



Burren Junction PS Newsletter

Term 3 Week 8

Thursday 8th September 2022

'Look, Listen and Think'

From the Principal

It certainly has been an action-packed time for all our students which you will see as you read through both the events we have participated in, and the upcoming ones for the rest of the term.

Every student in the school has just been on an excursion. Our K-2 students had a day in Wee Waa visiting the museum, library and police station. Year 3 ventured to Lake Keepit to participate in the small schools' program for 3 days. Year 4, 5 and 6 trekked all the way to Jindabyne for 3 days of skiing and a day in Canberra visiting the National Museum, War Memorial, Botanic Gardens, Mt Ainsley lookout and Parliament House. Unfortunately, due to Covid the Australian Institute of Sport was not open for our usual night tour and accommodation. The best way to share this with you is with some articles written by the students and a collection of photos. I had a great time doing acrostic poems with the 5-6 class on their return.

I would like to thank the parents who joined us on these excursions. They could not happen without your support, and I know that taking a week out of your busy schedules is both time consuming and an expense to your work. I know that each child appreciated having you there.

North West Athletics

Congratulations to all our students who participated at the zone carnival in Wee Wee just prior to the excursions. From that carnival, a team of 7 students participated at North West: Individually we had William Smith shot put and discus, Isla Pike high jump, Bill McMahon 1500m and 800m, Rachel Powell 800m. The most exciting news of the day was that our P5 Relay team of Frank Pike, Bridie Harris, Sophie Slack-Smith and William Smith beat 17 other schools



to win the relay. These 4 students will now participate at state on October 20th. It has not happened since 2016 that we have had both a swimming team and running team make state in the same year. To put it in perspective those students are all now sitting their HSC exams.



State Rugby and Softball

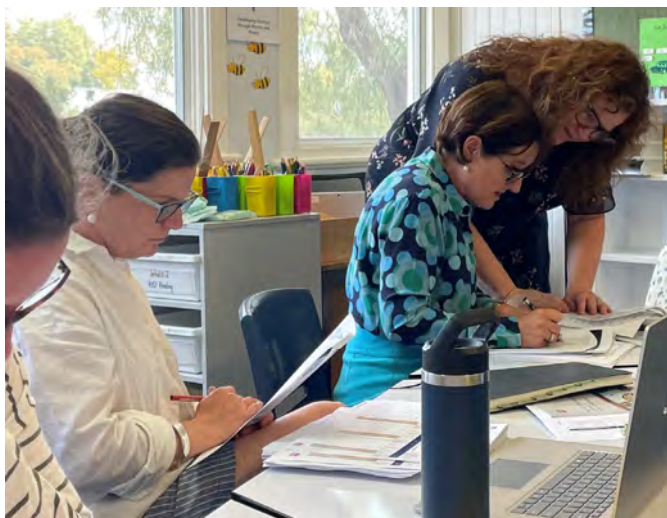
William Smith has been busy on the sporting field. He has just played for North West at state carnivals in both rugby union and softball in Mudgee. He had a great time at both and really enjoyed the softball carnival learning the skills and strategy of the game.



In week 10 Harper Ferris will head to Camden for the girls state softball carnival. We wish her luck.

Schools Recognition Week

This week in schools we celebrate the work of our SASS staff. These are our non-teaching staff. I cannot thank Kate, Nanette, Vicki and Narelle enough for all they do to support our students and teachers every day. We are lucky at BJPS to have such a wonderful team to work with.



Fluency Project

Last Thursday, staff worked with Nichole Maloy literacy consultant to look at our reading data and how to improve student fluency. We had a sample of each child reading and will now implement a number of strategies including, choral reading, readers theatre, raps and poems to build expression and fluency. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are also doing daily writing to build fluency with writing in our students as well.

ICAS and NAPLAN

We have now completed all ICAS exams. Once results are known we will be sending them home.

Children in year 3 and 5 have taken their NAPLAN assessment results home this week. As a school we look at these results and drill down to look for areas that we are both strong and need to improve. Next year NAPLAN moves to Term 1. This will be a good move, as data should come back early in the year to allow us to target students as required.

Wee Waa Show and Art Program

Congratulations to several of our students who were awarded places for the art at the Wee Waa show.

I am also excited to announce that we are restarting the art program we used to run in the school a few years ago. Each Tuesday afternoon Mrs Hattingh and I will take 4-6 while Miss Whiteley and Vicki will work with K-3. Mrs Hattingh and Miss Whiteley have great artistic skills and the work produced under their guidance is outstanding. The older students were so excited when this news was shared with them as they remembered fondly some of the works they had produced in K-1 with Mrs Hattingh. Mr Ptolemy and Mrs Deacon will then be running the PE sessions on a Wednesday afternoon.





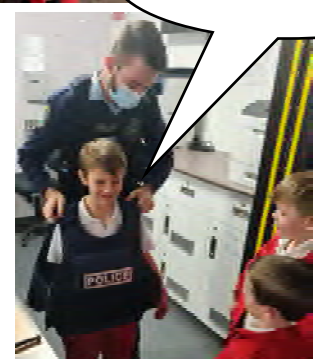
I liked turning on the police sirens.



The Museum!



Wearing the police vest.



While the rest of the school was on their big excursions, K/1/2 ventured into Wee Waa to explore some of the sights of Wee Waa.

We started our excursion at the Wee Waa Museum, which was a crowd pleaser. There was something for everyone to enjoy. The old machinery was a hit with the boys, while the girls showed a keen interest in the old saddlery display. We saw inside a house and school room which showed us what life was like in the past.

After we admired artefacts from the past, we got hauled to the Police Station! We got our mug shots taken, wore a bullet proof vest, tried on handcuffs and got our fingerprints taken for future reference.

The playground was a lovely spot for lunch where we got to burn off some energy, as we were on our best behaviour for the police!

Our last stop was the beautiful Wee Waa Library. We learned some cool facts about the library system, then we got the chance to find a quiet spot and read or draw.

Here are some of our highlights:

Excitement filled the air as we reached Jindabyne, none of us knew what fun we were about to get into. All we knew was that we would have 6 days of laughter and new memories that we had an opportunity to make with our friends.

X-rays were luckily not needed, even after some people had massive stacks, thank the Lord for that, or I'd probably have been so worried. I'd be shaking so much I would probably have caused an avalanche.

Camping at Jindabyne was alright, but the fact that we had to bring towels and bedsheets was annoying. Luckily in Canberra we actually did have supplies..

Under the roof of the dining hall at the Sport and Rec Centre, the food wasn't half bad. But sometimes they served us stuff we didn't want, and it didn't always look that normal, but other than that it was okay! But I kind of prefer my parents cooking...

Rowdy ski tubes that we hopped on for our daily routine to get to the snow were definitely rough, and so cramped that we sometimes had to leave some of our fellow classmates and teachers behind. Trust me, it was as packed as a Dominos Pizza loaded with pepperoni with cheesy stuffed crusts.

Ski lessons included stacks, chairlifts and big mountains, but on day 1, a deathly blizzard, so strong it would almost bowl you over, and to finish you off, with some seasoning, blow flakes of ice straight into your face. You wouldn't be able to see about five steps in front of you.

Inside the War Memorial, it was beautiful, but you could really sense the sympathy in the air from the lives the soldiers had to go through. Outside, there was a big room with a big dome on the roof, a wall with millions of poppies dangling from it, but also a long rectangle pool, with a forever burning fire at the end of it, an eternal flame.

Our minds were blown when we saw Canberra city from above at the lookout at Mt Ainsley. We got an eagle eye look of the delicate, shimmering blue manmade lake that stretched out for miles on end, everything caught our eye.

New memories were made when we stepped on fresh snow that fell outside our doorsteps at Jindabyne that Tuesday, and I will always remember the fun we had, and the feeling of ice cold snow. Emmy

Jindabyne Sport and Rec Centre was our destination

Incredible weather from blizzards to a snowy winter wonderland

Not quite home cooked food, but alright

Dangling chair lifts and confusion trying to catch T-bars

Airy cabins for us to have a comfortable sleep in

Bruised bones, bottoms and backs

You couldn't fit a single extra person on, the Ski tube was jam packed

Night activities like circus tricks were lots of fun

Every Burren kid was easy to see with their fluoro green beanies skiing across the slopes





City built to be the capital of Australia

Awesome trip was had by everyone, it was great

Nestled halfway between Sydney and Melbourne

Bus trip was too long, starting at 4am but worth it

Exhibitions celebrating all things Australian at the museum were interesting

Remembering our strong and brave Australian Soldiers at the War Memorial.

Racing up the big green slopes at Parliament House tested our legs after skiing

Amemorable adventure which we will talk about for ages



Cold, windy and muddy. This did not stop us from having an unforgettable excursion. We headed to Lake Keepit in Week 6 not knowing what to expect.

Orienteering was our first activity. Rachel had the map upside down, Emma was walking in circles and Bentley... well, Bentley was late. Mrs Deacon to the rescue with her trusty compass to prove where north was. We quickly got the hang of map reading and were the most successful.

Bentley was begging to flex his muscles and demonstrate his archery skills to us all. We are not sure if it was pure luck or if he really did have the skills but his aim was superb. Emma and Rachel also picked it up quickly and got some points on the board when we played the archery pizza game.

Mud, mud, mud mixed with stinging nettle and the constant cold wind. We were not prepared for the Commando Course. Rachel described it as torturous, Emma said, "It was tough but I did it," and Bentley was cheering as the rest of us shivered. Dragging our bodies through cold water, climbing towering hay bales, over and under obstacles and pulling heavy tractor tyres were just a few of the challenges we conquered. Teamwork was a necessity and we demonstrated our Burren Junction spirit but encouraging and assisting people we did not even know.

We ended our time at Lake Keepit with a bike ride on the pump track. It is an awesome tarred track with lots of ups, downs and bends. We laughed as we made our way around the track. Mrs Deacon and Jacko jumped on a bike also and showed us their impressive skills. Well, not overly impressive, good but dusty.

Thank you Jacko for encouraging us to give everything ago and helping Mrs Deacon look after us (cope with us).

Emma, Rachel and Bentley (with help from Mrs Deacon)



Reading Challenge

This term we have been working hard to see how many books we can collectively read and making a paper chain for each book or 100 pages for older students. Mrs Stump measured her chain this week and it is 2.40m long. She is going to try to get over 3m in the next week. On Tuesday of week 10 during our maths session after recess, we will see how far we can get our chain to reach. Children are estimating how far they think we will be able to get. For a bit of fun we are also asking children to come dressed fully in one colour so we can make a human paper chain. Details are below

BURREN READING CHALLENGE PAPER CHAIN DAY!



**CHOOSE A BRIGHT COLOUR AND COME TO
SCHOOL**

ON TUESDAY IN WEEK 10

WEARING ONLY THAT COLOUR.

WE WILL GO OVER TO THE HALL

AND MEASURE ALL OUR PAPER CHAINS

AND SEE IF WE CAN MAKE

A HUMAN PAPER CHAIN AS WELL.

YOU HAVE THREE WEEKS TO READ

AS MANY BOOKS AS YOU CAN

AND ADD TO OUR SCHOOL PAPER CHAIN.

THERE WILL BE PRIZES AND CUPCAKES

AND SOME FUN GAMES FOR EVERYONE

SO DON'T FORGET – PAPER CHAIN DAY,

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20th.

Scripture group Visit

Over the past number of years (apart from COVID) Year 10 students from Richard Johnson Anglican School have been coming up to this area to perform a show they've written as part of their studies. The public schools from Narrabri and Wee Waa have all been involved.

Given that we have been unable to access any scripture this year, we have accepted this invitation and they will be presenting their play on the afternoon of Wednesday October 12th

Art Show

Our much-anticipated Burren Art show is being held Friday 16th September. The weekend will be a busy one with the Burren Junction Flower Show being held on the Sunday. This will be the launch for the calendar, as well as a display of children's canvas photographs they took. In addition a piece of art from the beginning of our art program will be there for viewing. Pizza, slushies and drinks will be available for purchase on the night with canapes donated by ADAMA. It is a massive effort that has gone into putting this event together. More information will come out closer. A big thanks to Ali Harris and her design skills. Janine and Helen have done a great deal to get to this point and now we need your help to finish off.

The following assistance is needed. Please advise Janine directly of what you can help with the following. It would be great if each family could help in some way:

- Make slice to bring on Friday night to accompany tea and coffee.
- Set up Friday at the hall.
- Pack up Saturday morning at the hall.
- Sell calendars/hats at the flower show on Sunday- in shifts or if you have a stall and would be happy to add this to yours.

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Kate Slack-Smith—principal



Tuckshop Term 3 Roster

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| Week 8 | September 9th | Sonia & Keiran |
| Week 9 | September 16th | Rachel & Ange |
| Week 10 | September 23rd | Janine |

Sentral App Calendar



Term 3

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| 16 Sept | Art Show |
| 18 Sept | Flower Show |
| 20 Sept | Paper Chain Day |
| 23 Sept | Last Day Term 3 |

Term 4

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| 10 Oct | First Day for students Term 4 |
| 12 Oct | Richard Johnson Anglican School visit. |
| 13 Oct | Kindergarten Transition |
| 20 Oct | Kindergarten Transition |
| 19-20 Oct | State Athletics |
| 27 Oct | Kindergarten Transition |
| 3 Nov | Kindergarten Transition |
| 15 Dec | Speech Day (TBA) |
| Dec | Year 6 Lunch |



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 tee
- * Lunch * Water bottle * Hat
- * School uniform optional



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