Semester 1 Academic Reports
There is now only 3 weeks of the term remaining. Teachers are completing the current units of work and beginning the preparations required to complete the individual academic reports. Although parent/carer interviews are not scheduled for the end of term, if you wish to meet with your child/ren’s teacher, please make an appointment.

As we come to the end of term, or at any time, if you are taking extended holidays and your child/ren will be absent for a length of time, it is important that you contact the office before you leave and arrange an exemption for the time the children are absent.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
Very Well Done on a brilliant effort that was made by every student who participated in our Burketown SS Inter-House Cross Country Carnival. The event was held on the 20th May and distances covered were as follows:

- Prep - 250m
- Grade 1 and 2 - 500m
- Grade 3 – 500m
- Grade 4 - 1km
- Grade 5 - 1.5km
- Grade 6 - 3km

Our parent support was fabulous on the day. Many photos of this event are in the Cross Country article to follow within this newsletter. Winners below.

Chris Ford
Principal
Burketown State School

Youth Parliament
Mount Isa
1 June 2016
What an experience for some of our Year 6 students who attended the first ever Youth Parliament in Mount Isa. Our Students were selected to represent the areas of: Youth Minister for Police: Clairice MacNamara Youth Minister for Local Government: Jadekiyah Johnson (also the Youth Sergeant-at-Arms) Youth Minister for Natural Resources: Anna-Leigh Cooling. Our students presented their cases for local issues within Burketown and made speeches to uphold their cases in front of; Honourable Peter Wellington MP Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Robbie Katter Member for Mount Isa, Brett Nutley Indigenous Liaison Officer Qld Parliament and Annemarie Groth Team Leader, Education And Liaison Youth Parliament. We were highly commended by The Speaker and Indigenous Liaison Officer for our controversial topics related to Local Challenges and the manner in which our students conducted themselves during the event. I was so proud as Principal to escort and showcase our talents from Burketown SS to honorary members of Qld Parliament.
Every Day Counts—93% Target

POWERSFUL Message: Burketown SS and the Cowboys NRL Club rewarded students who have great attendance with Cowboys backpacks. These FABULOUS students were either on 98% - 100% attendance so far term 2. J.T. says: "Every Day Counts, Every Minute Counts!"

We were treated to one of the LEGENDS of the game in SUPER STAR—Matty Bowen attending our school to present the backpacks to the following students: Lahleejah Yanner, Anna-Leigh Cooling, Rehana Booth, Jagama Yanner.

Which students will win in Term 3!

Overall our attendance rate is 80.6%.

This is extremely low!

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Everyday Counts—PIZZA PARTY in week 11 for the class with best improvement above 90%

Parent Sign in Register—Office

All parents are required to report to the office and sign the parents/visitors and or student movement register when requiring to speak with students or staff members.

Athletics Carnival— Week 11 we will be conducting our annual School Athletics Carnival. Ribbons and medals will be awarded to place getters. Time will be announced closer to the day—Last day of Term 2.

Lock Down Drill: Term 2

The Whole School will be practising a ‘LOCK DOWN’ drill sometime this term. We need to schedule in these events just in case for some unknown reason we need to partake in a real event.

Head Lice— We are looking into supporting every student to eradicate head lice from our school. Treatment/s is an ongoing issue and administration is working on a solution for every child in our school and also siblings. We are working on a result as soon as possible.

Anzac Day Burketown

On the 25th of April Burketown came together to remember our Anzacs with a wonderful service at 10.30am at the town Cenotaph. Thank-you Burke Shire Council.

Fishing at Burketown

Thank-you greatly to Mark Van Ryt from Mount Isa Fish Stocking Group—Sunfish Lower Gulf for a very educational event for the Grade 3-6 class. All students learnt a lot from the experts in knot tying/lure making and also casting techniques.
Morcombe Visit — Denise and Bruce Morcombe

Recognise, React, Report Tour 2016 - Child Safety Presentation

On the 26th May we were very fortunate to have Bruce and Denise Morcombe visit our school and present their program for all children to: Recognise—when they feel unsafe / React—to an unsafe situation / Report— to an adult/parent/teacher/police what they have seen or how they feel.

Thank-you to all the community members who also supported the dinner at the Burketown Pub which assists raising funds for the Morcombe Foundation. This dinner was well received with most of the community attending and also people from surrounding properties and towns attending on the night. The Morcombes were most impressed with our small town and how wonderful our students behaved in welcoming them into our school.

Ready, Set, Breakfast!

Please ensure your child has a Healthy Breakfast before coming to school so they are ready to learn.

School Bags and lunchboxes—Parents- we are requesting that all students attend school with a school bag and lunch box to eliminate lost notes, lost lunches and hats/jumpers/equipment going missing. Well done to those parents and students with a school bag, but lets have 100% of student attending with a school bag.

BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPONSIBLE
BE SAFE
**BURKETOWN SS INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY**

Results were as follows:

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Thank-You to all our wonderful staff, parents and supporters who came along and supported all our runners on the day!

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**Thorntonia Station visit —Camooweal Road**

What a warm welcome we received when we made a surprise visit to Thorntonia Station on our way back from Mount Isa with the grade 6 students. We explored the working kitchen on the station / Fresh meat mincing and slicing / cattle mustering / map reading and whereabouts and feeding time with some of the animals on the station. We also enjoyed a cuppa and home made cake and cookies with Barb the station cook. We would like to thank Lloyd and Wendy the station owners for their hospitality, Russell and Sarah for allowing us to come onto the property and the tour, but most of all Barb the Station cook for her time and warm welcome at feeding time with the pigs and for refreshments. Thank-you again Thorntonia Station!