The final week of the term has arrived. It has been a big term and I am very much looking forward to spending some time with my family. Thank you to everyone for all that you do to make our school a wonderful place to work in. I wish you all a great holiday and hope that the season continues to work in our favour.

I had some principals in last week to work on our School Plan. Craig Renneberg from District Office took me out the front and pointed out how well our lawns, gardens and edges are maintained. The credit for this goes to Brett. Thank you Brett for the wonderful job you doing making our first impression such a good one.

Excursions
All of our school years have now been on an excursion. Miss Hunt wrote a lovely report about the trip to Lake Keepit. What a great adventure. I had the privilege of going to Sydney for a week with the 4-5-6 class. It was a week packed full of activities. The children have a report to include with this newsletter, so I will let them tell about all the fun we had. I just want to say a few thanks. Firstly to all the students who came on the excursion. Thank you for being responsible, sensible, caring and considerate at all times. You were a pleasure to share a fun filled week with. A fine example of Burren Junction School, at its best.

To Kim for all the background organising that went into the excursion. It all ran smoothly and was well thanks to your hard work and time. Miss Paull, Johannes, Marney and Kelly, your enthusiasm, caring and supervision of our children is something that every parent is thankful for. A home away from home when mum or dad could not be there, you were. The excursion would not have been possible without you all, and I thank you for making the week a huge success. For our parents to go away meant that: Nanette, Tim, Mick and Rodney were left home to care for the rest of their families. We also thank them for holding the fort. They juggled school busses, long hair and sick kids superbly.

K-2 had a day trip to Lightning Ridge. It was lots of fun and Mr Mendes has a report to include later. Thank you Mr Mendes for organising this trip out so all our children could be part of an excursion experience.

Friday Assembly
This Friday we finish the term with a major assembly. It is an opportunity to present some awards and watch presentations from our excursions. We invite you all to join us at 2.15pm.

Transition - Thank you Mrs Stump
The first five weeks of transition finish on Thursday. Next term the transition children will join with Kindergarten, in the next process of school readiness. Mrs Stump has provided an excellent beginning for these students’ and they have enjoyed the program immensely. Thank you Mrs Stump for all your hard work and enthusiasm, it is much appreciated.

Funding Model
I have been looking at the budget and possible class structures for next year. School Council will meet in the first week back next term to review the budget. The request for funding will then be proposed to P&C for their consideration, hopefully in week two. I am very conscious that the staff need to know ASAP of the likelihood of their positions being available next year. I am aware that harvest will start and people will be very busy. I would like to move on this matter as quickly as we can.

Next Term
There is no Staff Development day to begin 4th Term. There is however, a long weekend. School for staff and students begins on Tuesday, 6th October 2015. It will be a busy term with lots of learning as well as swim school and Presentation Day preparation.

Enjoy your holiday,
Mrs Slack-Smith

Matilda tickets for sale
Will you be in Sydney during the holidays? Or do you have friends and family who may like to watch the Matilda performance? We have 2 spare tickets for the evening of 23rd September, at $69 each. Please let Jenny know if you can use these tickets.

Lost property
We have many jumpers and other items of clothing on the veranda. Please have a look to see if any of these are yours when you next visit the school.
The BJPS Equestrian team competed at the St Lawrences Horse sports event on Monday and Tuesday this week. Milly, Campbell and Hamish Chappel and George Powell represented the school. Competition was strong with 90 riders in total. The BJPS team performed well, winning ribbons in almost every event they entered. The 2 days included ring events, 2 jumping competitions, dressage, cross country and 2 stockhorse challenge classes. Points were awarded across all these disciplines. George on his horse Savannah were awarded highest point score for 10yr boys. The highlight of the competition was BJPS Equestrian Team being awarded the best presented school, against 26 other schools, during the parade at the end of the 2 days of competition. The team was presented with 2 new horse books which will be added to the school library. Well done team!

By Kim Powell

Lightning Ridge Excursion

On Friday the 11th Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 went on an excursion to Lightning Ridge. The students went on a tour with the Australian Opal Centre. Each student came home with some opals that they found and a sample of coloured opal which was a gifted from the AOC. The students did our school proud as the director of the centre said that our school group was amazing and she hadn't seen such well-behaved students before.

Here is a picture of the tour group at the sign to Lightning Ridge.

By Mr Mendes