



Burren Junction PS

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4

Thursday 11th August 2022

'Look, Listen and Think'

From the Principal

This newsletter has had to have a bit of a rewrite as we are now in a learning-from-home situation and so some of the things are no longer relevant.

I would like to start by thanking you all for your vigilant testing and communication with us. It is important that you notify us as soon as possible of any new cases so we have a good understanding of the situation to inform us of our next steps. The Covid response team then make a recommendation which is reliant on us being able to provide accurate information. Children may not be symptomatic or may test negative with symptoms for a few days and then finally get a positive.

As for what this all means for excursions, I will communicate as soon as I have the most up to date information. There is a meeting this afternoon with updates on overnight excursions. Obviously, no child who is positive can attend and any child testing positive on excursion will also need to be collected. We are still committed to the excursion going ahead and hope that this break until Monday should help us get on top of any outbreaks.

Class teachers are the first port of call if you have any questions around learning from home and have emailed you all today what the next two days will involve.

Reading Across the School.

As you are aware we are working as a collective to see how many books we can read this term. Mrs Stump had many students visit the library on Tuesday to borrow some more books. While learning from home we encourage children to do a lot of reading.

Staff were going to undertake professional learning today to look at the fluency data for our children and where we could target for improvement. As this was face to face with Rowena, we have now rescheduled it.

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

There are several checkpoints as children progress through their school years with NAPLAN being the main one for many years. All children in NSW starting school are assessed using the Kindergarten Best Start Assessment. As of last year, the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test was introduced. This is also now an across the board assessment which all year one children are to complete. The information below is provided by the Department of Education to supply information about the test.

Phonics is the relationship between letters and sounds and is vital in learning to read. Some children struggle with learning to read so it is important that these children are identified quickly so teachers can plan for any specific support they may need.

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short, quick assessment that tells teachers how your child is progressing in phonics. Your child will sit with the teacher and will be asked to read 40 words aloud. These words include 20 real words and 20 nonsense words. The test normally takes a few minutes. If your child is struggling the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.

The assessment includes pseudo or nonsense words to see if the student is able to use their knowledge of blending to read a word rather than their memory of having seen that word before.



ICAS Dates

I have looked at the calendar and finalised dates to sit the ICAS exams. These dates are on the Sentral calendar as well as listed below. All assessments are completed online.

English Wednesday 17th August
Maths Tuesday 30th August

Please all take care of yourselves,

Kate Slack-Smith—principal

Burren Junction ART EXHIBITION & 2023 CALENDAR LAUNCH

Saturday, September 10th @
Burren Junction Hall of Arts



SAVE THE DATE

The Burren Junction school students have been busy taking photos and featuring in a series of professional shoots for our 2023 calendar.

Come and see these spectacular photos!

Saturday
September 10th

Burren Junction
Hall of Arts

From 5PM

Woodfired pizza van
Slushies
Bar

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Sentral App Calendar



Term 3

- 12 Aug Zone Athletics—Wee Waa
- 9 -12 Aug Moorambilla for Boys (Camp Baradine)
- 12-15 Aug Moorambilla for Girls (Camp Baradine)
- 17th Aug ICAS English
- 22 Aug Wee Waa Museum Excursion K-2
- 22-24 Aug Lake Keepit Excursion 3
- 23-25 State Rugby Union
- 21- 26 Aug Canberra Excursion 4-6
- 30 Aug ICAS Maths
- 2 Sept North West Athletics
- 13-17 Sept Moorambilla Boys (Camp Dubbo)
- 13-16 Sept Moorambilla Girls (Camp Dubbo)
- 10 Sept Art Show
- 18 Sept Flower Show
- 23 Sept Last Day Term 3

Term 4

- 10 Oct First Day for students Term 4
- 19-20 Oct State Athletics

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Please stay at home**

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