

Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter



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Welcome #9

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming Jaiden into our Pre-primary group.

NAPLAN Testing

We scheduled and executed our NAPLAN testing plan to perfection last week, however, with a Covid-19 outbreak on the last day, there is still one test to be completed. The window for testing ends on Friday 20th so fingers are crossed that we manage to complete the whole suite.

Year three and five students will receive results of the tests in Writing, Reading, Conventions of language and Numeracy later in the year.

Mosquitoes

Due to the serious amounts of water lying around the countryside the numbers of mosquitoes have almost reached plague proportions (in my opinion, more than one is a plague). Mosquitoes hurt when they bite, and they carry disease.

I advise parents to provide long sleeve tops and long trousers to protect exposed skin. I am happy to waive the uniform requirement if light-coloured clothing is used.

Personal supply of insect repellent is also an option.

Super Cooper Clay Day

We are very excited to have secured the talents of Cooper Smallman who will visit the school on Friday 3rd June for what we hope is the first of several visits to teach pottery. Cooper is a young potter living in Hopetoun and is willing to share his growing knowledge of manipulating clay to create beautiful and practical works.

We anticipate Super Cooper Clay Days providing our students a chance to teach Cooper something new in the art department - using the digital art program *Brushes* and how to dye silk using eucalypts.

Book Fair

Stay tuned for an update on this term's Book Fair. There are some changes from our previous fairs so save the dates; 26th May to 3rd June and save your pennies or bitcoin and invest in some great reading for kids.

Aussie of the Month

I am very pleased to announce an Aussie of the Month for May. Klay Atherton has been a champion role-model every morning, raising the school flags. He did not need to be rounded up and reminded and completed his task for the week with great competency. Well done Klay!



Figure 1: Mrs Saunders congratulates Klay on his award. Photo: K. Douthie

Bulb Fundraiser

Thankyou to all who participated in our recent P&C fundraiser. A quick whip-around and we were able to place an order of \$1055 last week. The P&C will earn 30% of those sales.

Perfect conditions for planting now for a very showy Spring.

Crunch 'n Sip

Vegetables are the richest source of nutrients for growing bodies, so every opportunity to feed them to the family is a bonus. Here are some ideas!

Crunch&Sip®



Pack more vegetables into your dinner

- Add grated zucchini, mushroom or carrot to tomato based pasta sauces
- Add extra vegies and beans into soups, stews, pasta and rice dishes
- Include a side salad or a serve of steamed vegetables with hot dishes
- Try cabbage and lettuce leaves as edible containers with savoury fillings
- Explore different ways of preparing vegetables e.g. stir fry, curry, grated in sauce, steamed, roasted, slow cooked or raw.
- Make takeaway meals healthier by adding in extra vegies – e.g. stuff some extra salad into burgers, stir steamed vegetables into takeaway pasta and rice dishes, or top pizzas with extra spinach, rocket, diced capsicum or diced tomato

Spare Parts Puppets Excursion

Munglinup Primary School has invited us to join them and students from Cascade Primary School on Wednesday 15th June for the Spare Parts Puppet Show.

P&C Fundraiser – Dyed Scarves

With students studying chemical science this term, the relevance of tying this fundraiser in to the program is high.

The P&C have purchased about 50 scarves – silk and silk cotton. Staff and students will work together to dye the fabric using a range of different Eucalypt species following processes tested during a similar project conducted in 2017. Students will learn which species and which mordants affect the result of the Eucalypt oils fixing onto the protein and plant fibres. And the profits from selling the scarves at this year's 40th Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show will contribute to school funds.

This was a very successful and popular venture in 2017.

Narrative Writing and Oral Retell

Our focus on oral retell has metastasised into book writing! Senior students have been creating books and now the Junior students have discovered the joys of writing and illustrating. Here is Aaron's first book!

Adventures at Sea

Chapter 1:

One sunny day, a long time ago, there was a megladon swimming in the Ocean. Megladon looked like a shark and he could swim like a shark.

He found a pirate ship. The pirate ship was called *A Deep Ship* and it was made of wood. A kraken suddenly swam up from his hiding place in his sunken shipwreck at the bottom of the sea and saw the ship. Then he left and next thing two more krakens came.

Megladon left his ship to find more megladon to help him. They came back and the megladons and the krakens had a fight to see who got the pirate ship first.

The krakens won!

Chapter 2:

Three days later pirates were waiting on their ship on the same ocean, to kill krakens. The pirates fired the cannons at the Krakens' tentacles. There were four more krakens coming. The krakens' heads were sticking up while they were going along.

The pirates fired the cannons again. The krakens, all four, had their heads blown off by the cannon balls.

The pirates won. They felt so good, they had a party.

Chapter 3:

In the morning the pirates got up to go look for treasure. Suddenly two red heads came up from the water. They were krakens! Quickly the pirates fired two cannons. But they were too early, and the krakens got through with their tentacles. They grabbed one pirate, then he threw him in the water to make him drown.

Next the krakens grabbed three more pirates. They put the three of them in the cannons and fired the cannons. They landed with the other pirate in the waves, right near a shark.

The kraken won the fight and sailed off to find the pirates' treasure.

Aaron Saunders – Pre-Primary

