Welcome to this week’s newsletter. What a busy fortnight it has been. We have had some absolutely wonderful achievements from our students this fortnight. Please read Sandy’s excellent Eisteddfod report included later in this newsletter.

**Wee Waa Show results**
We have again had some outstanding results from local show entries. Our results from Wee Waa Show are as follows;
- Lilliana: 1st Special Section
- Albertus: 1st Year 6 Drawing & Champion, Upper Primary
- Sabrina: 1st Kindergarten Drawing
- Milly: 2nd Year 2 Painting
- Claire: 2nd Kindergarten Writing
- Primrose: 2nd Year 4 Theme “Out of Africa”
- Tom S-S: 3rd Year 4 Theme “Out of Africa”
- Alli: 3rd Year 2 Theme “Outer Space”
- Elke: 3rd Year 1 Drawing

Well done everyone, your work will soon be displayed in our foyer for all our visitors to admire.

**Cross Country at Bellata**
Our zone Cross Country competitors were also highly successful.
- 8/9 Girls - Milly 3rd, Emma 2nd reserve
- 10 Years Boys - Campbell 5th
- 10 Years Girls - Isabella 3rd, Primrose 2nd reserve
- 11 Years Boys - Hamish 2nd, George P 4th, Lachie 1st reserve

For those of you who have successfully made it to the Regional Carnival in Coolah, well done and good luck.

**Chess**
Today we have 8 students away at the Chess Gala at Nemingha Public School. We have entered two teams, Championship level (Zach R, Tom S-S, Sam B & Stella) and Rookies (Sophie S, Joseph, Charlie S & Tom B). Our youngest player is Tom in Kindergarten, a mighty achievement for one so young. Best of luck to you all and I look forward to including your results in our next newsletter.

**Police visit**
On Thursday we are expecting a visit from the Police Youth Liaison Officer and Snr Constable Heinz, our local police officer. Students will be treated to morning tea provided by the police.

**Shell Questacon Science Circus**
Next Monday the Shell Questacon Science Circus is visiting our school. Two sessions will be held for students, K-2 & 3-6. These session are demonstration style shows which explore the relevance of science and technology in everyday life. This show is provided at no cost to students.

Next Tuesday K/1 students will be unable to use their classroom. This is to enable much needed painting works to be carried out. Students will be in Mrs Starkey’s room for the day.

**Bronze Award**
We have several Bronze Award morning teas and assemblies coming up over the next few weeks. It is great to see so many of our students achieving these awards. Please check your child’s bag for invitations.

**Athletics Training**
Ernie will again be joining us for athletics training in preparation for our carnivals. His first sessions will take place next Wednesday so please send you children in sports uniform on that day.

**Winter Uniform**
We are now well into Term 2 and the weather is cooling down. While we have had some warm weather, it is now time for all students to be wearing winter uniform. Please also remind your child that hats are part of our uniform and we strongly encourage all children to wear them.
Students who do not have hats are to remain under shelter.

**P&C Meeting**
Please remember that we have a special P&C meeting coming up to provide feedback to parents on our classroom arrangements for this year. If you have any questions you would like addressed, please email or deliver them to me before the 12th of June to enable teachers adequate time to respond. Our School Council AGM is also coming close. Nominations close on Friday 29th May.

**Thankyou**
Lastly our thank yous for the fortnight. Firstly a huge thanks to our teachers for being so flexible during Eisteddfod and NAPLAN. It certainly makes running the school much easier to have such a supportive staff. Also thank you to all of our parents who have supported us through our Eisteddfod experience this year, I understand what a big job it is driving so many kilometres, often on consecutive days and thank you for your efforts. Also, thanks once again to Sandy for being our wonderful Eisteddfod coordinator and reporter.

Until next time,
Lynn Starkey
Principal

**Merit Certificate Recipients**
No merit certificates were awarded in weeks 4 & 5 due to Eisteddfod rehearsals and attendance. We look forward to awarding certificates again from this week.

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**Important Dates for BJPS**

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**Food for a Happy and Calm Community**
Learn how to avoid the food additives linked to health, learning and behaviour problems at Food for a Happy and Calm Community seminar! It's on Thursday 30 July 2015 from 6:30pm at Wee Waa High School Hall. Be sure to bring pen, paper and an item from your pantry you are worried about - and that you eat often.

Tickets $5 Includes Savoury Supper & Wallet Card. Bookings Essential! ONLINE: www.MealPlanningYourWay.com/events IN PERSON: Palmer’s Market 95 Rose St Wee Waa Mon – Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat 9–12. PHONE/TEXT Name, Email & Number attending to Helen Smith on 0428 955 102 Please RSVP for catering purposes by Saturday 18 July (you can pay on the night)
NARRABRI EISTEDDFOD 2015

Wowsers – what a week!!! Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2015 Narrabri Eisteddfod and to all those parents, friends and family members who supported the students. Every year the students continue to surprise me, as do the parents, driving hundreds of kilometres. Complete and utter madness but very appreciated and well worth it!

I am so very, very proud of every student who participated in the Eisteddfod. For some it’s second nature to hop on stage and perform (hello Jock Carolan), while for others it takes a whole lot of courage and trust. I know I may be biased but I honestly think that every student from Burren Junction PS who performed in either an Individual section, group mime and/ or Poems for Two were simply outstanding. They were confident, well rehearsed, looked lovely and could be heard even at the very back of that enormous theatre.

Even though some students missed out on a place, I honestly think they were all winners. To get up on stage and speak to a large audience, in a large theatre, is extremely daunting but they did it with little fuss and performed beautifully.

The amazing results from the Eisteddfod –

**Set Poem Kindergarten** – Zara Marshall **3rd**, Tom Ball **HC**  
**Group Speech - K/1 Class** **HC**  
**Humorous Poem Yr 1** - Jock Carolan **1st**, Max Shearer **2nd**, Elke Sendall **3rd**  
**Poems for Two Yr 1 & under** – Elke Sendall & Grace O’Brien **3rd**  
**Impromptu Story Telling Yr 2 & under** – Jock Carolan **3rd**  
**Prepared Mime Solo Yr 2 & under** – Max Shearer **1st**, Sarah Smith **2nd**  
**Group Mime Yr 2 & under** – Lucy Ball, Alli Harris, Milly Chappel, Emma Slack-Smith, Sarah Smith, Alex Goddard **1st**  
**Own Composition Yr 2 & under** – Jock Carolan **1st** (Jock received the equal highest marks of the day)  
**Set Poem Yr 5** – Stella Carolan **1st**  
**Group Mime Yr 5 & 6** – Isabella O’Brien, Dani Newman, Sophie Jackson & Primrose Slack-Smith **1st**  
**Group Mime Yr 3 & 4** – Arki Shearer, Charlie Smith, Sam Ball, Will Slack-Smith, Strath Sendall, Angus Goddard, Campbell Chappel, Max Shearer, Declan Carolan **1st**  
**Australian Poem Yr 5** – Stella Carolan **3rd**  
**Australian Poem Yr 4** - Primrose Slack-Smith **1st**  
**Australian Poem Yr 3** – Arki Shearer **2nd**  
**Australian Poem Yr 2** – Sarah Smith **3rd**  
**Poems for Two Yr 5** – Lachie O’Brien & Campbell Chappel **1st**, Stella Carolan & Sophie Sendall **3rd**, Lachie O’Brien & Sam Ball **HC**  
**Poems for Two Yr 4** – Isabella O’Brien & Primrose Slack-Smith **1st**, Tom Slack-Smith & Strath Sendall **2nd**  
**Poems for Two Yr 3** – Arki Shearer & Declan Carolan **2nd**, Charlie Smith & Arki Shearer **3rd**  

- It should be noted that the adjudicator made special mention of the Yr 2 students in this section as she thought it was by far the strongest section of the day.

**Public Speaking Yr 5 & 6** – Stella Carolan **1st**  
**Humorous Poem Yr 4** – Isabella O’Brien **HC**, Sophie Sendall **HC**  
**Humorous Poem Yr 3** – Declan Carolan **1st**, Strath Sendall **2nd**, Sam Ball **HC**  
**Own Composition Yr 5 & 6** – Stella Carolan **1st**
Poem by Poet Other Than Australian Yr 3 – Chelsie Trigg HC, Lilliana Holgate HC
Prose Recital from Memory Yr 3 – Charlie Smith 1st
Sight Reading Yr 3 & 4 – Sophie Sendall 3rd
Prepared Mime Solo Yr 3 & 4 – Charlie Smith 2nd
Dance Small Schools – 2/3 and 4/5/6 classes 1st

I think it’s safe to say; Burren Junction PS did extremely well at this year’s Eisteddfod. Congratulations again to every student who performed – you were sensational. For those students that didn’t participate, I really urge you to give it a go next year. I bet everyone, like me, will be thrilled not to hear the multitude of poems they’ve learnt or heard at the dining table! Thank you again.

Sandy Shearer