



Burren Junction PS Newsletter

Term 2 Week 5

Thursday 26th May 2022

'Look, Listen and Think'

From the Principal

Our school is currently undergoing a facelift with the Admin block and 5/6 classroom both being painted as part of the Department of Education's scheduled works. To continue the beautification students in wet lunch times, while the tennis court and grass were a mass of puddles, have been weeding garden beds as well as chipping grass from the paved area. Even today, I found a group of year 6 attacking the couch in the vegie patch without anyone asking them to. Helen and Narelle helped me on Friday weed and re-woodchip the front garden bed and I thank them both for all their hard work, as first impressions of a school really do count. Narelle does a marvellous job with her cleaning, making the inside of our school always so tidy. There are a lot of little jobs that do need doing around the school so I have spoken with Toby as president of the P&C about maybe having a working bee to get a few jobs sorted.



I have also been talking with students about things that make us proud. It could be mastering a new skill, completing work to a high standard, being rewarded for something we have done or taking pride in our surroundings by putting away sporting equipment and rubbish. We have also discussed how teachers are also made proud by their students and things they achieve each day. With the Eisteddfod coming up we discussed the effort that has been put in by a whole group to pull a performance together. It is important that we all give it our best, as a lot of effort goes in by everyone involved to get it to this point. We are lucky to be part of such a wonderful school.



Cross Country is being practiced every day getting ready for the North West Cross country on Friday 17th June, 2022

Netball News

I know I was certainly proud last Wednesday when our school netball team competed against Narrabri West in the state wide PSSA knockout. In all my years at Burren it is the first time I can remember that our team has made it past the first round. This team had a convincing win 33 to 7 and were just great to watch. It was really exciting to pull it together as we had only trained each lunch with 3 or 4 children as others were not able to get to school with all the rain. They certainly looked the part in their new uniforms provided by the P&C. Our next match will be against Narrabri Public school who also had a convincing win in their first round. It will be held on Monday June 6th



in Narrabri.

In addition to this success, we have had 4 students selected in the zone netball team to go to North West Trials in Tamworth today. Congratulations Bridie, Sophie, Harper and Will. I think having 4 of the 9 students selected coming from Burren Junction is a huge success.

A netball Gala day is being held on Tuesday June 21st and BJPS will be sending 3 teams. A 3/4 and two 5/6 teams. More information will follow.

William has also been selected in the southern zone rugby team and will compete against the northern zone on Friday in Tamworth for a place in the north west team.

It has been a big two terms of sporting trials. These are almost done. We have Softball trials coming up on Monday June 6th which Ms Bouveng will be the zone manager for.

Athletics

While the date was put on the last calendar I just want to point out that our school athletics carnival will be held on Friday 10th June. This is the day before the long weekend.

Traditionally, we hold the carnival in the last week of term however, the 6 Ways have pushed their carnival from term three to this term and we try to have ours completed before this so children go into the 6 ways prepared. For our new families the 6 Ways is a carnival held with 6 schools: BJPS, Pilliga, Gwabegar, Baradine, Rowena and Distance Ed. Each year a different school hosts with Pilliga being the host this year. The day begins with a marching and chant competition and then a full carnival follows.

Children are preparing this term in our Friday sport session. Students are being broken into their age groups and rotating between running, and then 2 other field events each week.

Eisteddfod

The next week is going to be a very busy one with all children entering at least one item in the Eisteddfod. Tuesday was a full rehearsal for all students with

Margaret Slack-Smith coming in to fine tune all poetry entries. Feedback is that children need to ensure they finish the ends of all words clearly. The children will all do well. They know their lines and now it's just a lot of practise.

Years 2-6 begin with their dance performance tomorrow morning. Mrs Deacon has done an impressive job with this and I know that all parents in the audience will be really impressed. Following this they will attend an excursion to the Information Centre in Narrabri. Mrs Deacon sent the note about this out yesterday.

Next week on Tuesday our K-1 will be presenting their two poems in the infants section. They are sounding really confident and are in the capable hands of Miss Whiteley. The rest of Tuesday sees individual performances by K-1-2 students who entered.

Wednesday will see 3 /4 students compete in their individual, Duologues and Poems for Two. Thursday will wrap up the Eisteddfod with a lot of entries in 5/6 in the Poems for Two section. This will be a hard one to judge as they are all very strong entries.

It is the week where, as a parent you can easily put 1000 km on your car and historically it's often wet. Fingers crossed that is not the case this year.

Cost for Adults to attend is \$5.



Visit to the Police Station

Thank you to our local policemen Zack for giving all the children the opportunity to look over the local Police Station. A great local experience that all children enjoyed, including the staff

ICAS

A reminder that entries for ICAS exams are now open. These tests are held from August and are now fully online. All information was sent out last week however, if you have any questions or are having difficulty logging in, please don't hesitate to reach out for help. Participation in these exams is voluntary.

Sentral Parent App and Portal

We have some technical issues being cleaned up this

week regarding the parent app and portal. When these changes have been made, we will be sending you all an email to introduce you to the app and portal in the coming weeks. June is the scheduled roll out to parents so keep an eye out for the email. It will make everyone's life a little easier to keep abreast of everything that is going on in our busy schedule.

Water

Please make sure all children have water bottles. We have been instructed to not use the bubblers and have bought water for the children to refill their water bottles.

Home School Liaison Officer

Yesterday I had Ethan and Jason visit to discuss student attendance data with me. It is the role of the HSLO to look at students who have an attendance rate below 85% and discuss this with me. As a school, on the whole, our attendance rate is currently below 85%. Schools have a target and ours is to have attendance above 90% overall. Where these absences have been explained with a clear reason they are fine. They understand that Covid has had a massive impact across the whole country and other illness occur. I showed them some video of what it is like to try and get to school when you live on a black soil road. They were happy with the process we have in place for exemption and I showed them the completed forms where work completed is clearly outlined in order to grant that exemption. Where work is not completed a student is marked as on leave.

The main messages from them are that if your child is away it is important that you provide a valid reason as soon as possible. To write on a note that they are "away" is not sufficient.

The reasons need to be

- sick,
- medical appointment,
- family commitment,
- wet weather (followed with an exemption form)

The clearer the explanation the easier it makes it if they do need to look at anything. The new Parent Portal app on Sentral will allow you to see your child's daily attendance and absence rate as well as log absences in advance or on their return. A couple of School Council parents have been assisting in the trial of this and have had reported positively on its ease of use.

It is important that you do not send children to school if they are sick, and there is no issue with students being away from school because they are sick, it is the right thing to do. It is only if they have repeated absences with no valid explanation received by the school that it becomes a concern.

Kate Slack-Smith—principal



K-1 with their chameleons that they made with Mrs Cain last week. Above more cross country runners putting in a big effort at practice.

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TENNIS



RAKet Sports

Tennis Coaching with Rod Kirk

Where: Burren Junction Public School

Day/Time: Starting 30th May until end of term. Mondays 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Cost: \$10 per child per week

All Enquiries/Bookings please Call/Text Rodney on 0428 922 900

Upcoming Dates



Term 2

26th May	North West Netball
27th May	Eisteddfod Dance
31st May	Eisteddfod Speech (K/1/2)
1st June	Eisteddfod Speech (3/4)
2nd June	Eisteddfod Speech (5/6)
3 June	Zone Cross Country (Narrabri)
6 June	Netball knockout
6 June	Zone Softball trials Girls and Boys
10th June	School Sports Carnival
15th June	Narrabri Science Challenge (5/6)
16th June	Royal Flying Doctors Service –Dental
17th June	North West Cross Country
21 June	Netball Cup Narrabri (3-6)
23 June	6 Ways Carnival at Pilliga
27th June	North West Girls Softball
28th June	North West Boys Softball
30th June	6 Ways backup
1 July	Last Day Term 2

Term 3

18 July	First day of Term 3
20 July	North West Cricket trials Girls
26th July	Life Education Van
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
23 Sept	Last Day Term 3

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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	?	Sophie
Week 5	May 27 th	Janine ? Keiren?	*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

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.

School Check In

Parents and the community please note you need to register with the School online login system. (QR Code)

- If you enter the school grounds to attend sport, or extra-curricular activity.
- If you are taking your children early, sport or sick.
- If you drop your children off late

It is instead of the paper sign in we used to have prior to Covid. It is used for evacuations and keeping up to date with who is on the school premises it is required for WHS.

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