

Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter



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Welcome into Term 2

After what seemed a very short break from routine, term 2 floated into centre stage for an abbreviated first week (packed with action). To date we only have one of our crew struck down with Covid-19 and we wish Mrs Rachel Gibson a speedy recovery.

Staffing

Changes to staffing for term 2 include Mrs Louise Gibson on leave and Mrs Niki Crane back from her period of leave, teaching Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays - primarily in the senior class, but as with our normal timetable, nothing is normal.

Mrs Douthie will continue some senior English, and whole-school Science and Visual Arts. Mrs Sharee Saunders will find herself mostly in the Junior class, with afternoons whole school - mostly.

Virtues of Character

Our focus virtue is now **Responsibility**. This virtue is evident when someone is dependable and is willing to be accountable for their actions.

When a person demonstrates responsibility, they take their agreements seriously and respond ably by doing things to the best of their ability. They are willing to do their part and if a mistake is made, they are not defensive, they learn from it and fix it!

School Development Day

On Tuesday 26th of April, staff spent the day reviewing and revising plans for this term and the rest of the year. A close look through the School Development Plan, programs and the resources in place to address student learning targets took up much of the time. The assessment and teaching resource Brightpath was explored in some depth, particularly in the areas of genre writing (Narratives, Persuasive texts and Oral Retell in particular).

Crunch 'n Sip

This great initiative of the Cancer Council continues to be an important program in place at the school. Here we have more nutritious and canny ideas for you at home to keep this a favourite program!

Crunch&Sip®

Tips to increase vegie intake for Crunch&Sip® breaks

- Start with vegetables your children are familiar with
- Try sweeter vegetables like red capsicum or cherry tomatoes
- Allow children to choose their Crunch&Sip® vegetables
- Keep vegetables fresh at school by storing in thermos containers
- Use a variety of vegetable colours to make it more appealing
- Let kids pick out a special Crunch&Sip® container from the supermarket
- Get kids involved in cooking vegetables at home
- Children will follow your lead (eventually!) – make sure you show them how much you enjoy eating vegetables



Bike Helmets

Plans in 2021 to replace old and damaged bike helmets did not conclude so we are having another attempt at resolving this safety concern.

Students have supported a request to RAC for a donation for this purpose with some well-written letters. We are delighted to have received an email confirming a donation of 10 new helmets. Thanks to Mrs Tucker and Mrs Gibson for following-up our request.

Science - Chemical

Whilst our interest in the Biological Sciences have not waned, we have moved on to a new science topic this term - Chemical Science.

Students will follow a hybrid P-6 program for this topic due to the fact that we have a multi-age class and we are all capable of a challenging curriculum. The visit from the Scitech team last term AND further generous financial support from the P&C has set us up with many of the teaching resources we will need. All students are inspired and informed scientists due to the years of work invested by Mrs Crane!

One activity I need parent help with is the collection of large plastic drink bottles (2L water, coke etc).

Student Portraits

Anyone who has already seen the marvellous self-portraits completed by students last term will understand why staff have insisted on having their portraits painted. This activity will conclude before we start on all the messy art planned for this term.

Mosaics, clay work, household paint furniture painting, modelling with Sculpt-it medium and more is on the program for this term. Art has moved in the timetable to Fridays so children have the weekend to get cleaned up again.

Beach Excursion

An educational and exciting day was had at Masons Bay on the second last Friday of term 2. All students, along with Mrs Saunders and Mrs Marks were joined by Mrs Crane to test their swimming, underwater photography skills, refresh their beach

safety practices, find, identify and draw aspects of their environment. And to have some fun!

By all accounts, all outcomes were achieved.



Figures 1 & 2: A shark spotted at Masons Bay! Lost at sea? Photos: N. Crane

P&C Fundraiser

Please indulge yourselves in the fundraiser for our P&C. A great study of the biological sciences and beautiful flowers from the bulbs you grow! All orders for this fundraiser are due by Friday the 13th of May.

ANZAC Excursion

Mrs Saunders' excursion to Hopetoun to visit the War Memorial went well last Thursday. This excursion was connected to the commemoration of lives lost in war and the purpose of the recent ANZAC Day holiday. An unexpected event at school in their absence meant staff had to meet students on their return and walk with them through the bush and under cover for the last 800m or so to re-claim the school site.

Along the way we were set upon by unidentified aliens but with resourcefulness and skill, we overpowered the attackers and resumed our route march to school. Tired, muddy and bereft of proper boots, the troupe returned to school, finding the invaders had heard of our reputation as fierce warriors and fled.



Figures 3-6: Scenes of battle. Photos N. Crane & K. Douthie

