



Burren Junction PS Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10

Thursday 22nd September 2022

'Look, Listen and Think'

From the Principal

I am staying positive. At this time in 2016 our situation was as it is now. We had cancelled a school play twice due to rain and flooding, I had been stuck in town with my children their cousins for 3 weeks unable to return home and roads were cut everywhere. We finished up having successful harvests and the seasons then turned quickly to a drought. We are certainly at the mercy of the weather, and we cannot control it. We do not finish this term avoiding Covid and sickness, but we do end it with a challenge of rain. While we have faced challenges this term, we have worked together and I feel we have as a school much to be proud of. Communication and acting early is the key as we saw with getting on top of our Covid outbreak. Great excursions were the highlight for everyone. We were able to complete our reading challenge and as a school there is a real sense of comradery. We look forward to term 4 and being able to come together face to face to celebrate the year and reflect on what it has been an almost normal BJPS school year again.

Art and Flower Show

Community gathered on the weekend to witness the first Burren Junction Art and Photography show and BJPS Calendar launch on Friday night and CWA Flower Show on Sunday. Yes, rain did impact attendance, however, spirits were high, and it was most successful. The hall really did come up well and looked amazing. Thanks to the team who spent most of the day pumping water from around the hall and setting up the inside. Congratulations to Janine, Helen and their team as well as the Hall committee and CWA for pulling it all together. Students will be soon able to collect their canvas prints to take home. They were all fantastic. It is not too late to get a calendar with them being available for purchase <https://burrenjunctionpc.com/>



Reading Challenge

Our Reading Challenge at school has yielded some impressive results as well as a morning of fun activities in the hall. The children, dressed in bright, bold colours all estimated how long they thought their combined paper chain would be and how far it would stretch around town. Each estimate was recorded, and the children also voted on which local landmark they thought it would reach to, beginning at the entrance to the hall. Small groups worked together to represent their findings mathematically and present their graphs to the school before joining all the paper chains together and carrying the chain down the street. Well, it turns out that the paper chain easily made it to the Police Station and was long enough to cross over to the playground and back again. Sadly, we didn't make it to the Post Office but the statistics are impressive:

K-1 managed to amass 280 chain links and 5-6 had in total 137. However, the winner, with the help of the student with the most chains (Fred Ferris on 77) was 2-3-4 with a staggering 322 chains! Well done 234. Prizes also went to children who had either borrowed the most books, helped in the library, made a massive effort or written excellent reviews of their books.

To finish up the children transported the entire chain back to school, and after spiralling it around in a circle, stretched it all the way around the K1 classroom.

Congratulations to all our readers. Every single child took part in the challenge, and we were sorry that some were away for the fun. Let's do it again and see if Apollo can out-read Gemini next time.



Fluency

Hopefully you have heard some of the songs, raps and rhymes which we have been working on to develop fluency. Mrs Deacon has found some fantastic resources which we start the day with. Tuesday afternoon Mrs Stump and I had a great time with the students K-6 writing some verses to add to the tune "You Are My Sunshine" The versions of "You Are My Teacher" or "You Are My Student" were lots of fun to put together.

Transition

Thursdays next term will see us welcome our 2023 Kindergarten class to the school through the transition program. This will take place during the first 4 weeks and be led by Mrs Cain. If anyone knows of any families looking at Burren for their children, we encourage you to get them to contact the school for more information.

Softball Success

Harper Ferris is currently in Sydney playing in the North West softball team in a state carnival. Here she is looking smart in her uniform and we know will have a great time. We look forward to hearing about it on her return.



Colour Explosion

Sadly, our colour explosion colour run has had to be put back to Wednesday of week 1. Rowena will join with us while staff undertake professional learning on Fluency.





More on MOORAMBILLA

In August and September, participants identified during the Skills Development Workshops earlier in the year, were selected to attend the residential camps in Baradine.

Amazingly, five students from Burren Junction Public School were selected to join the MOORAMBILLA Voices 2022 Ensembles. Harper Ferris, Emmy Moore, Matilda Marshall, Kitty Knight and Fred Ferris were our well deserving students selected this year.

Over 300 students attend these camps annually where they dance, sing, compose, create, play drums and learn about the cultural traditions and stories of their landscape. This is delivered in partnership with the highest quality professional musicians, performers, composers, choreographers and visual artists. It with great disappointment our selected students withdrew from the program due to Covid in the lead up to the camps.

Emmy did not want to miss out on the final celebration and attended the MOORAMBILLA Gala Concert to watch her fellow participants shine and perform this year's theme, Riversong.

Here is Emmy's account of the Gala Concert held in Dubbo on Thursday 15th September:



Lights, Camera, MOORAMBILLA concert, action!

(Actually, they had cameras to film the show and post it on tv, sick dude!)

The MOORAMBILLA gala concert was phenomenal! Absolutely phenomenal! There were 3 huge paper lantern fish which people swayed around, symbolizing fish swimming in the river (since the concert theme this year was Riversong).

The music was so beautifully sung and performed, it almost sounded like angels plucking their little harp strings. The dances were performed in time, which looked literally perfect. They even had projectors that screened little videos and photos for the concert!

And to wrap up everything, they all performed a drum song, and it was so thunderous it made the floor shake, and it was amazingly powerful! And then they performed in a huge choir, the youngest kids and the teenagers all sang a heart-warming song, and after, the crowd went absolutely wild!

I just wish they could've thrown some roses at them, because oh my word, with the set up, and all they put into the concert, days of working hard to make their voices go ear piercingly high, with all of that put together, they would DEFINETLY deserve some roses.

And yes, driving all the way to Dubbo on Thursday and being stuck there for 3 days because of rainfall and flooding, was legitimately stupid, but getting to see THAT, definitely was worth it. A 10/10 concert, and I wish I didn't get covid before MOORAMBILLA so I could actually perform. Then it would probably 11/10, because boy oh boy, hearing people clap for you, and standing on stage, Wow.

Now I have to wait another WHOLE year to try out again. Charming. :)

By Emmy Moore.



I wish you all a very safe holiday. Let hope for some warm dry days. Enjoy your family time.

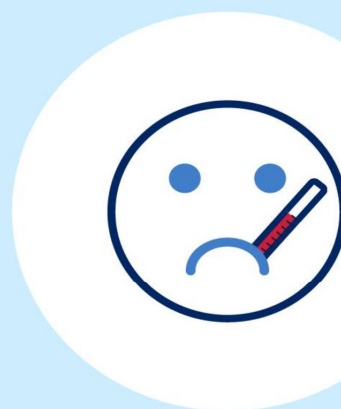
Kate Slack-Smith—principal

Sentral App Calendar



Term 4

- 10 Oct First Day for students
- 12 Oct Richard Johnson Anglican School visit.
- 12 Oct Colour Explosion
- 13 Oct Kindergarten Transition
- 20 Oct Kindergarten Transition
- 19-20 Oct State Athletics
- 27 Oct Kindergarten Transition
- 3 Nov Kindergarten Transition
- 14 Dec Movie Day with Rowena (TBA)
- 15 Dec Speech Day



Feeling unwell?
Please stay at home

Kindergarten Transition Program Burren Junction Public School

Transition Program

Transition 2022 at Burren Junction PS is on a Thursday for the entire school day (9:15am - 3:15pm) on the following dates: 13th Oct, 20th Oct, 27th Oct, 3rd Nov, (Special Assembly)

What to Bring!

- *Piece of fruit * Morning tea
- * Lunch * Water bottle * Hat
- * School uniform optional



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