the local history of Burren Junction. Mrs Deacon has arranged with Brett to take us on a tour and students are very interested in seeing which houses use to be shops, butchers, banks and the hospital. We also looked at the names of the streets in Burren Junction and what they were named after. If you have a child in years 2-6 please ask them to tell you about what they have learnt. Harry Powell shared a video he created for Aurora on Burren Junction which was fantastic. The book My Place has also been used to compare how places change over time and the ABC iview series is being compared. 5/6 are looking forward to watching some more episodes on the train as we travel to Sydney.



OPPORTUNITY CLASS

Parents of children in year 4 have been sent home information on the Opportunity Class placements. Please read this and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

NAPLAN

In week 3, NAPLAN assessments for years 3 and 5 will take place. In preparation for these being online students have tested the computer systems and walked through the different types of questions they may be asked online. There is a set 2 week window to complete these tests to accommodate for sickness and interruptions during this time.

EISTEDDFOD

The Eisteddfod programs have now been released. As a school we have 2 entries K-1 poetry will be on Tuesday 31st May at 10.30am The 2-6 dance is at 10.30am on Friday 27th May.

Students who have entered into speech section will be emailed the program to see when their child is on. K-2 are Tuesday 31st May, 3-4 are Wednesday 1st June and 5-6 are Thursday 2nd June.

If children attending the Sydney excursion could bring copies of their poems we will practice if we can during the week.

Kate Slack-Smith—principal

SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL AND APP ROLLOUT

Sentral Parent App and Portal

The parental portal has arrived. Our school has undertaken a new initiative, the parental Portal. Our aim is to move into the digital era and create an environment of paperless communication between parent/carers and the school.

To do this you will receive an email which will ask for the correct email address you would like to use for the app. You will also give us permission to receive permission documents via the portal.

You will then search for Sentral For Parents in your App store, download the Portal app. Don't worry if you do not have a smart phone/device the portal is available in a desktop version as well.

We will then send out an email with an access key and instructions on how to enter it and use the app. We know change can be hard, so we've arranged help if you need it.

If you have a problem?, please email the school and we will get in contact with you or please call or drop into the school to discuss any issues you might have.

Once set up with your parental portal or app you can view the

calendar for the year. Also documents e.g. tuckshop roster, clothing price list etc.

You will also be able to view the Newsletter, Bulletins, Student info, upcoming events, attendance overview and also student absences .

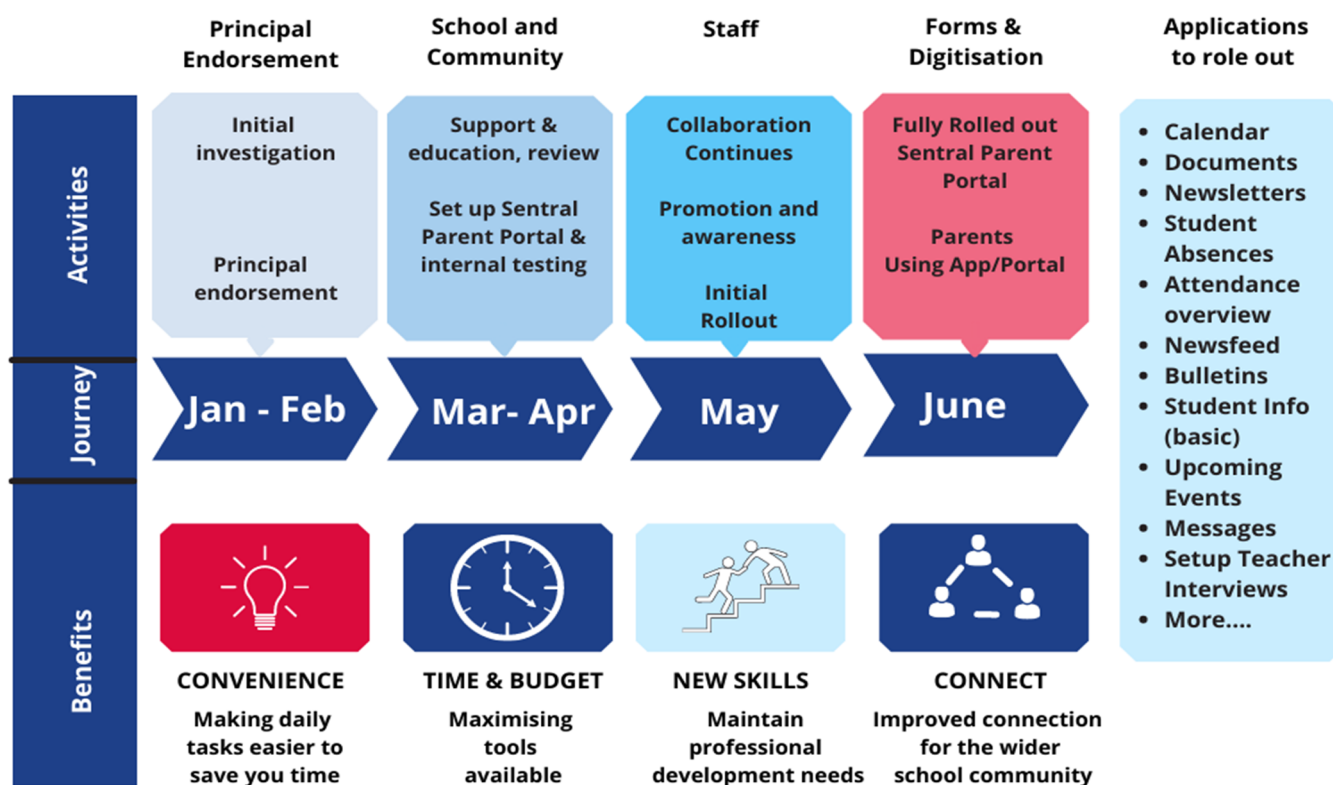
It is very important to fill in the absences for your children. If your child is absent from school, a justified reason for student absences may include:

- Being sick, or having and infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend sport or extracurricular activities.
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstances

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School Administration Burren Junction Public School



Upcoming Dates



Term 2

26 April 2022	Online applications OPENS Opportunity Year 5 Placement 2023
27th April	First Day Back for Term 2
27th April	North West Rugby League trials
29th April	School Cross Country
2nd -6th May	Sydney Excursion
10th-20th May	NAPLAN Window
7th-8th May	Walgett Show
13 May	Zone Cross country (Narrabri)
13 May	Online Applications CLOSES Opportunity Year 5 placement 2023
TBA	Zone Rugby trials
TBA	Zone Netball trials
23rd May	North West Rugby
26th May	North West Netball
27th May	Eisteddfod Dance
31st May - 2nd Jun	Eisteddfod Speech and Drama
17th June	North West Cross Country
TBA	Zone Softball trials
23 June	6 Ways Carnival at Pilliga (Date Change)
27th June	North West Girls Softball
28th June	North West Boys Softball
30th June	6 Ways backup (Date Change)
Term 3	
20 July	North West Cricket trials Girls
27 July	School Photos (Date Change)

28 July 2022 **Opportunity Class Placement**
Test Year 5 placement for 2023

22 Aug to
24 Aug **Lake Keepit Excursion**

Sunday August 21 to
Friday 26th August **Canberra Excursion**

Tuckshop Term 2 Update Roster.

TERM 2			Year 6 Cupcake
Week 1	April 29 th	Helen	Will
Week 2	May 6 th	Rachel Janine	*Yr 5/6 Sydney Excursion
Week 3	May 13 th	Laura ?	Ella
Week 4	May 20 th	Ellie Helen	Sophie
Week 5	May 27 th	Janine? Keiran?	*Eisteddfod Dance Yr 2-6
Week 6	June 3 rd	Suzie - ?	Aaron
Week 7	June 10 th	Jess ?	Bridie
Week 8	June 17 th	Em ?	Harper
Week 9	June 24 th	Sonia Alice	Ella
Week 10	July 1 st	Ange Prue	Bec

We also need volunteers for the highlighted dates, If you are able to assist please let Em Howie know – 04129620140
Thank you

Morning Tea

A selection of items will be available to purchase for morning tea such as but not limited to:

Seasonal Fruit - Frozen Yoghurt - Mamee Monster Noodles – Popcorn - Party Pie - Mini Sausage Roll - Mini Hotdogs – Jelly cup – Muffins – Cake – Slices

These range from 50c - \$3.00

Drinks

Available to purchase at Morning Tea and Lunch

Water Bottled	\$1.00
Poppers	\$1.50

Ice Poles

Available for purchase after Middle Lunch Bell

Lemonade	\$1.00
Chocolate	\$1.50

Lunch

Lunch Order & Childs name to be written on a paper bag with money and Placed in the lunch basket before class.
(Drinks, Ice poles & Morning Tea to be purchased separately)

Chicken Tenders	\$1.20 ea
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Pie	\$4.00
Pizza (ham & pineapple or cheese & bacon)	\$2.50
Wedges (with Sour Cream & Sweet Chilli Sauce)	\$2.50
Mac & Cheese	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets Tempura-(3)	\$2.00
Cup Noodles (Chicken or Beef)	\$2.00
Wrap - Chicken tenders & salad	\$5.00

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR WEEKLY SPECIALS.

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