



# Burren Junction PS Newsletter

Term 2 Week 7

Thursday 9 June 2022

## **'Look, Listen and Think'**

### **From the Principal**

What a successful week we had as a school at the Narrabri Eisteddfod. Every child in the school has had an opportunity to take to the stage and challenge themselves alongside their class. Students have reflected up on how nervous they have felt as well as how proud they have also been. I know the teachers have delighted in watching their students perform. Our year 4/5/6 students clearly enjoy participating with a partner with most competing in the Poems for Two and Duologue sections on Wednesday and Thursday. It is clear that they have had years of experience as they confidently take to the stage. They certainly look impressive in their Burren uniforms. It was lovely at the end of Thursday for the announcers and organisers to pay tribute to the year 6 students who they had watched year in, and year out turn up and take part. Parents and grandparents commented on how wonderful it is to see them confidently speak in public. I encourage all our current students to take the opportunity to participate next year. Staff can help with the selection of poems. All our results are on the back page of this newsletter. Congratulations again to all our students.

### **Athletics Carnival**

Our school athletics carnival is being held tomorrow. All students are competing in both the track and field events. A note with all the information and program has been emailed out and is available on the parental portal and app. It is an enjoyable day out and the track is certainly soft after years of being dry. The day will begin with a march and house chants. The teams have worked to collaboratively pull these together and they are always well done. With 6 ways fast approaching it is good to start with our own carnival as we have in recent years been the winners of the chant and march at 6 Ways. Mr Ptolemy who will be teaching 5/6 next term will also be assisting on the day as a way of becoming familiar with the school.

### **Moorambilla,**

Following the Moorambilla singing workshop being held at our school in the last week of Term 1 a number of our students have been shortlisted. Information will be sent directly to parents of those who make it to the next round of offers. If successful there are 2 workshops and a performance. Dates are on the calendar on last page.



### **Cross Country**

On Friday, a team of runners represented the school at the district cross country. The weather conditions while not as miserable as the Coolah North West carnival last year were challenging for participants and spectators alike with rain on and off all day. Our children were all impressive and did their best. We have a team of 11 who have made it through to the North West carnival being held in Coolah on Friday 17th June. This is an impressive result given the primary enrolment of our school is only 22. Results are all on the back page of this newsletter.



# Cross Country 2022

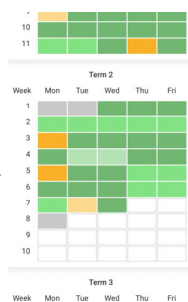


## Sentral App

We have had 11 families register and begin using the Sentral parents portal and app. I encourage you all to play around in it. You can use the portal version on your computer or download the app to your phone. The app looks like this



Newsletters, notes, the full school calendar are just some of the things you can find. One of the interesting areas to go into is student info – student details – and click on the attendance tab. You will be able to see what the percentage attendance for the term is and then break that down into a daily heatmap of attendance. Like this



Help can be found on this link.

<https://www.sentral.com.au/app-getting-started>

## Photography Workshop

Beginner photography workshop 30th June (2pm – 5pm) BJPS P&C has been successful in securing funding to offer this fun, creative development opportunity. Local photographer John Burgess will run a 3 hour photography workshop. The workshop will begin at 2pm allowing all BJPS students the opportunity to participate. Those that want to

continue with some more in-depth photography instruction can stay after the bell for the after-school session, estimated to finish at 5pm. Parents are welcome to come along and bring a camera.

Each child will have one of their photos printed on canvas to display at an art show in September.

This workshop is at no cost to the school, thanks to the Country Arts Support Program who has funded the after school workshop. Students can bring along a camera or device which takes photos and can share among a family. The school has ipads for anyone who does not have access to a camera.

## Working With Children Check- Volunteers

Just a reminder that if you are to attend any overnight excursion as a parent you will need a current volunteer working with children check. These are currently taking a considerable amount of time so if you could get them started now it would be great.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

I hope you all have an enjoyable long weekend and if you are around the Rowena fireworks are always a great night out.

**Kate Slack-Smith—principal**



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## Mad About Reading!

Kindergarten have started reading books on their own this term. We have been using the Initialit program to set a solid foundation for our reading. Be ready for lots of decodable readers to be sent home in homework!



In class, 5/6 have been learning about an extremely special day, which is known as Sorry Day. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of May each year, we say sorry to the Aboriginal people whose children were torn away from their families. The Aboriginal children were ripped from their families by the government and taken to orphanages, missions and put into foster care as well. These children were known as the stolen generation and were taken by the government because they thought taking them was the right thing to do. They thought the right thing was taking them and making them dress and speak the same language more like the non-indigenous people. This awful tragedy went on for 60 long years, beginning in 1910 all the way through to 1970. Kevin Rudd, one of Australia's previous Prime Ministers, was the first to say sorry to these hurt Aboriginal families. He wanted to make the whole of Australia come together as an equitable country.

Written By Bridie Harris

Sorry Day is an important day on the Australian calendar. It is held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May every year. Sorry Day means many different things to the Indigenous people. It is a day where we as a country remember the Stolen Generation. The Stolen Generation was when indigenous children were taken from their families against their will. This happened between 1910 and 1970. The government at the time thought they were doing the right thing and giving them a better future. However, they caused so much pain and grief for the children and their families. Kevin Rudd apologised for what happened and made the country a nation united.

By Harper

In class we have been learning about Reconciliation Week. We have read lots of books to do with Sorry Day and the Stolen Generation such as Stolen Girl, Sorry Day and Welcome to Country. After reading these books we realised what it was like for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people during these tough times.

By Bec and Kitty

In class we have been learning about the Stolen Generation. The stolen generation went from the year 1910 to 1970 so it finished not that long ago. The white men stole the Aboriginal kids from their tribe to give them a better education and try and turn them into white people. I felt sad learning about it because kids were taken from their families and many never saw them again.

By Frank

In art, we have been drawing a purple hibiscus for National Sorry Day. The hibiscus has several meanings, and one is spiritual healing. The hibiscus also represents the people of the Stolen Generation and the people who survived.

By Brock

Over the last few weeks we have been learning about the 1967 referendum for Aboriginal rights. Everyone had to vote either yes or no and 90% of the population voted yes! It made a huge difference for indigenous people in Australia and after that they were considered equal citizens with the same rights.

By Matilda

Over the last few weeks in class, 5/6 have been learning about Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation Week goes from the 27<sup>th</sup> of May to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. This year's Reconciliation theme is Be Brave. Make Change. Reconciliation Week is about non-Indigenous and Indigenous people coming together and looking into the future with the aim of becoming a unified country.

By Sophie Slack-Smith

Mabo day is held annually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June and remembers Eddie Mabo's success when he fought for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land rights. Eddie fought for those rights for 10 years ending up winning in the high court of Australia but tragically he lost his life to cancer when he was 55 before he could see his victory. Eddie Mabo was born and grew up on Mer Island in the Torres Strait Islands, just north of Cape York. Eddie Mabo will be remembered by many Australians both Indigenous and non-Indigenous as a hero.

By William

Mabo Day is held on the last day of Reconciliation Week which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. It celebrates and remembers what Eddie Mabo did for the Torres Strait Islanders and the Aboriginal people. He fought for Aboriginal land rights in the highest court in Australia, located in Canberra.

By Emmy Moore

In class this week we have been learning about Mabo Day. Mabo fought for the land and water that his people live on. He was born on Murray Island in the Torres Strait.

By Aaron

We have been learning about Mabo Day. Mabo was a Torres Strait Islander man. He fought for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land rights. We learnt about terra nullius. It means land belonging to no one. Mabo fought terra nullius as his ancestors had lived there before Captain Cook had landed. He won his court case but never got to see his victory because he died from cancer 5 months before.

By Harry Lane



**Eisteddfod Results**

Class	Name	Place
2-6	Dance	First
K-1	Poem	Second
<b>Humorous Poem</b>		
Year 2	John McMahon	Third
Year 4	Jamie Smith	First
	Fred Ferris	Second
Year 6	Harper Ferris	Third
<b>Poems for Two</b>		
Year 4	Fred Ferris and Jamie Smith	First
Year 5	Emmy Moore and Kitty Knight	Second
	Matilda Marshall and Kitty Knight	Third
	Frank Pike and Harry Powell	HC
	Isla Pike and Matilda Marshall	HC
Year 6	Sophie SS and harper	Second
	Bec McMahon and Isla Pike	HC
	Frank and Will	HC
	Bec and Bridie	
<b>Duologues</b>		
Year 4	Fred and Bill	First
Year 6	Harry P and Will Smith	HC
<b>Set Poem</b>		
Year 6	Harper Ferris	HC
<b>Cross Country Results</b>		
1st	Bill	
2nd	Sophie, Will, Jamie, Rachel	
3rd	Bridie, Sybil	
4th	Bec	
5th	Fred, Frank and John	

**Sentral App Calendar****Term 2**

- 10 June School Sports Carnival
- 15 June Narrabri Science Challenge (5/6)
- 16 June Royal Flying Doctors Service –Dental
- 17 June North West Cross Country (Coolah)
- 21 June Netball Cup Narrabri (3-6)
- 23 June 6 Ways Carnival at Pilliga
- 27 June North West Girls Softball
- 28 June North West Boys Softball
- 29 June Soccer Knockout v Attunga (Narrabri )
- 30 June 6 Ways backup
- 30 June John Burgess Photography workshop
- 1 July Last Day Term 2

**Term 3**

- 18 July First day of Term 3
- 20 July North West Cricket trials Girls
- 22 July State Cross Country
- 26 July Life Education Van
- 27 July School Photos
- 28 July 2022 Opportunity Class Placement Test Year 5 placement for 2023
- 12 Aug Zone Athletics—Wee Waa
- 9 -12 Aug Moorambilla for Boys (Camp Baradine)
- 12-15 Aug Moorambilla for Girls (Camp Baradine)
- 8 -19 Aug ICAS Digital Technology, Writing and English
- 22-24 Aug Lake Keepit Excursion
- 21- 26 Aug Canberra Excursion
- 29-2 Sept ICAS Maths
- 2 Sept North West Athletics
- 13-17 Sept Moorambilla Boys (Camp Dubbo)
- 13-16 Sept Moorambilla Girls (Camp Dubbo )
- 16 Sept Art Show
- 17 Sept Flower Show
- 23 Sept Last Day Term 3

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