

Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter July 2025



Principal's Message

The warm weather arrived in week ten, just in time for the school holidays. Let's hope the sun stays out so we can enjoy the time away from school and both staff and students can recharge their batteries ready for term four.

Looking back, it has been another busy term with athletics, incursions and visits from other primary schools / principals. Add in all the classwork that always needs to be done, it means that everyone has been kept busy the whole term. Not a day seemed to go by without something being on the calendar.

This newsletter is full of the exciting things we have undertaken this term. I hope you enjoy reading all about them, as much as the students have enjoyed participating in them.

I hope everyone can take a pause over the holidays, even with harvest coming up. Take a breath and enjoy the warmer weather.

See you all back healthy and well in term four.

Geoff Kustka



Marine Week - Hopetoun visit

On Tuesday the 12th of August Aaron, Tyler & Jaiden went and visited Hopetoun School for Marine Week.

The students spent the day doing three rotations learning about different marine experiences. The three areas were Dolphin Discovery Centre, Ocean Discovery Centre and Save Our Marine Life. All students had a chance to interact and engage with many hands-on marine objects. Everyone enjoyed the experience and we can't wait to do it all again next year



Jumps and Throws & Faction Carnival in Hopetoun

On Wednesday the 3rd and Friday the 5th of September the school travelled over to Hopetoun Primary School for the annual Jumps/Throws and Athletics carnival. It was another wonderful couple of days, and all students tried extremely hard to earn faction points for their respective teams. Both William and Tyler had many wins in their races, whilst Sophia was superb in the flag races. Aaron and Jaiden never stopped trying all day and they contributed well to the team events.

By the end of the carnival Tyler had come runner up Champion Boy in his division, whilst William just missed out.

When it came to our own school champion it took Mr K along time to use his complicated method to determine the results. It was so close between William and Tyler (only 2 points decided it)

The results were

GOLD MEDAL: Tyler Barlow

SILVER MEDAL: William Wormald

BRONZE MEDAL: Sophia Wormald



Interschool Athletics

On Friday the 5th of September Tyler, Sophia and William joined up with Hopetoun PS for the interschool carnival against Ravensthorpe, Newdegate and Lake King. The weather at Ravensthorpe was not kind to us and the intermittent rain meant conditions were testing for the athletes. William started the day off well winning his first race, the 30m sprint. Tyler got some third places in his races and his times have improved during the season.

Overall Hopetoun placed third out of the four teams; the slippery conditions did not play to our strengths.



Table Games Day

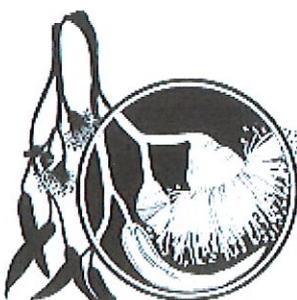
On Monday the 22nd of September we welcomed Hopetoun Primary's year 3/4 class over for Table Games. They brought over 13 students to play games of chess, checkers, card games, Jenga, connect 4 and then sport. It was a tremendous day with everyone enjoying the sunshine, the sausage sizzle and the games – all in our beautiful bush surroundings.

The competition was tight, but Jerdacuttup won the shield by 0.22 of a point, thanks to some excellent musical statues at the end of the day. We hope that Hopetoun will be back again soon.



Friday 12th September

Friday the 12th of September was a busy day for the school. The P & C, led by Mrs Saunders, spent the day at the Wildflower show making refreshments for all the show goers. It was hard work, but they raised over \$1800 which was amazing. Meanwhile back at school Mr K hosted 15 principals from around the Esperance area for the twice termly meeting. All principals were impressed by our beautiful school and the work our staff and students were putting in. This was an once a in a decade event, so it was great to see the school putting its best foot forward.



**Ravensthorpe
Wildflower
Show**

Book Week - Week 10

On Wednesday of week 10 we held our Book Week event. It started with a parade, then the students introduced the book that they were dressed up as. After this we were joined by Chenda and Denise to do a writing workshop. The students were fully engaged with the morning and examples of their work is attached to this newsletter.




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Exquisite Bodies Workshop

On Thursday of week 10 we rounded off an extremely busy week by holding the exquisite bodies workshop for students and parents.

It all began at 11.50 with parents joining us for lunch, followed by a workshop hosted by Lisa Coles from RAA. At the end of the session families were invited to work together to create their own sculpture.

Having the Exquisite Bodies exhibition has been a great experience for the school and the students have used the pieces on numerous occasions in many different subjects.



Leo Fishlock

This term Leo Fishlock has joined us as a Pre-kindy student on a Friday, so he can be ready for the Jerdacuttup experience as a Kindy student next year. He has been a welcome addition to the school and has settled in wonderfully.



Staff Development Days 2025

Term Four

Friday 17th October (Esperance Show)

Friday 31st October

Upcoming Events

END OF YEAR SHOW/ PRESENTATION DAY – FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER @ 9.30 am

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER

The term 4 Planner is attached to this newsletter

Term Dates 2026

Term 1

Wednesday 4 February – Thursday 2 April

Term 2

Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July

Term 3

Monday 20 July – Friday 5 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October – Thursday 17 December



Aussie of the Term

Congratulations to Aaron Saunders who won the Aussie of the Term for term 2. He always displays all the values of a great Aussie – mateship, respect, inclusion and fair go. Well done



Performing Arts

Another busy term with Miss Libby holding court every Friday up at Jerdacuttup Hall. Students have worked n their drama, dance, singing, performing and gymnastic skills. All with a focus on improving their wellbeing at the same time. Students really enjoy their lessons, gaining confidence and learning new skills. We have been lucky to have Skyler Green join us from Hopetoun to help in the lessons also.



Sport

Along with the athletics this term, students have spent the term learning AFL, soccer, basketball, netball and golf. All students take to lessons with enthusiasm and some degree of skill. The golf has been a real success, and most students can now grip, stand and hit a ball with reasonable accuracy. Next term we hope to take these skills to a golf course to put the skills into some game play.



Youth Mental Health First Aid

The Youth Mental Health First Aid course teaches participants how to provide initial support to a young person (aged 12–18) who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis, until professional help is received, or the crisis resolves.

Course participants learn about the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems in adolescents, how to recognise and respond to an emerging or worsening mental health problem, and the treatments and supports available.



Intervene early
Recognise the warning signs of mental health problems in young people.



Offer support
Learn the skills to speak openly and accurately about mental health.



Respond in a crisis
Respond across a range of crisis situations where a young person may be at risk of harm.



Reduce stigma
Reduce stigma and increase support for young people experiencing and living with mental health problems.

Adults who complete a MHFA course become Mental Health First Aiders (MHFAiders), equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and skills to provide mental health information and support when it matters most.



Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems in young people
- Use an evidence-based action plan to initiate a mental health first aid conversation
- Assess for a range of crisis situations and provide initial support
- Understand the prevalence and impact of mental illness risk factors and treatments and supports available
- Apply self-care practices as a Mental Health First Aider.

The Youth Mental Health First Aid course is based on guidelines that are informed by people with lived experience, their caregivers and health professionals.

Dates 16th & 17th October 2025

Times 8.30-4pm approx

Cost \$350 pp

Facilitator/s Principal Master Trainer, Libby

Venue / Delivery Method Jerdacuttup Primary School

*Costs include course participation and all relevant learning materials.

To learn more about MHFA training and becoming an MHFAider visit mhfa.com.au

Anyone can have a conversation that may save a life. Everyone should know how.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a registered trademark of Mental Health First Aid International.

Jerdacuttup Primary School Term 4 2025 Planner

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 September/ October	13 School starts @8.45	14	15 P.A.T testing	16 P.A.T testing	17 Esperance Show Pupil Free Day
2	20 P.A.T testing	21	22 P.A.T testing	23 P.A.T testing	24
3	27	28	29	30	31 Pupil Free Day
4 November	3 On-Entry Testing P & C Meeting @2pm	4 On-Entry Testing	5 On-Entry Testing	6	7
5	10 School Council @ 2pm	11	12	13	14
6	17	18	19	20	21
7	24	25	26	27	28
8 December	1	2	3	4	5
9	8	9	10	11	12 End of Year Celebration and Prizegiving
10	15 Hokey Beach and Golf Day	16	17 Reports sent home	18 Last day of term	19 Staff Development Day

THE CREEPY CASTLE

Once upon a time I was playing in my room with my dog Jack, when I saw a red crayon on the floor. I picked the crayon up and it glowed, then changed colour.

As I drew a door with the crayon, it lit up! The crayon was magic!

My dog and I went through the door. When we went through there was a path. The path took us to a dirty old castle with broken windows. It looked creepy with cobwebs and spiders all over the windows and in the doorway.

As I tiptoed through the castle door cobwebs kept hitting my face. I was really scared! As we entered, I saw two green and red birds locked in two separate cages. Jack and I used the magic crayon to draw a key to unlock each cage. I used the key to unlock the padlocks, then I let them out.

The two birds immediately flew away from the cages. As I was letting the birds out, two guards dressed like soldiers, in armour came and caught me. They grabbed Jack and I, threw us in the cage and locked it. We were in the cage for 5 hours. I felt sad and angry, but Jack fell asleep. The two birds came flying in with the key and unlocked the cage for us. I was happy they came back. We left the cage, tiptoeing quietly, so the guards would not hear us. The two birds, Jack and I went out the castle door and found the lit-up path. We followed it back home, went through the door and went to sleep.

Tyler

23/9/25

The Magic Door

There once was a little girl called Laura. Laura was five years old and lived in a little cottage in Jerdacuttup. One day Laura was playing with her toys in her playroom when she found a magic red crayon and she drew a magic door. The magic door was a red, rectangle shape. She was curious as she ran through the door. She wondered if she would find a treasure chest. But, all she found was the other side of the wall. This made her feel disappointed. So, she drew another door exactly the same shape.

When she opened the door she was worried she wouldn't find anything, but as she went through, she found herself in a chocolate shop in Guernsey. Laura was excited! Everything in the chocolate shop was free. Laura could only eat dairy free chocolate, so she found as much as she could carry and took them home.

She gave the free chocolates to her mum and dad, but her dad couldn't eat dairy free and her mum didn't like chocolate! Her mum decided to try some of the chocolate and she changed her mind. She said the chocolate was very yummy.

They lived happily ever after eating all the chocolate!

The End

Narler the lost dog

Once upon a time there was a boy named Jaiden, and his dog named Narler. Narler is an orange and white staffy.

They lived in a house in Esperance.

One day when Jaiden got home from school, his mum said,

“We need to look for Narler because she has run away.”

This made Jaiden cry with sadness because she has never run away before.

They went looking for Narler for hours and hours. They looked at the neighbours,

“ Have you seen Narler? ,but they said ‘no’.

Next Jaiden went to the petrol station

but they said the same.

The next stop was the police station, they also said no they hadn't seen Narler and suggested to try the supermarket.

Then the supermarket said they hadn't seen Narler,

‘Why don't you try the vet, they have lots of animals?’ suggested the lady.

Finally, I arrived at the vet, the vet looked around and found her in the backyard.

Narler started to bolt towards me , then she jumped up into my arms and I hugged her.

Jaiden 23-9-25

Octanins

Do you like octopus, ants and dolphins? Well all of your dreams have sort of come true. An Octanin is all those combined! Similar to the shark walker, they are dangerous, huge land fish. Interested? Read on

Octanins have two ant legs and six octopus legs. It has eight, 5 metre long legs altogether and the body is 20 metres long. It has a head of an ant, a body of a dolphin and legs of an octopus. Just like the mimic octopus, the Octanin can disguise as any animal it wants, plus it can camouflage. Its got a blowhole on top of the body and an octopus mouth at the bottom. If you see one and want to know if it's a boy or a girl, a boy has ant legs and a girl doesn't.

When an Octanin lays eggs, girl eggs come out of the mouth and boy eggs come out the blowhole. The smooth purple eggs hatch into small babies called Octanins and can live up to 150 years. They can be adults in 2 years.

An Octanin eats people from 18 – 120 years old or fish. Fun Fact – If you feed an Octanin 7 fish it will become your pet, but its definitely not simple to care for.

Octanins live in water and sometimes land of Australia. An Octanin can even go onto the beach and turn beach trips into dangerous trips.

Octanins breathe through their red eyes. They can deflect any laser heading towards them with their tentacles. Octanins antennae help them feel and move. If any Octanin dies, especially the king, the shark walker can bite it on the neck to relive an Octanin. When an Octanin swarms the beach and you throw anything, it will go absolutely rage. An Octanin can also breathe out of the water for 1 whole hour. It can also breathe under water forever. It can also surround a bubble around any one with its medium sized mouth an Octanin is definitely not a good pet to have, its not simple to care for and its not fascinating to watch.

The End

By Aaron Saunders

Porsowas

Porsowas are giant, friendly mammals. They live all over the world. They are everyone's hero's They all have different magic powers. Porsowas are a mix between a horse, pony, cow and alien.

Their size is over 2m 4 cm and their tail is over 3m long. All their hair is really matted. They even have antenna like a lion. Their colour is brown and black with red hind hooves and brown front hooves. Sometimes they have manure like a cow and sometimes like a horse. To hear the life cycle read on....

First in their lifecycle they hatch out of a egg. The egg is pink with mint green speckles. It takes 1-2 weeks to hatch out of the eggs.

Second when they hatch It takes 24-28 hours to mature.

Third once porsowas are 24-48 hours old they don't change much. When they get 8000 years old they have 10 – 50 eggs.

These have a very different diet. Porsowas eat between a age of 40,000 and 50,000 years old, they eat 100kgs – 500kgs of hair and nails, not their own of course! They eat human nails and hair that have been cut off so you do not need to wear swimming caps all day. They only eat at that age and no other.

Where they live:

Porsowas live all over the world but are mostly found in Western Australia. They have adapted to extreme weather. Porsowas can live in blizzards or cyclones or heat waves or even in lightening storms. They can live everywhere.

Read on to know more!

Porsowas all have different powers but there are two different powers that are the same. The two powers that are the same are porsowas can go invisible and they cant be heard unless someone is in trouble. Other than that they live in herds only two porsowas have the same powers so that the older ones can teach the younger once. How do they breath? Porsowas breathe through their antenna!

Porsowas are fascinating to watch a love to be helpful. Perfect for a rescues team.

The End

By Sophia Wormald