

Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter



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Welcome to Term 4

A warm welcome back from holidays. Let us hope that the warm weather does arrive and harvest proceeds without challenging weather.

At the end of term 3 we made a sad farewell to Klay Atherton, who has moved to Hopetoun Primary School. We wish him the best.

Included with today's newsletter is a copy of the Term 4 Planner. It doesn't look too busy at present but keep up to date with additions as they appear in the newsletter as our final term is always busy.

Annual Testing

Starting yesterday, Monday 17th October, the annual summative testing program began. These are a series of tests in key curriculum areas administered at the end of the year to measure progress. The tests are standardised tests that provide information about student achievement against a wider population.

Parents will be provided with a summary of their child's results, along with end of year reports.

School Development Day

Friday 11th November is one of the school's School Development Days. Students do not attend; however, staff will use this time to analyse data collected from recent curriculum assessments to inform student progress in 2022 and advise planning for 2023.

Parents & Citizens Meeting

A P&C Meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday 26th October. Please forward any agenda items to Sharee Saunders.

Virtue – Humility

Our most recent virtue for focus is Humility.

What is it?

When you are humble you don't act as if you are more important than other people. You are happy to serve others and think other people's needs are important. You don't expect others or yourself to be perfect. You don't criticize others or yourself. You admit your mistakes and learn from them.

Why Practice it?

Without humility, people act as if what they have to say and do is much more important than what anyone else is saying or doing. Instead of comparing ourselves to others, we are grateful for what we can do. Humility helps you to keep learning and to treat others as equals, different yet equal. Humility can keep you free from prejudice.

You can Practice Humility by:

You practice humility by not worrying about impressing other people. Just be yourself and do your best. Instead of worrying over failures or mistakes, be eager to learn from them. Ask for help when you need it. When you are wrong, admit it, and then change your behaviour. Strive to be a bit better today than you were yesterday. When you do something wonderful, humility reminds you to be thankful instead of boastful.

Crunch 'n Sip

Keeping the crunch in the daily Crunch and Sip is added to at school with the harvest of carrots and peas that students planted earlier in the season.

If you can afford cauliflower, here are some reasons for adding it to our diet. Best eaten raw!

Crunch&Sip®

Don't forget to pack Crunch&Sip®!

Crunch on Cauliflower

Want to know a secret? We aren't really a flower at all – we're a bunch of tiny stems! Cauliflower is a member of the brassica or cabbage family. Like our cabbage relatives we contain substances called indoles, which scientists are researching because they may help give protection against some types of cancer. To choose the best of us select firm, compact, creamy-white heads with florets pressed tightly together. A yellow tinge indicates over-maturity. Chop us up raw for school, when its Crunch&Sip® time, we really get loud.



Figure 1: Students enjoying the vegetables of their labour.

Photo: K. Douthie

Writers Workshop

On Wednesday 9th November, William Saunders has been invited to attend an online workshop with writer James Foley. This initiative, courtesy

of a funding agreement between the Department of Education and The literature Centre is directed at low ICSEA schools with year 6-9 students. As Will is a very accomplished writer, he has been accepted into the program for the second time this year (9 Will is in year 5). I include with the newsletter a recent narrative William wrote as one of his Daily Writing exercises.

The Magnet

In the year 2023 an evil scientist from China was planning to use a giant magnet to steal everything valuable in the world. His henchmen had built this magnificent invention within the past two years. It would bring anything expensive to him and would even bring him money. His science henchman, Dr. Kahl, had put a special kind of magnet in the two magnetic pulses within the giant magnet which would bring anything to the magnet in his lab. What the scientist did not think about was how meteors have a magnetic pulse in them. Once they make contact with a magnet, they don't stop coming to it. When the magnet was turned on, the meteors rushed to Earth. Once the scientist saw the space rocks, he decided to get on a rocket and fly away. Only problem was that the only rockets he had were the explosive kind. So, he decided to launch all eight billion of his rockets at the meteors. But he forgot to turn off the magnet, so the rockets circled back towards the big horseshoe of magnetic pulses in his lab. Before the world was destroyed, the scientist took a moment to think about how well his robot might have done better than this giant magnet at gathering him wealth. The entire universe got destroyed and as a ghost, the scientist actually felt a bit silly.