

Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter



Introduction

My first term as Principal at Jerdacuttup Primary School has flown by! It has been a real privilege working in such a tight knit and welcoming community. I have learnt a lot and the students have been such a joy to be with. I am looking forward to the rest of the year being even more successful.

What's new.

The school is always looking to move forward and to improve the experience for students. This term we have put brand new classroom furniture into Mrs Saunders classroom. This has brightened up the space and made it more welcoming to the students. Picnic benches were made by Hopetoun Men's Shed and this now gives the students an outdoor area to eat their lunch and snacks.

This term we have started using Class Dojo to encourage the students, and to keep parents informed. It has been a great success and thank you all for embracing the new concept. Please continue to like and comment on the posts, as the students love the feedback.

We have chosen our new logo, (see below) and a new website is underway which will enhance our standing in the wider community and help promote the school to outside agencies. Finally, we have moved to an 8.45am start every day, and a 2.30pm finish on a Friday which was requested by the P & C and supported by the community.



Students Come First

At Jerdacuttup PS, we are always trying to make the student learning environment more stimulating and educational. This term we have introduced more initiatives to help with their educational journey. Firstly, we have a new Literacy program called Spellex, which complements our use of the Multilit and Inilit programs that we already use. Students are enjoying this and making good progress with their spelling.

The new trampoline has been a great hit with everyone at break times, whilst the new basketball stands have allowed younger students to get involved in more game play during PE lessons. A morning exercise and wellness program has been incorporated into the timetable. Mrs Marks has continued to demonstrate her culinary skills with the fortnightly tuckshop and the students are excited every time they get to make lunch for themselves.

Over the next semester, we will be renovating the original school building to make into a wellbeing/music room that will give the students another area to express themselves in, whilst still remembering the history of the school and the area.

Next term, we will be implementing evidence-based Walker Learning twice a week. This is a play-based learning system that helps the students develop all their skills in an educational play way. More details of this program to follow.



Cross Country

This term we have had two cross country festivals. The first one was our own school event held for the very first time. Jessa Hands won the girls event, whilst Aaron Saunders was the boy's champion. All winners received medals and there was fantastic parental support on the day.

Two days later we attended the Hopetoun PS cross country. William Wormald set the day off to a great start by winning the kindergarten event, and all other students did the school proud by running and competing to the best of their abilities. All students have done a great job by practising their running every morning and the improvements they made were pleasing to see.



Mother's Day lunch

Mrs Saunders and Mrs Marks organised a hugely successful Mother's Day morning tea this term. It was great to see all mothers/grandmothers and others in attendance for a morning of exercise, poems, gymnastics, coffee, cakes, games and a pamper session. The students enjoyed showcasing their skills, and it reinforced what a wonderful caring and happy environment we cultivate at the school.



School Chaplin

Our school Chaplin, Roger, started this term. He will be at school every Friday to talk to students, help and provide support to both students and staff. We welcome him to the school and look forward to a long and fruitful association.

Performing Arts @ Hopetoun PS

Over the semester, we have been travelling to Hopetoun PS to be involved in the Performing Arts program. It has been a huge success with students more confident, self-assured, and disciplined. Also, it has allowed students to meet and get to know other students from close by areas which is important in their developmental years. Unfortunately, the program is ceasing next term due to Rave About Arts not being able to secure funding, but I am pleased to say Miss Libby will be travelling out to us to continue with the Jerdacuttup children. We will be actively seeking more opportunities to be interacting with the other primary schools on a regular basis.



Writing

Please find attached to this newsletter some of the students writing that they did during their literacy lessons. Please enjoy the stories and maybe even email them back some feedback!

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1 July	15 School starts @8.45am	16	17	18	19	20	21
2	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
3 August	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
5	12	13	14 Hopetoun PS- Jumps and Throws	15	16 Hopetoun PS- Athletics Carnival	17	18
6	19 (NO SCHOOL) Staff Development Day Book Week	20	21	22	23	24	25
7 Sept	26 Trash and Treasure Competition	27 Trash and Treasure Competition	28 Trash and Treasure Competition	29 Trash and Treasure Competition	30 Trash and Treasure Competition	31	1
8	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	9 Wildflower Show week	10	11	12 Table Games Day (Munglinup PS to attend)	13 Interschool Athletics	14	15
10	16	17	18	19	20 School finishes @2.30pm	21	22

THE POOL DISASTER

On a bright, sunny Monday morning two horses named Shelley and Sophie ran a pool. Shelley was a Palomino colour and was a quiet, kind horse. Sophie was a brown Australian stock horse and was young and strong.

One day the pool had no water!

"Oh no! There is no water. What do we do?" Screamed Shelley.

"How do we get the water back?" Exclaimed Sophie.

"I don't know!" said Shelley.

Out of nowhere, a beautiful, green and blue butterfly appeared,

"I will help you," said the butterfly with a friendly voice. The butterfly was called Poppy and she was old and wise.

First, they carted water in a golden bucket. It was heavy and hard work. They kept on emptying the bucket, but the pool did not fill up.

Second, they tried a small, thin paper pipe but the paper ripped into tiny pieces so this didn't work either.

Then poppy suggested that they could ring the Shire and tell them their problem. The Shire had a tiny wand that they brought out in their black, magic caravan. A golden fairy named Sylvie came out of the van, touched her wand and the pool instantly filled up with sparkling gold water!

Sophie and Shelly were amazed! Their mouths dropped open and they stared at the water for two hours!

The pool reopened and the whole town came down to celebrate.

"We are so glad Poppy made the suggestion!" said Shelley. "Our pool is the best!"

Sophia

24/05/2024

THE LOST CAT

One sunny, cold day two people named Jeff and Yoso were at home. Jeff was young and spotty with freckles. Yoso was old, wrinkly and a bit smelly. They had a stripey, black and fat cat called Kiff.

One day Kiff went missing so they checked everywhere. They checked in dustbins, the shopping centre, the rubbish tip and even under the floorboards! Eventually they went to McDonald's.

Jeff and Yoso asked the McDonald's truck driver if they'd seen him. The truck driver was big, scary and fat but he had a heart of gold. His name was Gog.

Gog told them he had seen Kiff at the local car wash and was getting very wet, so that is where they drove to.

Kiff was in the car wash, cold and wet. They pulled his fluffy body out and took him home to eat some fish and chips.

They all had a steaming hot cup of Milo and dried the sad, wet and lonely cat.

They were very excited to have their cat home again.

Aaron

24/05/2024

The Farm Animals and the Insect

Inie and Any went for a walk to the park. Any is a large, fat, mad pig who is always yelling. Inie is a black and white cow and is always sad.

But Any and Inie did not know that Nin, the poisonous spider, was creeping behind them. Nin is a very strong spider and knows karate. He jumped up, spun in the air and kicked Any and Inie down!

Nin grabbed them and put them in a bag and took them to his restaurant. He boiled the pot and mixed it with some sauce and then added the pig and cow to make a stew.

It was delicious.

Jaiden

6/6/2024

School Psychologist

Our new School Psychologist, Brian Blythe, has joined the school starting this term. We look forward to his visits. Should you want to discuss any matter with him please contact him via the school office.



Reports

Reports will be sent out towards the end of week 11. If you want to speak to either Mrs Saunders or myself regarding reports, please contact the school to organise an appropriate time. An updated Parent Handbook will be distributed at the same time.

Semester 3

Please find attached a provisional term planner for term 3. A fully updated one will be available after week one of the new term. Staff Development Days are on Monday 19th August and on Monday 7th October (first day of term 4). We will be attending the Hopetoun Jumps and Throws on 14 August and the faction athletics carnival on Friday 16 August. There will be events for Book week which runs from 20 to 23 August, and NAIDOC Week is 12 -16 August. There will be a new form available, either on the new website or from the front office, if you are intending on taking a student out of school for an extended period. Please fill it in and submit it for approval at least 2 weeks prior to the required period.

Can parents and carers please note that students should not be attending school before 8.25 in the morning. If there are exceptional circumstances, please contact the Principal so duty of care can be arranged.

Holidays

From all the staff at Jerdacuttup PS, have a safe, relaxing break and we look forward to another exciting term commencing on 15 July.

Farewell

Finally, a farewell from all the staff, students and parents to Cathy Harman who is leaving us at the end of the term. She has been an invaluable member of the school community, and she leaves a big void for us to fill. Thank you, Cathy. Your caring, helpful nature will be sorely missed. Best wishes for the future and please stay in contact.

