

Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter



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Bees

Last fortnight, while staff and students were out of harm's way, two beehives were disposed of. Whilst we are very keen on invertebrates, these were becoming a serious problem; swarming and giving Maz a difficult time when she was trying to garden.

School Finance Meeting

The school finance committee meeting will be held in the school staff room at 3:15pm on Thursday 22nd September. The committee is made up of Kier Douthie, Cathy Harman, Sharee Saunders, Kelly Marks and Gemma Walker.

School Photos

A delightful day at the Ravensthorpe Museum last month for our annual school photo shoot will be followed by orders filled in about 4 weeks. If parents would like a sneak preview, a copy of the proofs are pinned up in the staff room.

Our sincere thanks to Ann Williams and the Ravensthorpe Museum for allowing us to make use of their venue, and to MSP Photography for indulging our desires.

National Child Protection Week

NAPCAN has been running awareness campaigns to provide protection against child abuse and neglect, for over 30 years. 4-10th September marks the week for 2022 and the following websites house many useful materials to help parents in this task.

<https://www.napcan.org.au/napcan-brochures/>

<https://www.coolaustralia.org/learning-at-home/>

Leaf Litter & Landforms Excursion

Wednesday 24th August was a perfect day to be outdoors scratching around in leaf litter. Students and staff were very ably supported in their exploration by Dr Sue Jagger, geophysicist, teacher and entomologist. We learned things we didn't even know we needed to know from her extensive knowledge of the subject.



Figure 1: Sorting leaf litter with Dr Sue Jagger. Photo: A. Nel



Figure 2: Little kids can do big jobs on excursions. Photo: A. Nel

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in the two days of athletics carnival in Hopetoun last week. Sophia came away with the medallion for runner-up Girls PP-Year 1 Champion and will be off to the Interschool athletics on Friday 16th September in Lake King. I believe Barrens were the winning team.



Figure 3,4 & 5: Jerdacuttup students camouflaged as Hopetoun faction competitors at the recent carnival. Photos: A. Nel

William's View

My Sports Days

I have not got a lot to say, except they were a waste of good days. Some people would say, "Break a leg"! Well, I wish I could before torture of Thursday and Friday. I hope we can get a shot at them next year, like we did for the past six years.

Crunch 'n Sip

With the weather warming up, around now is a good time to go hunting for fresh mushrooms - in the paddocks or in the shops. Just make sure the fungi you pick and eat is edible!

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Munch on Mushrooms

Did you know that there are more than 70 different varieties of mushrooms that glow in the dark? This bioluminescent property is dubbed 'foxfire' or 'fairy fire.' Sliced or whole button mushrooms are a nutritious and tasty choice for Crunch&Sip® so pack some in the school bag today.



Figure 6 Bike riding among the invertebrates. Photo: A. Nel

Bug Building

Students have put the old bike helmets to good use in their science/art/maths studies recently. After stripping the foam shells of their accoutrements, they were carved, drilled, joined, plastered and made ready for legs, trimmings and painting to finish them off.

There are as selection of invertebrates, including octopus, spider, and an unidentified taxon in the collection.



Figures 7&8: Aaron and Jaiden are happy to reveal their talents. Photos: K. Douthie