

Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter April 2025



Principal's Message

Term one is now over, and it has been another busy period for the school. Our school council has had its first meeting, swimming lessons were conducted at the pool in Ravensthorpe, Mrs Saunders ran a very successful parents' workshop, and we attended the Camp Quality puppet show at Munglinup Primary School. There was time for lots of teaching to be done, sports to be played, investigations to undertake and tuckshops to prepare. It seemed like there was always something on.

Mrs Perkins has commenced teaching on Friday's, and she has fitted in seamlessly into the school. She has been a welcome acquisition. Walker Learning investigations have been a student favourite. We are continuing to develop our play-based investigation curriculum, and we hope to gain accreditation in upcoming years. Many schools are very envious of the program we are running, and we thank Mrs Saunders for putting the time and effort into making it a success.

In terms of the school, we are working on upgrading the tennis court area and this should make the school look even better when it gets done.

Next term looks just as busy with school camp, cross country events and Mother's Day to look forward to.

The hardworking staff are now looking forward to a well-deserved rest, and we have lots of exciting things in place for the rest of the year. Enjoy the break and see you all on Tuesday 29th April.

Geoff Kustka



Parent Workshop

On Tuesday 11th March Mrs Saunders ran a Parent workshop about Literature. It was very informative, and parents got some important information about how to actively help our young readers. The pause, prompt, praise method was explained in detail, so now all parents are helping the students to read in the right manner. Thank you, Mrs Saunders, for running the event.



Swimming Lessons - Ravensthorpe

We have now completed our swimming lessons for the term. All students enjoyed going to the pool at Ravensthorpe and their proficiency levels increased. Rescuing people were one of the activities the students all enjoyed the most, followed by diving in and looking for items on the bottom of the pool. We will look to restart the lessons again in term 4. A big thank you to Mrs Crane for taking the time to teach us and giving us more confidence around the pool (and for the goodie bag of towels, water bottle and googles)!

Camp Quality

On Tuesday 8th April the school travelled to Munglinup Primary School for a day of learning, socialisation and a chance to learn from the crew of Camp Quality. The Camp Quality puppet workshop gave the students a chance to learn about cancer and how it affects the whole family. Students were able to ask questions and discuss the subject with the presenters.

After this we spent the rest of the day in class with the students of Munglinup doing lots of different activities on the theme of Easter, and we finished with a music performance by one of the staff.



Weather Wall

Every Friday this term we have reported our weather to Channel 7 Regional News to be on the television. On weeks 3, 6 and 9 our video was shown that we made. It was a great science opportunity for students to learn about the weather, how to record their observations and be on television.

Staff Development Days 2025

Please make note of the Staff Development Days for 2025. These days there will be no school for students, as staff use this time to upskill themselves.

Staff development days will be:

Term Two

Monday 28th April

Term Three

Monday 25th August

Term Four

Friday 17th October (Esperance Show)

Term Dates 2025

Term 2

Tuesday 29 April – Friday 4 July

Term 3

Monday 21 July – Friday 26 September

Term 4

Monday 13 October – Thursday 18 December

Term 2 Planner is attached to this newsletter.



School Camp



We are heading off to Margaret River in week 4 of Term 2 for our school camp, Monday the 19th – Friday the 23rd of May. This is going to be an exciting week with lots of great activities, both educational and fun planned. We have booked in Jewel Cave, the Leeuwin Lighthouse, WOW illusions, Amazin' mini golf and maze as well as educational activities in the area we are staying in. More activities will be added soon, and camp shirts are being made ready for the camp. We will be located at the RAC park in a Ecolodge. It should be a great week.

Writing Skills Workshop

During the school holidays, Realise Ability offer group activity sessions. In these upcoming holidays they are offering a pre-writing skills OT intensive group held over three consecutive days. They are opening the sessions up to the public. Please see flyer below.

The flyer is for a 'Pre writing skills OT intensive group' by Realise Ability. It features a logo with a tree and the text 'Realise Ability'. The main title is 'Pre writing skills OT intensive group'. Below it, a description states: 'This 3-day group focuses on building foundational skills needed for handwriting and written expression. The activities will help children develop:'. A list of skills follows: fine motor control, hand strength, coordination, and spatial awareness, each preceded by a green checkmark. A photo shows a child's hands using a string-and-button activity. The flyer also includes the dates '14th, 15th, 16th April' and time '9 - 10:30 am.' in a yellow box. A green box at the bottom left says 'Age range 5 to 10'. A yellow box at the bottom right says '\$65/day claimable through GP management plan, private health and NDIS'. Contact information 'admin@realiseability.com.au' and '0476 920 565' is provided. The flyer also mentions 'Includes teamwork, crafts, letter formation, and structured paper activities.' and 'OPEN TO ALL'.

Chaplaincy

We are sad to say goodbye to both Mr Roger Mansell and Mr John Harper. They will both be vacating their chaplaincy roles at the school. Both will be moving to new roles in Esperance. Everyone here wishes them well. The school will work with Youth Care to find a suitable replacement.

Jump Rope for Heart



Jump Rope for Heart Program started after Swimming Lessons and finished on Monday 7th April, Week 10. The students have been most enthused about learning new skipping skills and most importantly fundraising money for people with sick hearts. A big thank you for those who contributed to raise funds totalling **\$669.00** went to the Heart foundation.

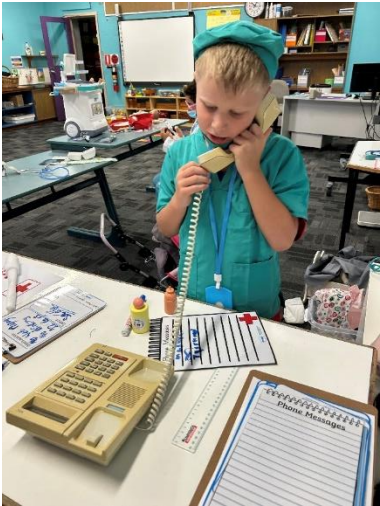


Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be held every second Thursday next term, starting in week 2. We will be continuing the theme of family recipes and Mrs Marks will be doing the classes with pairs of students each fortnight. Mrs Saunders will be in contact about the rosters for parents later.

Staffing

All teaching and allied staff will be returning next term, and it is wonderful to have such consistency of staff. Miss Libby will be joining as a well-being officer on Wednesdays, and Performing Arts on Thursdays.



Students work Term 1

2025

Dogs are Better than Horses

I think dogs are better than horses.

Firstly, a dog can protect me. If I am being hurt by someone, a dog will bite them on the leg.

Secondly, dogs are cuddly. I would not like to cuddle a horse.

Dogs are definitely better than horses.

Jaiden

25/02/2025

The Strength Potion

One nice afternoon, there were two people named Steve and Alex. They lived in a nice 3 story house. Steve thought that they needed a potion.

Alex said "Yes, you're right".

"Yay!" Steve said jumping up and down.

As they got their stuff to head out, Steve said, "We might have a slight problem. We don't know how to get a potion."

So they tried to get a bucket but they didn't know how to get one.

They tried to see what potions there were to make, but there were too many potions.

As they tried something else they knew how to do it.

"Alex follow me." Steve told Alex while he was trying something out.

"I think I know how to get a potion and which one to do!" Steve said excitedly.

So they went outside to get the potion and they got a brewing stand, some really hot blaze powder, a glass bottle and a... Well Steve doesn't know what it is called, nor does Alex!

They made the potion and they did it! They got 2 each for them both and drank it.

They didn't know how to use it.

"Steve said, "Try punching me."

Alex did that and Steve said, "OUCH!"

"Woah, we have super strength!" they both said.

And they lived happily ever after.

The End.... Is it or is there more?

Aaron 3/4/2025

Horses are Definitely Better than Dogs

I think horses are definitely better than dogs.

Firstly, horses can protect me from dogs and bulls.

Secondly, dogs are scary to me. They also sometimes hurt chicks. A dog can eat chicks.

Horses are definitely better than dogs because they protect me and are less scary than dogs.

William Wormald

25-2-2025

The Brilliant Potion

One day Professor Wrinkle Nose made a new potion.

In the Land of Copy Cats, there lived the two most copy cats in the whole entire world, twins Anna and Maisy.

The two identical twins stole Professor Wrinkle Nose's potion. When he got back and saw his potion was gone, he got so mad that he turned as red as a tomato!

The two twins drank the potion and never copied each other again!

The Professor said sorry, but was actually very, very happy. And so was the rest of the Land of Copy_Cats. So much so that they asked Professor Wrinkle Nose to make more to sell. So, he did.

And he made a fortune out of it.

They all lived happily ever after in the land of No Copy Cat!

The End

Sophia 3/4/2025

The Easter Cookies

Do you want to eat yummy cookies for Easter?

Well read on!

What You Need

Oval biscuits

I sing

Toppings - hundreds and thousands, smarties, sprinkles

What To Do

First, grab a biscuit.

Second, spread the icing on the biscuit.

Third, put the toppings on the biscuits.

Last, eat!

Tip

Don't put too much icing on the biscuit.



Tyler 7/4/2025

