

# Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter July 2025



## Principal's Message

Term two is almost done. The excitement of the school camp is now a distant memory; however, we have had so many different and exciting experiences over the past 5 weeks that we have hardly had time to draw breath.

Every week there has been something on at school, either an event, an excursion or an incursion. The students have been busy going out as well as working hard in the classroom to ensure all their work is being completed.

It is always wonderful to go into the classroom and see the students engaged in their learning – whether it be numeracy, literacy, investigations or anything else that the students get to do at school.

This week it has been my pleasure to read the students reports. The effort they are putting in and out of the classroom is reflected in all the great comments and results that the students have achieved. A big thank you to Mrs Saunders and all the other staff on getting the reports done so professionally.

Now it is time for the mid-year break. Exhausted staff can rest their weary bodies and recharge themselves for term 3. Athletics season will be upon us and there is the Wildflower Show to look forward to.

I hope everyone enjoys the break. Travel safe to all those going out on the roads, come back healthy, happy and refreshed.

See you all in term 3!

***Geoff Kustka***



## Hopetoun Primary School Cross-country

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June we all travelled to Hopetoun Primary School for their annual cross-country event.



It was a great morning, all our students put in maximum effort. Whilst Aaron and Jaiden ran their hearts out, they missed out on the podium. Sophia and William excelled, and both managed to finish in second place in their respective races. This was a great effort, and they proudly wore their medals.

I am always so proud of all our students, the way they conduct themselves and the way they represent the school.



### Lake King Skills and Drills

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June Sophia travelled all the way to Lake King to be part of the Skills and Drills event. It was an exciting day of sport with clinics being held for AFL, gymnastics, netball, hockey and soccer. It also gave Sophia a chance to make new friends, as students from Newdegate, Ravensthorpe, Hopetoun and Lake King were all in attendance. Sophia excelled at all sports and had a thoroughly exhausting day.



### Botanical Excursion

On the same day as the Skills and Drills event, the other students travelled with Mrs Saunders and Mrs Fox to do a Botanical workshop. We visited East Naernup Nature Reserve with Munglinup PS to learn about the different plant species in our area. We met Local Botanist and artist Katie White and Wildflower Show Representative, Mrs Douthie. Although it was a chilly morning, all the kids enjoyed their outdoor classroom.



### Art Exhibition/Genestreams Sculpture in Ravensthorpe



On Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June we visited the Fitz Gallery for the Exquisite Bodies Exhibition with Raquel and Lisa to celebrate all bodies and our capabilities. Following from the Fitz, we met up with Nat and Ben to learn about the Genestreams Journey Sculpture. A Sculpture full of Art and Science. Ben explained how to use the AR to dive into the eras of the world and Nat spoke about the Ravey student's involvement in the Artwork. If you get a chance to stop while at Ravensthorpe, it is certainly worth a look.



It is great news that the Exquisite Bodies Exhibition is going to be on display in our library for the next month. We will be opening the space for community to come along and see the artworks in our wonderful library space.

### Whalebone Theatre

On Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June we travelled to Hopetoun for the Whalebone Performance. A story of one man, with the help of some strange machinery, extracting stories that live in old, discarded objects and safeguarding them in a magical place.



### Dieback Workshop



On 19<sup>th</sup> June Annie Leich came in to talk to us about Dieback disease and how we can prevent it from destroying our nature areas. We saw how Dieback can kill the vegetation, and we learnt how to clean our shoes, so we do not spread the disease. From now on we will make sure our shoes are always clean.

### Nat Corden - Indigenous workshops

For the last two Wednesdays of term Nat Corden has been in to help our students learn about Indigenous culture and language. On the first day she was joined by Aunty Carol who taught the students many things including bush tucker located on our site. We hope to have both back on a regular basis.



### Reports

School reports have now been finalised and should have been sent home by now. If you want to discuss anything arising from your report, please contact the school to make an appointment to see a staff member.

### School Photos



Another great school photo day was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June. This year's theme was Rohl Dahl characters, and everyone embraced the opportunity to dress up. We are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to see the results, whilst plotting a theme for next year already.



## Jerdacuttup Primary School helps ABC Radio, Perth

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On Friday May 30th principal Geoff Kustka and student Sophia Wormald were invited onto ABC Radio Perth to be interviewed by Jo Tilling. They were on the hunt for the smallest school in Western Australia.

Although we were unable to confirm that, we are one of the smallest. It also allowed us an opportunity to showcase the wonderful opportunities our students have at this school - our Performing Arts program with a specialist teacher, our sporting opportunities, our new Wellness centre and the fact all students have a student/teacher ratio of nearly 1:1.

Jo was so excited to hear about our school and all her listeners were keen to hear more about our school.

With so many media opportunities for our school over the past year both nationally and locally, who knows maybe international fame beckons!



## 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. There will now be an extra SDD in term 4, which has been approved by the Department. This will be on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Staff development days will be:

### **Term Three**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August

### **Term Four**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October (Esperance Show)

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

## Upcoming Events

**28 July:** P & C meeting @ 2pm

**3 September:** Hopetoun PS Jumps and Throws

**5 September:** Hopetoun PS Athletics Carnival

**18 September:** Table games Day with Munglinup

**19 September:** Interschool Athletics @ Newdegate

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## Art Exhibition

Categories	Prizes	Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2D</li> <li>• 3D</li> <li>• Marine Debris</li> <li>• First Nations</li> <li>• Youth</li> <li>• Peoples Choice</li> </ul>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b> <b>\$500</b> (per category)	<b>Entries Due</b> Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August All Entries Free
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b> <b>\$100</b> (per category)	<b>Opening Night</b> Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> August Free Community Event

For information and online entries, go to [hopetounwa.com/hmsw](https://hopetounwa.com/hmsw)



## Staffing

From term 3 we will have a slight variation to our teaching staff. Mrs Saunders will be working Monday – Wednesday, whilst Mrs Perkins will now be doing Wednesday to Fridays. This gives us great flexibility, as well as continuity, with our teaching staff.

## Term Dates 2025

### **Term 3**

Monday 21 July – Friday 26 September

### **Term 4**

Monday 13 October – Thursday 18 December

The term Planner for Term 3 is attached to this newsletter.