



Burren Bulletin

Look, Listen, Think

The newsletter of Burren Junction Public School

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Message from the Principal



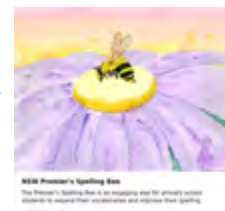
See page 6 for Moorambilla Singing Selfie information

Student Half-Yearly Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will be distributing student reports on Wednesday of next week (2 July). We will be holding parent/teacher interviews to discuss your children's learning progress and literacy and numeracy goals within the first couple of weeks after the winter school holidays.

Premier's Spelling Bee

We will be selecting our school representatives for the Premier's Spelling Bee this Friday (27 June). We will be selecting one student from 3/4M for the junior competition, and one student from 5/6S for the senior competition. To help with preparation, the junior and senior wordlists are available online at <https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/nsw-premiers-spelling-bee#2025-word-lists> (click the link to the right). Because the wordlists are copyrighted, the links to the pdf documents are password protected. I will send through the password in the Sentral Parent App - please do not share the password publicly. We will have printed copies available at school and will be distributing to students this afternoon.



Life Education van visit - "Healthy Harold"

The "Healthy Harold" van will be visiting our school next Wednesday (2 July). Each class, as well as the Burren Junction Preschool, will be participating in lessons in the Life Education van, and will get to meet Healthy Harold! Our students will be participating in the following lessons: Preschool - *Harold's Healthy Day*, K/1/2B - *Harold's Friend Ship*, 3/4M - *Friends and Feelings*, 5/6S - *Relate, Respect, Connect*. I have also included a flyer at the end of this newsletter, should you wish to purchase Healthy Harold merchandise. Orders must be in by Tuesday 1 July.

Year 6 Parliament Fundraiser - Pyjama/Oodie Day

Our Student Parliament will be holding a mini fundraiser on the last day of school next week - Friday 4 July. Students will be able to wear their pyjamas and oodles to school, which will be great for this cold weather! Standard mufti day donations apply - Year 6 ministers will be collecting a gold coin per pyjama or oodie wearer.

ICAS 2025

I encourage you to register your child for this year's ICAS assessments for this year. The information about how to register is on page 7. The ICAS competitions are open to students for Years 2-6.



Farewell Mrs Dickens

As Mrs Dickens will be taking long service leave next week, this will be her last week at our school. Mrs Dickens has taught at our school for 2 years, mostly on the 3/4 class and, for this semester, on our K/1/2 class. We thank Mrs Dickens for her service at our school during this time. We wish her all the best for the future, and I know that she is looking forward to spending more time with her family, particularly her young granddaughters.

Have a great week everyone.

Mr Sarokhan (Saro) Malla

Principal

BURREN JUNCTION PUBLIC SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Our students come first.

We engage our students in personalised, evidence-based learning experiences that are driven by collaboration. We provide a safe, inclusive learning environment where all our students are known, valued and recognised as individuals. We work in strong partnership with parents and our local community to create opportunities for all our students to connect, succeed and thrive.

K/1/2B Update

We have another busy week in our InitiaLit groups, with each group learning about:

Kinder: the initial sounds **Oo** as in **Olly Otter** and our tricky words are **I, the, my**.

Yr 1: will be exploring the digraph **ee** (tree), and **ea** (leaf). Tricky words are **who, many, any**.

Yr 2: will focus on the sound **ar** (star), **y** (puppy), and **ey** as in **key**. Tricky word is **alright**, while persuasive text is our comprehension text. Yr 2 will be exploring the pronouns **me** and **us**.

It is so lovely to be back with our K-1-2 friends as we finish off Term 2 which has whizzed by. Don't forget next Monday is our athletics carnival which will be held at Cook Oval in Wee Waa. Please come dressed in your house colors which are **Gemini-green** and **Apollo-blue**. Have a fabulous week!

Mrs Burke

3/4M Update

Term 2, Week 9, and although many of us are tired we are just as busy as ever! Students in 3/4M have had an amazing Semester 1, and I can't wait to see all of the fantastic and fun places we go in Semester 2.

In Reading Groups, we are beginning to wrap up our various Roald Dahl books. Students have assured me that they have thoroughly enjoyed reading these novels and that they look forward to reading another next term. I can say with certainty that every student in 3/4M has improved both their reading and comprehension.

Mathematics last week (and this week when possible) has been a lot of fun. We have been looking at chance experiments, collecting data and graphs. In order to complete these tasks, we have used dice to play games and used lollies too! I am a strong believer that Mathematics is so much more fun and interesting when there are lollies involved!

I hope everyone has a lovely Week 9 and I am sure we will have a fun Week 10 and end to Semester 2.

Miss Mackey 😊

5/6S Update

We are continuing our work on the novel, *Rabbit, Soldier, Angel, Thief* - this week shifting our focus to the imagery and symbolism that the author has used to convey meaning in her text. We will be continuing our novel study work right up to next week.

This week in mathematics, we will be continuing our work on position, learning about the Cartesian plane and how to use the Cartesian coordinate system. We will also be continuing our work on chance - learning about changes in probabilities when conducting chance experiments.

I am very proud of some of the work that I've seen from students, as they continue their project work. The advice I have given some students and parents is that they can complete activities in the "boxes" that they feel comfortable with, and as many activities as they can complete. There is no minimum, particularly because homework and project work is not technically compulsory. We will be continuing with passion projects next term, and students will be able to choose their own topics.

Mr Malla 🧑🏫

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Name: Nick

Age: 8

Class: K/1/2B

Favourite Colour: Light Blue

Favourite Food:

Chocolate ice cream

Family: Mum, Dad, Josh, Jasmine and Daniel.



If you could invent a new food, what would it be? Pizza made out of ice cream!

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

I would be able to grant anyone wishes. So I can then wish for other superpowers, I could do anything!

Athletics Carnival

Reminder: Athletics is next **Monday 30 June, at Cook Oval, Wee Waa**. All relevant information can be found in the note that is both on Sentral and has been sent home with families that were present at school today. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask Miss Mackey.

Small Schools Knockout Soccer Game

Yesterday, Monday 23 June, Mr Malla and Miss Mackey travelled with many students and parents to Moree for the Small Schools Knockout Soccer Game. We played against Boggabilla Central School in a very close and fun game, with Mr Malla refereeing the match. A huge congratulations to **Scarlett, Lianne, Rachel, Emma, Charlie, Doug, Lilly, Sid, Maggie, Ned, Angus, Sam, John** and **Ruby** for playing an excellent game and demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship. You all represented BJPS so very well, and we could not be more proud. Unfortunately the team lost 5-4, however, it should be noted that they had an amazing comeback in the second half. A special mention to **John**, who scored all 4 of our goals. The team worked well together and all students contributed to the team in leaps and bounds.

NW Softball Trials

Good luck to **Ned, Bentley, Angus** and **Charlie** who are participating in the North West Softball trials today in Tamworth. We can't wait to hear how you go!

NW Netball Trials

Good luck to **Tabitha**, who is participating in the North West Netball trials today in Tamworth. We can't wait to hear how you go!

NW Touch Footy Trials

Good luck to **Angus, John** and **Tabitha** who are participating in the North West Touch Football trials tomorrow in Inverell. We can't wait to hear how you go!

Miss Annabelle Mackey
Sports Coordinator





Upcoming trials, events and reminders

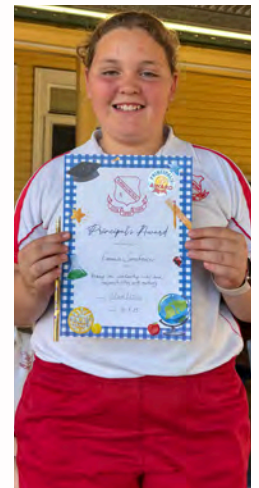
NW Touch Football Trials: Wednesday 25 June,
Inverell
BJPS Athletics Carnival: Monday 30 June, Cook
Oval, Wee Waa (Week 10)



Class Awards

Term 2, Week 8

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|--|----------------|--|
| K/1/2B | Henry | For outstanding work during InitialLit. |
| K/1/2B | Bronte | For her great participation in our sports house meetings. |
| 3/4M | Spencer | For writing an excellent paragraph from Ned Kelly's perspective! |
| 3/4M | Ralph | For creating excellent tables and graphs in Maths! |
| 5/6S | John | For focusing on all tasks and completing class work cheerfully. |
| 5/6S | Ruby | For being respectful and following all teachers' instructions. |
| Parliament Award | Lotte | For being respectful and always using kind manners. |
|  Principal's Award K-2 | Pippa | For always coming up with great, creative ideas. |
|  Principal's Award 3-6 | Emma | For taking on leadership roles and responsibilities with maturity. |



Illness Indicator and Disease Notification

Please refer to the information below about how to best judge whether or not to keep your children at home when you feel that they are unwell. There are times when children must be kept at home for a period, particularly when you suspect that they have a **notifiable disease (see the list below)**. There are other times where the situation will be a "watch and act" - when in doubt, it is okay to keep your children at home to ensure that you are being responsive to their health needs, as well as curbing further spread of disease throughout the community.

Notifiable diseases in NSW include:

Diphtheria, Mumps, Poliomyelitis, Haemophilus influenzae Type b (Hib), Meningococcal disease, Measles, Rubella ("German measles"), Pertussis ("whooping cough"), Tetanus and COVID-19.



Isolate from school for 24-48 hours

(as per NSW Health guidelines for outbreaks and NSW Education infectious diseases procedures)

For general illnesses:

- Temperature in previous 24 hours (48 hours in the event of an outbreak)
- Consistent unexplained coughing
- Congestion
- Glassy eyed
- Requiring ongoing pain relief medication
- Vomiting and/or diarrhoea
- Lethargic and/or high emotions

For asthmatic students:

- Requiring asthma medication more frequently than usual
- Difficulty breathing (rapid, wheezing, retraction of neck, stomach)



Best to stay home

For general illnesses:

- Low grade temperatures (under 38.0 degrees Celsius)
- Consistent coughing
- High emotions
- Tired and fatigued
- Requiring pain relief medication
- Loss of appetite
- Generally unwell and not usual self

For asthmatic students:

- Coughing (slight to no wheeze) and/or shortness of breath
- Has required a nebuliser or other assistance with breathing overnight



Ready to learn

For general illnesses:

- Active and well rested
- Normal appetite (unless underlying medical and/or dietary requirements)
- Clear runny nose (if nose is runny)
- No consistent cough
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For asthmatic students:

- No wheeze, normal breathing rhythm
- No consistent cough
- On the "When well" scale of the Asthma Action Plan

Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life**.



Scan the QR code to learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening friendships



Build skills through fun



MOORAMBILLA VOICES

Singing Selfie

If you were unable to participate in the Moorambilla Workshop, scan the QR code for all of the instructions for how to create and submit a singing selfie.

We would love to hear from you!



We want all children from the region to have the opportunity to be involved in the Moorambilla Voices' programs. To find out more, visit our website: moorambilla.com



Sentral App Calendar 2025



Term 2

June

- 24 North West Softball (boys)
North West Netball Trials
School Council Meeting
- 25 North West Touch Football Trials
- 27 Premier's Spelling Bee - school competition
- 30 BJPS Athletics Carnival - at Cook Oval Wee Waa

July

- 1 Platform & Co weekly athletics concludes
- 2 Life Education - Healthy Harold visit
- 2 Half-yearly reports sent home
- 4 Last day of Term 2
- 4 Pyjama and oodie Day (Year 6 Parliament fundraiser)
- 5-20 **Winter school holidays**

Term 3

July

- 21 Staff Development Day
- 22 **First day of Term 3 for students**
- 23 PSSA Cross Country Sydney
- 29 P&C Meeting

Aug

- 1 Zone Athletics
- 4-29 ICAS TBC
- 5 Whole School Photos
- 7 Narrabri Science & Engineering
- 22 Narrabri Netball Schools Cup
- 25-27 Lake Keepit Year 3 camp

Sept

- 23 North West Athletics Tamworth

Contact Us

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

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:45am to 3:30pm



Community Noticeboard

Burren Junction Public School



P&C Term 3



General Meeting

Date: Tuesday 29th July 2025

Time: 5:30pm

Location: BJPS – 5/6 classroom

Would you like more information?

Contact either:

Laura Bullen 0467 925 102

Mareka Deacon 0429 702 003

ICAS
assessments

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THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY

ICAS 2025 important dates.

Get a head start on ICAS 2025 by putting these dates in your diary.

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Digital Technologies | 4 – 8 August |
| Writing | 4 – 8 August |
| English | 11 – 15 August |
| Science | 18 – 22 August |
| Spelling Bee | 18 – 22 August |
| Mathematics | 25 – 29 August |

School registrations for the Parent Payment System (PPS)

- School PPS registrations close on Monday 14 July, 2025
- Parent PPS orders close on Monday 28 July, 2025

School Direct Orders

- School orders close on Monday 28 July, 2025

For more information visit [icasassessments.com](https://www.icasassessments.com) or contact your ICAS assessment consultant.

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Assessments.

Parent Payment System

How to buy ICAS tests for your child.

If your school has signed up to the Parent Payment System (PPS), follow these 4 easy steps to purchase the right tests for your child.

- 1 KEEP** the "access code" that your school gives you to use the PPS handy.
- 2 VISIT** shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps and enter your school's access code.
- 3 ENTER** your child's details and select the subjects you wish to purchase.
- 4 PAY** using your credit or debit card. This is the most secure way to pay.

What happens next?

Your child's school will run ICAS from here. In the meantime, you can purchase practice materials from the ICAS Assessments shop <https://www.icasassessments.com/shop-parents/>. Your school will notify you when online results are ready and will send the certificate home with your child.

ICAS
assessments



Visit:


shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps

**Parent
Access
Code:
XEB755**





Community Noticeboard



**Wednesday
25th June 2025
11:00am**

**Waterloo
Café**


**1 Waterloo Street,
Burren Junction**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND POLICE
OFFICERS FOR A FREE COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION!**

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

Constable Nicholas RUTTLEY 02 67900320

**CENTRAL NORTH PD
Burren Junction**





Sandwich filling inspiration

Sandwiches are a great everyday lunch option! Looking for inspiration to try some new sandwich fillings? Why not try:

- Bulk out the sandwich with vegetables. Try using carrot, tomato, lettuce, baby spinach, avocado, beetroot or cucumber.
- Try using leftover lean meats, boiled eggs, reduced fat cheese, BBQ chicken (skin removed), canned fish, turkey, roast vegetables, falafel or tofu to switch-up fillings!
- Swap your spreads! Instead of butter or margarine try cream cheese, cottage cheese, avocado, hummus or tzatziki.



Find more ideas at: www.swapit.net.au



2025 JUDGING

SUNDAY 6TH JULY **8.30 AM START**
@ WALGETT SHOWGROUND **WITH BBQ BREAKFAST**
(FREE FOR COMPETITORS)



ALL WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFO:
DAVID BERRELL 0428 562 486
BRENNAN O'KEEFE 0427 288 474

**ALSO: GRAINS JUDGING
FRUIT & VEGETABLES JUDGING
LOCAL POULTRY JUDGING**

**E.P. COLLESS MEMORIAL TROPHY
FOR CHAMPION JUDGE**
Also categories for 14 years & under
junior & intermediate judges

Judges 15-24 yrs of age on 1st May 2026
also have the potential to qualify for
the AgShowsNSW Group Finals
(and maybe even State Finals at the next
Royal Easter Show in Sydney!!)



**YOUNG JUDGES
& PARADERS**

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn

education.nsw.gov.au



Make friends



Build skills through fun



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



= 3 days



30 mins
per day



= 18 days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

education.nsw.gov.au



Healthy Harold products

Bring Healthy Harold home with you



Healthy Harold Plush Toy
Small 20cm Large 35cm

\$8 \$15



Healthy Harold
Lunch Bag

\$14



Healthy Harold
Drink Bottle

\$10



Healthy Harold
Backpack

\$20



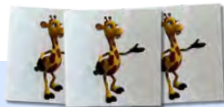
Healthy Harold
Value Pack

\$39.95



Healthy Harold
High Bounce Ball

\$3



Healthy Harold
Temporary Tattoo

50c



Healthy Harold
Pencil Case

\$5



Healthy Harold
Stikki Note Pad

\$1.50



Healthy Harold
Keyring

\$4

How to order Healthy Harold merchandise online:

- 1 Visit the Healthy Harold Online Store:** Go to <https://bit.ly/haroldshop> to access the store
- 2 Select your customer type:** Choose 'Parent/Carer ordering for child' to have your child's items delivered during their Healthy Harold visit at school.
- 3 Place your order:** Once you've selected the items you'd like to purchase, simply add them to your cart and proceed to checkout.
- 4 Important Dates:** Orders for the school delivery open six weeks before the Healthy Harold visit date, and **close one day prior**. Be sure to mark your calendars and place your orders in time!
- 5 Delivery:** All orders will be conveniently delivered directly during your child's Healthy Harold visit at school.