

TERM 4 WEEK 6 - FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 2023



BURREN JUNCTION PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Look, Listen and Think"

From the Principal

Amanda Austin



Sporting our Melbourne Cup Fancy Hats

With Term 4 more than half over, end of year festivities are just around the corner and the calendar is certainly busy. On Tuesday, I attended my first Christmas celebration with other staff and members of the Wee Waa / Narrabri Teachers' Association at Narrabri RSL's *Outback Shack*- a memorable experience as a first timer with simulated thunder, lightning and rain pouring off the tin roof above our table!

Mrs Stump attended this week's staff meeting to run through School Parliament elections and Presentation Day organisation and thanks to P&C, we now have a bus for our Lightning Ridge Aquatic Centre picnic day excursion. It's going to be a lot of fun!



CUBS MINI-GRADUATION

Last Thursday afternoon, it was a delight to present each of our 6 preschoolers with the fruits of their hard work during transition over the past 4 weeks- a certificate, named drink bottle, a personalised social story and their special scrapbooks. They quickly became familiar with the friendly faces and different spaces at BJPS and they're all more than ready to start kindy in the new year. A huge thank you to K/1/2 teacher Mrs Burke and SLSO Mrs Hattingh for running the program so smoothly and professionally. We can't wait for Mackenzie, Scotty, Pippa, Ben, Bronte and Daisy to Come Up to Big School in 2024!



ROYAL FLYING DOCTORS DENTAL BUS VISIT

The preschoolers visited again last week to have their ears and eyes screened by Helen Haire in the Music room and the arrival of the Royal Flying Doctors dental bus created a ripple of excitement and trepidation through each class. It felt like Dr Who's Tardis inside the van with ample space for X-ray machines, chairs, cupboards, medicines, sinks, computers and dental equipment all manned by an impressive and very friendly staff of dentists, oral health therapists and assistants. I didn't hear of one scary or painful experience and already students are looking forward to their visit again next year. It's such a wonderful service for rural and remote communities to promote good oral health and help prevent infections and chronic disease.



Mac's turn to visit the dentist



Our brave PM Frank



Ralphie all ready to get his teeth checked

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year, Remembrance Day fell on the weekend so instead of a special assembly Year 3-6 students went on a virtual excursion to the Australian War Memorial focusing on *What does Remembrance Day mean?* The live stream event was organised by the Distance and Rural Technologies team (DART) and students explored symbols of remembrance, stories of men and women who have served for Australia, the history of Armistice Day and some of the special events that have taken place at the Australian War Memorial on Remembrance Day since the building opened in 1941.



Y3-6 watching the DART live stream for Remembrance Day

MELBOURNE CUP

We had a front row audience of tiny, fancy-hatted spectators along the preschool fence to watch our Melbourne Cup race day afternoon activities. It was certainly entertaining to watch everyone K-6 join in skipping, crab crawl and three-legged races and then compete in house teams for the egg-and-spoon race, bean bag balance relay and firemen's drill with water buckets. Happily, the only injury was a smashed egg! The students looked stunning in their millinery creations and fascinators and School Parliament sold delicious Primo stacker snacks to add to the fun.



Student Parliament sold snack stackers as a fundraiser



The firemen's drill



The bean bag balancing run



The crab crawl



The three-legged race



The egg and spoon race



The three-legged race

MAX FM COMMUNITY NEWS READING

This week's community news items will feature Ned B describing his roller-coaster of emotions while visiting the Royal Flying Doctor dental van, Harry L outlining Stage 3's excursion to hear Dr Karl talk at the end of last term and Matilda's wonderful account of our Melbourne Cup race day activities. Stage 3 is doing a marvellous job of keeping the community informed and entertained as well as boosting their public speaking skills. Great job!



Harry L - the next John Laws!



Ned B and Harry M testing their skills on the balance boards



Billy loves trucks!



Ralphie and Mac - future engineers!

ASSETS

With the AMU's quote to resurface the tennis court coming in at over \$90,000 and AMU's focus shifting to school funded works over planned maintenance, we've decided to do the repairs in-school. Huge thanks to the Smiths and McMahons for their working bee to clean up the cricket nets area, especially in this heat. It looks 100% better than before and students gave it a big thumbs up!



Owzat! The cricket nets look tops



Asher, Spencer and Sam with their amazing Mobilo mobiles



Clancy pointing to his favourite skeleton in Y3/4s Halloween foyer display

'HE JAN MARSHALL READING PROGRAM

Instilling a love of reading early gives students a head start on expanding their vocabulary and building independence and self-confidence. Already, teachers are noticing a sizable shift in reading and comprehension skills in class and students are loving the opportunity to show off their reading prowess to our amazing volunteers. A tray with tea, coffee, milk and bickies has been set up in the air-conditioned staffroom as a small token of thanks for our reading and tuckshop helpers. Heartfelt thanks from staff and students to Em, Kath, Laura, Ellie, Rachel, Janine, Helen, Ali and Jade for generously giving up their time and please chat with Mrs Burke if you'd also like to help out one morning a week.

Reminder: when visiting the school site please check in at the office before entering classrooms.



The Jan Marshall reading program underway... John reading to Ellie



... and Spencer reading to Rachel



Ralphie and Sam working hard with Mrs Hattingh



Ben and Fred chillin'



Mrs Burke teaching her last CUBS lesson ... "They are so ready for big school!"

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES IN WEEK 7

We have lots of visitors, workshops and performances in store next week!

Please use the following links if you'd like more background information.

As part of our ongoing high school transition program and support for Year 6s, on Tuesday they will be joined by seniors from Rowena and Pilliga PS for-

'Mad Food Science' a Y6 transition program in the Music room,

<https://therootcause.com.au/the-mad-food-science-incursion/>

'Sussing Out the Solar System' incursion by School Performance Tours for K-Y6 with Pilliga PS...

https://www.schoolperformancetours.com.au/2021/shows/primary/sussing_out_our_solar_system.php

and **Meerkat Productions** performing 2 shows at BJPS at 10:15 am and 11:45 am titled **'Rudolph's Recruits'** and **'Mr Huff'** based on Anna Walker's award-winning, gentle, wise and affirming children's picture book.

<https://meerkatproductions.com.au/shows/mr-huff/>



Parliament award for Bill - a great help with CUBS preschool transition



Newcastle Permanent BS Maths competition awardees

AWARDS FOR THE WEEK



Class awards for Emma, Ned P, Ned B and Spencer - well done!



CWA Flower Show colouring comp entries returned from last term



Over 35 degrees...



...we cool off with an icy pole!

ROAD SAFETY

This week, Mrs Dickens completed a professional learning course on Road Safety and staying safe when out and about. In upcoming newsletters we will include topics students are discussing in class with timely reminders leading up to the end of year holidays.

Our first focus is on *feet and wheels*. Here are a few things we can all do to help keep our children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area.
- Children are never to cross the road alone. they need to wait for an adult or trusted carer to collect them.
- Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the *safety door*, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au, a great, free resource for everyone to work through together.

MORE MELBOURNE CUP RACES



The skipping races



The preschoolers watching the fun in their race day hats

BURREN JUNCTION FESTIVE SEASON CELEBRATION

I know some Year 5 students have started thinking about their nomination for School Parliament and election speech, still a while off on Tuesday of Week 9 (5 Dec). A note will be going home soon regarding the process.

Classes have also been discussing their item for the Burren Junction Festive Season Celebration, starting From 5pm Monday, 11th December.

Due to the starting time and activities, our students may require a change of clothes for their class item. All students are invited to wear traditional Christmas coloured clothing (red, green or white) to perform their class item and the finale on the night. A Santa hat will be provided. I hope everyone has saved the date as It's going to be a spectacular evening for the whole community!



K/1/2 love swimming for sport on Fridays



Y4/5 after a dip

WEBSITE PHOTOS

All these photos and more are on our website:

<https://burrenjunc-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/gallery.html>



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Sentral App Calendar



Term 4

November

- 21 Y6 Transition *Mad Food Science* incursion
- 22 *Sussing out the Solar System* incursion by School Performance Tours
- 23 Meerkat Productions - *Rudolph Recruits* and *Mr Huff* drama incursion
- 30 Max FM community news read by Stage 3

December

- 5 Year 5 Student Parliament speeches
- 11 Burren Junction Festive Season Celebration
- 12 Year 6 Luncheon - hosted by the Knight family at "Carbeen"
- 13 Presentation Day 9.30am
- 14 End of Year Picnic Day - Lightning Ridge Aquatic Centre
- 15 Last day for students
- 15 K-6 Final Fun Day afternoon organised by Year 6
- 15 Preschool Presentation Day
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Boxing Day

Term 1 2024

February

- 6 Staff Development Day
- 7 Staff Development Day
- 8 First day of term for students
- 14 Swimming Carnival - Narrabri (TBC)
- 23 Zone Swimming Carnival - Narrabri

March

- 11 North West Primary Swimming - Armidale
- 13 -25 NAPLAN

April

- 3 Primary boys and girls touch trials
- 4 Primary boys cricket trials
- 9 Primary girls cricket trials



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