Welcome to the last newsletter for the term.

Thank you
Firstly a huge thanks to Leonie and Matt Roberts who gave up their time to help out at the PSSA knockout cricket game recently held in Burren Junction against Moree. Leonie was the scorer for the day and Matt umpired with the assistance of Brian. Thanks again for your help.
Kim Powell has been busy booking venues for the Year 4/5/6 excursion later this year. Thank you to Kim for doing this, it is a very time consuming job and greatly appreciated. Thank you also to everyone who has helped out at school in some way this term. If you are not yet doing so, please consider volunteering some time as we are desperately in need of reading helpers for the Jan Marshall program.

PSSA cricket BJ vs Moree
As mentioned above our cricket team recently played Moree. Our team did us proud by batting our overs. Unfortunately Moree passed our score with a few overs to go. We have some great up and coming young cricketers so hopefully in future years the tables will turn in our favour. Great effort everyone.

State Swimming
Congratulations to Zac A and Hamish on their results from the State Swimming Carnival in Homebush. Hamish placed 37th in Breaststroke & Zac 22nd in Freestyle. Mighty effort boys.

Horse Sports
Also on the topic of sport, our Horse Sports team recently competed at Barraba. Max came first in Boy Rider and Flags, 2nd in Pleasure Hack, Running Tee, Straight Barrel & Barrel, 3rd Mount, Rider & Equipment and 4th in Pole Bend. Arki placed 1st Boy Rider, Pleasure Hack, Barrels & Running Tee, 2nd Mount, Rider & Equipment & Pole Bend and 3rd Flags. Last but definitely not least, George P was 1st Boy Rider & Flag Race, 2nd Pleasure Hack, Barrels & Pole Bend and Reserve Champion Boy Rider 11yrs and under. Well done boys, congratulations.

Uniform
Next term students switch over to wearing winter uniform. However, if the weather is warm at the beginning of term, I am more than happy for students to continue wearing their summer uniform until the weather cools down. Please be aware that winter uniform is required for the ANZAC Day March in Wee Waa, including black school shoes. There are a number of different shoe colours starting to creep in. Please remind your child that coloured joggers are only
permissible on sport days. The holidays are a great time to check and replace uniform items. At the last P&C meeting it was decided to order a new style of track pants. These new pants are easier for the children to put on and take off. The new style pants will be ordered soon. Please purchase these pants through us to ensure your child has the correct style.

Classroom contact
There still appears to be some confusion over who to contact about various aspects of your child’s education. I hope the following clarifies this for you.

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Please be aware that these arrangements may change as the year progresses. There was also some confusion over the areas for improvement mentioned in the Term 1 Health Check reports issued by teachers. Any area for improvement mentioned in your child’s report will be covered as part of the work undertaken in class.

ANZAC Day
ANZAC Day this year will be a combined service with Wee Waa and will take place in Wee Waa. Please let us know if your child will be attending by completing and returning the attached form. We need this form back by the end of term to assist Mr Carrett and the committee in the planning of the ceremony. We are also missing our big marching drum. If someone borrowed it at the end of last year or knows the whereabouts of it, please contact the school urgently.

Paper Plane Olympics
Year 4/5/6 participated in their Paper Plane Olympics yesterday. Students had a wonderful time folding and testing their planes. There were three categories to the competition, furthest distance (measured in a straight line), longest time aloft & aerobatics where the plane must perform a “loop the loop”. The longest distances flown were; 3rd place, 7.6m Zac A, 2nd place, 7.8m Albertus, and 1st place, 8.1m Jack. Longest time aloft, 3rd place, 2.1sec George P, 2nd place, 2.43 sec Primrose and 1st place, 2.75 sec Jack.

Four students successfully completed a “loop the loop”, Dani, Albertus, Hamish and Campbell. George P completed an impressive double loop earning him 1st place. Thank you to the parents who came in and supported our students during this event.

On Monday Kindergarten and Year 1 had fun constructing their imaginary flying machines. There were some amazing creations. Well done everyone.

Until next time,
Have a great Easter and holidays,
Please travel safely if you are going away,
Lynn Starkey
Principal

Merit Certificate Recipients

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North West PSSA Knockout Cricket Competition
On Wednesday 18th March, Moree Public School cricket side, fresh from their win against Warralda Public School in round one, travelled to Burren Junction for the second round game after Burren Junction had a bye in round one. Moree won the toss and elected to bowl. Zac Allen and George Powell confidently opened the batting for Burren Junction Public School until Zac was bowled for 9. Next to the crease was Hamish Chapell who, after a miscommunication with his batting partner was run out for 11. Jack McLachlan was also run out for 2. Albertus Hattingh was bowled for 0. Zach Roberts contributed to the total with a hard fought 5 when he also was bowled. Campbell Chapell caught for 0 and Angus Goddard was bowled off an excellent delivery also for a duck. As the wickets tumbled, George Powell charged on to 48 and was then caught out, which left Lachie O’Brien stranded, not out for 1. At the end of 25 overs Burren Junction had posted a credible 6 for 106.
Moree’s game practice shone through as they reached Burren’s total in the 19th over. Burren only managed to capture one Moree wicket off the bowling of Hamish Chappel with a great catch by Zach Roberts. Bowling figures, Albertus 0-24 (3 overs), Zac Allen 0-15 (3.2), Hamish 1-19 (3), Jack 0-5 (2), George Powell 0-9 (1), Lachie 0-6 (2), Tom 0-5 (1), Campbell 0-12 (2), Zach Roberts 0-9 (2). George Wilkins was a handy contributor in the field. Despite the loss, Burren Junction was definitely a competitive force. The additional training during breaks and after school, especially with Jake Packer on Wednesday afternoons, improved the skill level of every player and this was evident in the result. It was also pleasing to see a high level of good sportsmanship displayed throughout the match both within the team and towards the opposition.

Thank you to Brian Starkey who umpired the match and helped coach, as well as to Matt Roberts for his coaching tips, Leonie Roberts for scoring the match and Kate Slack-Smith for managing the team. Well done and congratulations to the BJPS cricket team of 2015!

Thanks to Kim Powell for this very professional report.

**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

A reminder to let Jenny know by tomorrow if you would like your child to participate in all or some of these exams. Exams are available to children in Years 2-6.

### Important Dates for BJPS

**Term 2**

**April**

1st – Easter with Preschool  
2nd – last day of school for T1  
3rd – Good Friday  
20th – Staff Development Day  
21st – Students return  
25th – ANZAC Day  

**May**

6th – GRIP Leadership Moree  
7th – Cross Country  
9th – 10th – Walgett Show  
12th – 14th – NAPLAN  
15th – 17th – Wee Waa Show  
18th-20th – Eisteddfod  
22nd – Zone Cross Country  
29th – Manilla Horse Sports  

**June**

8th – Queen’s Birthday  
12th – Narrabri West Horse Sports  
17th – School Photos  
26th – last day of school for T2  

**July**

13th – Staff Development Day  
14th – Students return  

**August**

7th – Zone Athletics  
28th – Regional Athletics  
31st – 4th – Sydney excursion 4/5/6  

**September**

18th – last day of school for T3  

**October**

5th – Labour Day  
14th – 15th – State Athletics  

**December**

16th – Last day of school for 2015