What a week it has been. Burren Junction has shone in so many ways. I would like to start with a massive thank you to the brilliant staff we have. The past week there is nothing they have not been prepared to get in and help get done and the “yes we can” attitude is there always. Thank you Mr Mendes, Miss Hunt, Miss Paull Mrs Holcombe’s both Jenny and Robyn, Mrs Hattingh, Ms Howie, Brett and May. I really appreciate the dedication and commitment you have to our kids and our school.

**Variety Bash Visit- HELP NEEDED**
On Friday August 14th, The Variety Club will be coming through Burren Junction on their car rally. The Rally is designed to deliver much needed funds to rural communities. They contacted the school to see if we would be able to provide them morning tea. I have tried a number of times and finally spoke to Julie, the coordinator this morning. She was able to enlighten me that 290 people, in their vehicles would be arriving in Burren Junction from 10.30am. It will be a big event and to cater for that many people at short notice is HUGE!

We are asking everyone to contribute to this if they can. Morning tea, tea and coffee will be what they are looking for. In return for this good deed they wanted to know if there was anything extra they could contribute to. Given that the 4-5-6 excursion to Sydney was coming up, the proposal was put to them that we would love to take our children to the stage production of *Matilda*. The Variety Club have generously agreed to pay the cost of the tickets to the event and will be presenting the school with a large cheque (for photography purposes) on the day. They do have other items to hand to our school and our students on this visit.

I would love to hand the coordination of the morning tea over to a willing parent or 5. If you are prepared to be part of that team please contact me or the school ASAP. The 4-5-6 Children, led by Parliament will be involved in the set up and serving. The whole school will be involved in the visit.

**6 Ways Success.**
Last Tuesday the 6 Ways Carnival finally went ahead in Pilliga. It was a great day out for us all. Burren was a stand out in everything. The uniform in the marching was outstanding. In 16 years I have never seen it so good. Thank you to everyone who worked together to help get all our children tracksuit pants especially, I know how hard that can be. The chant was inspiring and another example of the creativity of Miss Hunt and Miss Paull. It was well rewarded with the Marching Trophy.

Burren Junction was placed 2nd overall. This is an enormous achievement given that our final score had to be divided by 53. Imagine what it was to begin with. It goes to show that every event you enter makes a difference.

Special mentions must go to our Champions and runners up on the day. Juveniles- Elke Sendall (r up) amd Sarah Smith Champion. Junior Campbell Chappel (r up) and Isabella O’ Brien Champion. 11 yrs Hamish Chappel (r up) and Senior Albertus Hattingh Champion.

**ICAS Science Results.**
Last Friday we presented the certificates for the ICAS Science test. Hamish Chappel and Sarah Smith both received Participation certificates. Charlie Smith was awarded a Credit. Tom Slack-Smith gained a Distinction. Congratulations Elke. Next Wednesday is the final of the ICAS exam for this year with Mathematics.

**CWA Italian Lunch and awards.**
On Friday the study of Italy was wrapped up with a feast generously provided by the CWA. The food was
delicious with students, teachers and parents unable to decide on which was the favourite dish. Awards were presented for projects and artworks completed. Here is a photograph of our winning entries. These will be on display in the foyer of the school. A special mention to Emily for all the work she put into coordinating much of this work.

**Italian feast**

**Maths Course**
The staff and I have attended a Maths training course this week in Wee Waa. It was delivered by Anita Chin, an experienced Math’s consultant who was employed by the Department of Education to write our new Maths Syllabus. The Syllabus is mandatory teaching from this year. Anita performed demonstration lessons from Kindergarten to Year 6, took us through resources that schools and classes should have and looked at how we program and assess our student. Everyone found the days inspiring, rewarding and will use what we learnt to improve our teaching.

**CWA Italian projects**

**Transition**
Our Transition to school program starts on August the 20th. Sandy Shearer did a magnificent job with the brochures again this year. Please pass on to anyone you know of who may be considering Burren Junction School for next year.

**Carpet**
Our classrooms are having the carpets replaced this week. We hope to keep this disruption as minimal as possible

**Assembly**
There is no assembly this Friday given that many of our students are at PSSA Athletics.

**Tuckshop**
Please find attached the roster for this term. We look forward to our first tuckshop day this term on Friday with Genevieve.

Have a great week,
Kate

**Campdraft/ Horse Sports**
Last Sunday morning, the P&C organised and ran the horse sports events at the Cubbaroo Campdraft. There were 20 riders with 11 of these being students at BJPS. These were – Hamish, Campbell and Milly Chappel, George Powell, Sophie and Elke Sendall, Max Shearer, Isabella and Grace O’Brien, Dani Newman and Primrose Slack-Smith. Everyone performed well and won a swag of ribbons. Thanks to all those volunteers who helped out on the day. Also, congratulations to Campbell and George who tied 5th in the junior campdraft. Well done everyone! Thank you Kim for that report.

**P&C**
The P&C meeting is scheduled for 12th August. Thank you to all the Parents and Community members for helping the school on the weekend at the Campdraft and Horseports. Big thanks to the P&C committee who went beyond what was asked of them.

Kiwi.