

Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter



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Bushfire Preparation

Leading up to the bushfire season is an important time to prepare for survival and reducing the impact of fires around our homes, farms and community. Each year the school revises its Bushfire Plan to ensure as many risks as possible are reduced. This includes preparation of the school site and reduction of flammable materials. Maz has been attending to this throughout the year and in a few weeks the Ravensthorpe Shire plans a controlled burn around the school surrounds to reduce fuel load. It is expected that this burn will take place around week 3 or 4 of September. To accommodate this fire management, it is intended that staff and students undertake an excursion.

Staff and students had a practice drill on Thursday to prepare for an evacuation or invacuation (locate to safe building).

New Deck

It was recently discovered that the steel beams holding up the timber deck for the school's administration verandah were rusted out. The entire structure needed to be replaced. We are delighted to report that the work is now complete and the deck is looking in tip-top shape.



Figure 1: Preparing the old deck ready for the new one to be installed. Photo: K. Douthie

P&C Fundraiser - Devonshire Tea

The P&C have committed to Monday 19th September for a Devonshire Tea and Soup Fundraiser at The Red Room to coincide with the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show. Anyone able and willing to help provide scones or soup or to help on the day will be most welcome. Please contact Sharee Saunders.

Pottery with Cooper

An exciting morning in the shed with Cooper Smallman on Friday led to the finishing-off of clay work previously completed. Students were instructed on how to apply the glazes and transfers before work was dried, wrapped and taken off to the Dunnart kiln to be fired. Hopefully none of the pieces will explode in the kiln!

Our thanks to Cooper for sharing his passion and pottery skills.



Figure 2: Cooper demonstrating how to apply transfers on greenware. Photo: K. Douthie

Buddy Bears

Our health topic for the term is Healthy Bodies. This broad topic gives us the time to investigate many ways to provide the resources for a healthy, well-nourished body and mind. Part of the students' challenge is to train their Buddy Bears to use strategies to maintain happy, healthy minds and if BB follows this training, will receive a certificate of accomplishment. The seven areas that BB needs to succeed are.

- ★ Healthy diet of nutritious food and water
- ★ Regular exercise
- ★ Building friendships
- ★ Accumulate interests
- ★ Have positive thoughts
- ★ Solve personal problems
- ★ Have adequate sleep

We will keep you posted on how the training is progressing.

Excursion - Scientific Study of Leaf Litter

Dr Sue Jagger, engaged by RAIN and the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show, has kindly agreed to run a short workshop with Jerdacuttup students. We will be sifting (carefully) through leaf litter to find the creatures hiding and residing in it. We expect to find various invertebrates at different stages of their life cycle and will use Dr Jagger's carefully constructed dichotomous key to help identify each of the organisms.

The current plan is to venture out to my property at 4035 Hopetoun/Ravensthorpe Rd on Wednesday 24th August.

Preliminary work has revealed some organisms in leaf litter around the school - some that were examined under microscopes.



Figure 3: Students study invertebrates found in leaf litter around the school. Photo: K. Douthie

Staffing

After exhaustive (and exhausting) attempts to fill vacant teaching positions at Jerdacuttup, I have had to call upon Mrs Saunders to cancel her leave and return to school. No applicants resulted in Department advertisements so Mrs Saunders will return 4 days/week - Tuesdays through to Fridays, beginning this week.

Athletics Carnival

Jumps and Throws events will take place in Hopetoun on Thursday 1st September. Running and teams events on Friday 2nd September.

Information about lunch orders and start and finish times will be included in Excursion note Thursday.

Hamersley -BLUE, Barrens, RED

Crunch 'n Sip

Fuelling the body with fresh fruit and vegetables packed with vitamins and minerals is important at any stage of human growth. Beginning early and developing healthy eating habits is easy when you have crunchy, juicy temptations such as capsicum. Give some a chomp!!

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