Thank you
As always our school is supported by wonderful helpers. The special thank yous this week go to Jo Slack-Smith for umpiring our recent netball match against Wee Waa. Also thank you to Kirsten Goddard and Belle Donald for helping with artworks in class. Along with Leonie Roberts, Belle and Kirsten have also been helping students make a quilt for Wee Waa Show, thanks ladies, it looks great. Cath Denyer very kindly delivered and picked up our items from the Walgett show, thanks Cath. Sandy Shearer has been giving up a lot of personal time to help students practice their poems for the Narrabri Eisteddfod, we really appreciate it.

Cross Country
Last Friday we held our annual cross country carnival. Thank you to the parents who have provided feedback on how we can improve this event. Thank you also to all the parents who helped out marshalling and stayed to enjoy lunch with their children. Students who have progressed to the zone carnival at Bellata have now received their notes. Please ensure these are returned promptly to school. Below are our results for the day.

Boys
5yrs 1st Tyler
6yrs 1st Max, 2nd Tom B, 3rd Aaron
7yrs 1st Jock, 2nd Sam F, 3rd Bailey
8yrs 1st William, 2nd Strath, 3rd Arki
9yrs 1st Declan, 2nd Charlie S & Sam B (tie)
10yrs 1st Campbell, 2nd Tom S-S, 3rd Blake
11yrs 1st Hamish, 2nd George P, 3rd Lachlan
12yrs 1st Albertus
13yrs 1st Zac A

Girls
6yrs 1st Elke, 2nd Sabrina, 3rd Zara
7yrs 1st Sarah S, 2nd Grace, 3rd Lilly D
8yrs 1st Milly, 2nd Audrey, 3rd Emma
9yrs 1st Sophie S, 2nd Jenna, 3rd Sophie J
10yrs 1st Isabella, 2nd Primrose, 3rd Dominique
11yrs 1st Dani, 2nd Stella
12yrs 1st Lydia

Walgett Show
Recently students from our school entered a variety of work in the Walgett Show. We have received many favourable comments about the quality of our student’s work. Well done everyone. The special results are shown below.

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Zac and his winning entry
**NAPLAN**
This week sees Year 3 & 5 doing their NAPLAN testing. I would request that during this time interruptions to classes be kept to a minimum. Thank you for your cooperation. Good luck to all students sitting these exams.

**CAFE**
I would like to thank Belinda and Jess for their service providing lunch orders to our school. Unfortunately, the cafe is unable to continue delivering lunches to our school.

**Eisteddfod practice**
This Friday instead of assembly students will be doing a complete run through of Eisteddfod items. Parents are welcome to come in to watch our students rehearse and to provide them with the opportunity to practice in front of a real audience. This practice will start straight after lunch at 2pm I would also like to wish all of our students good luck in the Narrabri Eisteddfod next week. I know how hard they have been practicing and they deserve to do well.

**New School website**
Our new school website is continually undergoing improvement. One of the latest additions is the 2014 Annual School Report. The address for our new website is [www.burrenjunc-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.burrenjunc-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). Please change the address in your browser as there is no redirection from the old site.

**Police van visit**
On Thursday 28th May the Police Van from Walgett will be visiting our school. Snr Constable Heinz will also be visiting. As a special treat they will be providing morning tea for our students.

Until next time,
Lynn Starkey
Principal

**Merit Certificate Recipients**

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**Citizen of the Week:**
Sophie Sendall for great sportsmanship and caring about her team members during the netball match against Wee Waa.

**P&C News**
Thank-you to the members and teachers who came to our meeting last week. It was great to see you there.
I have attached the draft minutes for everyone's reference. There are also a few things we wanted to highlight before the next meeting.

1. **Notice of next meetings**
   Please put the following dates in your calendar.
   a) Special Meeting - Wednesday 17th June at 3:30pm, to discuss how the 2015 teaching model is progressing.
   b) General Meeting - Wednesday 22nd July at 7pm

2. **New Sports Uniform**
   An update of the current School Sports Tracksuit has been discussed over the last 6 months in P&C meetings. In our last P&C meeting, 2 jacket designs were put forward and voted on. However, since this meeting it has come to the P&C’s attention that Burren Junction Public School School Council has a Uniform Policy. The P&C Executive believe we must follow this policy and are asking all families to fill in a survey as the first step towards change. This survey will be coming out in this week’s newsletter. Please return it to the school by Friday 22 May. For any uniform change to be considered we must have at least 50% of families return the survey. Of those surveys returned, there must be a majority who want a change.
3. ANZAC Day
In our last meeting it was highlighted how passionate our community is about ANZAC Day. Since the meeting we have been in contact with Jude at the Burren Junction Sporting Club. Jude has informed us that the Burren Junction Sporting Club have traditionally organised the ANZAC Day service and wish to continue doing so. The Club have booked the Salvation Army to run the 2016 ANZAC Day service. If you would like to be involved in the organisation of next year’s service please contact the Burren Junction Sporting Club.

4. Upgrade of Tuckshop
A potential upgrade of tuckshop has been discussed in the last few P&C meetings. The P&C are seeking any parents who are interested in being involved in the design of a potential upgrade of tuckshop. Before any work can be undertaken the P&C must first supply a plan and scope of works to the Asset Management unit. Once we have submitted our plan/plans, Asset Management will supply the P&C with quotes.

Please note, all work must be completed by the DEC.
If you are interested in being involved, please come along to our next meeting or speak to one of the executive.

5. The naming of school buildings
The P&C are still looking for suggestions to name each of the buildings at school. If you haven’t had a chance to speak to family or friends with a history at the school, please give them a call. If you come up with any suggestions, please speak to Jenny Holcombe.

6. Tuckshop Co-ordinator
Since our last meeting Genevieve Sendall has offered to take on the role of Tuckshop Co-ordinator for the rest of the year. Thank you Genevieve. You are doing a fantastic job and we appreciate your support.

Hope to see you on Wednesday 17th June.

Marney O’Brien
P&C Secretary

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**Important Dates for BJPS**

**Term 2**

*May*
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – NAPLAN
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Wee Waa Show
- 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – Eisteddfod
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Zone Cross Country Bellata
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Police van
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Manilla Horse Sports

*June*
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Questacon Science Circus
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Athletics training
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Queen’s Birthday
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Narrabri West Horse Sports
- 17<sup>th</sup> – School Photos
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Athletics Carnival
- 26<sup>th</sup> – last day of school for T2

*July*
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Staff Development Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Students return
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 6 Ways Athletics Carnival

*August*
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Zone Athletics
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Regional Athletics
- 31<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Sydney excursion 4/5/6

*September*
- 18<sup>th</sup> – last day of school for T3

*October*
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – State Athletics

*December*
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school for 2015
30th April 2015

To whom it may concern,

Anzac Day is one of Australia’s most important national commemorative occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australian who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of the Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

The Burren Junction Public School children, teachers and parents are very passionate about the Anzac Day celebrations. This year, the Burren Junction School was well represented at four Anzac services in the local area. Eighteen school children were present at the Burren Junction service with six of the children on horse back. These riders rode in the tradition of the Australian Light Horse who played a significant role in battle during World War 1 as well as the Boer War. Thirteen children attended the service in Wee Waa. Two students drummed as part of the Anzac March with eleven students carry poppies and crosses bearing the names of one of the 163 people from Wee Waa and the surrounding districts including Burren Junction who were involved the World War 1 campaign. Two students were involved in the service at Pilliga. Here their involvement included playing the drums for the Anzac March.

The Burren Junction community set a legacy at the 2015 Anzac Day celebrations by holding a well supported event organised by members of the Burren Junction community. It is great to see lots of members of the community being passionate about the Anzac Day celebrations. The Burren Junction Sporting Club traditionally organise the Anzac Day service each year and would like to continue this tradition. They have already organised the Salvation Army to conduct the service for 2016. They appreciate the help of the Burren Junction Community that were there to celebrate the 100th Anniversary service and would like to thank all those community members who committed their time to ensure that Burren Junction continues to participate in Anzac Day celebrations. If you would like to be involved in the organisation of future Anzac services please do contact the Burren Junction Sporting Club.

Thank you for your time and commitment.

Burren Junction Public School P & C