

# Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter



## Introduction

Another busy term is almost at an end. A great deal has happened and still there is much to look forward to with our 60<sup>th</sup> year celebration happening on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. It has been great to see all the students embrace both the Premiers Reading Challenge and the Ministers Running Challenge throughout the whole term. Not only this but we have had excursions, special school events and sports carnivals to do. It made fitting in the essential learning difficult. In this newsletter we will look at the terms highlights and look forward into next term.

## Book Week



One of our favourite weeks of the year is Book Week. Teachers and staff got involved in the dress up day on the Thursday and each student discussed their favourite book. Each day we read a new book and did activities derived from that book. All students spent the week doing lots of reading, as well as participating in some fun activities.

## Website

Our new look website was launched earlier in the term. Check it out at [Welcome - Jerdacuttup Primary School \(jerdacuttupschool.wa.edu.au\)](https://www.welcome-jerdacuttup-primary-school.wa.edu.au)

## ABC News

Hayden Smith from ABC News- Esperance came out and visited us twice in weeks 7 and 8. He produced an article for the ABC on our school. It was a great experience for the students to be involved with and the result portrayed our wonderful school in it's true light. If you haven't seen the article, follow the link.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-09-08/jerdacuttup-primary-school-small-student-enrolment/104308726>



## Ocean Marine Excursion.

At the end of week 6, students were lucky enough to join up with Munglinup Primary School for an Ocean Marine Interactive Workshop. Students enjoyed interacting with the materials there and they learnt a great deal about the ocean. Everyone got to play with the ocean objects and ask questions about them. Some students were even spotted moving around in flippers and masks.



### **Sport**

Another busy term of sport. As mentioned earlier all students completed the Minister's Running Challenge that involved 20 minutes of running every week. A brilliant effort by all students. We also competed in the Hopetoun Athletics Carnival, including the Jumps/Throws sections. Everyone tried hard and produced some great results. Jessa was the girls athletic champion, whilst William was the overall boys' champion. Both Jessa and Sophia were selected for the interschool competition which was a great effort. Even though Hopetoun only managed to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, Jessa was outstanding and was awarded Champion Girl overall for her age group.



At school we have been focusing a great deal on our basketball skills this term. The improvement in all students has been tremendous, and we are looking forward to continuing with this next term. We will focus on sports such as cricket, tennis, and gymnastics next term, starting with a cricket skills day on the Friday of week 1 at Munglinup Primary School.

### **Fathers' Day**

A wonderful morning was held at our school to celebrate Father's Day. All dads came in and got involved with the numerous activities the students had planned. This ranged from making goodies in the kitchen, to playing some board games and then a game of basketball to finish. Students really enjoyed interacting with their dads, and it was a wonderful opportunity for busy fathers to come and see our school.



### **Green and Gold Day**

We celebrated the Olympics, held in Paris by going Green and Gold one Friday. All students got dressed up and showed their allegiance to our country's Olympians. We even had our own Olympic competition to finish the day.

### **Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show**

In week 9 we ventured to Ravensthorpe to the annual Wildflower Show. Students had many hands-on experiences and learnt many facts about wildflowers and our region. Students got to look and learn about the abundant wildflowers found in our area. They used microscopes to learn more and viewed the wonderful artwork on display. The highlight for them was going to the café afterwards, and then playing at the nature playground. Thank you to both Mrs Saunders and Mrs Marks for organising such a great day.





### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December will see the school celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This will be a day of fun and festivities. Students will get their awards, perform, and show everyone around the new wellness area that is housed using the original school building made of local limestone. The day will commence around 9.30 and there will be refreshments available throughout the day. Please invite everyone to come and join us, it promises to be a memorable day. More information will be sent out closer to the date, but a make sure you save the date in your diary.

### Walker Learning

We are beginning our journey in the classroom with Walker Learning. This is play-based learning where students learn through investigation, rather than direct instruction. This is going to help supplement the curriculum and allows the students to get very hands on, learn how to answer questions and develop new skills. The students have embraced this learning model and really enjoy doing the activities. Should you have any questions about Walker Learning please contact me at the school.



### New Appointments

Next term we will have three new people around the school. We will have a new gardener Leigh Smith starting in week 1, Alyce Ware will be doing some extra EA work in the school on a Wednesday and John Harper will be an extra Chaplin on a Monday.

I would like to welcome them all to the school, and hope they enjoy their time with us.

We also have a new student starting in term 4, Tylar Barlow in year 2. Welcome Tylar, I hope you enjoy being at our school.

### Tables

We still have some old classroom tables available if anyone would like one, or several. We also have a storage trolley with 10 drawers. Please contact the school to arrange a time to pick them up.

### Term Planner

Attached to the newsletter in our Term 4 planner. More events will be added as and when. We will keep you informed through ClassDojo.

### Bike racks

This term, thanks to the generosity of the Hopetoun Men's Shed we received two brand new bike racks to help students store their bikes in after use. This has meant no more bikes lying around to be tripped over! We hope to arrange a visit to the Men's Shed soon to have a look around and thank them in person.

### Vacation Swimming

The education department has announced free Vacation swimming lessons for the summer holidays. If you are interested, please follow the link: [education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](http://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)



### Cricket registrations

If your child would like to register for the Esperance cricket season, see the below flyer.

### Signing off

Thank you to everyone for continuing to make our school such a happy and welcoming environment. Have a good break and see you all on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of October.

### **STUDENT WORK TERM 3**

#### **Pigface**

##### **Where is it found?**

You can find pigface near the coast.

##### **What does it look like?**

The leaves are like a vine along the ground with a small purple flower.

The vine has thin, long, juicy leaves and spreads out to cover a large area.

The flower is purple and has yellow on the inside.

Sophia

#### **How to Make Edible Marshmallow Slime**

##### **What you need:**

Cornflour, 20 marshmallows, microwave, spoon, icing sugar, sifter, bowl

##### **What to do:**

1. Get bowl.
2. Count 20 marshmallows into the bowl.
3. Microwave until melted, check every 20 seconds.
4. Sift cornflour and icing sugar into the bowl until it is sticky.
5. Stir
6. Play and eat!

##### **Thoughts**

I thought it was going to be cold, but it was hot.

The slime was gooey, yummy and squishy. It was also hard.

I could stretch it, punch it and make stuff with it.

Jaiden

#### **If I was a Dog**

If I was a dog,

I would eat anything, but not chocolate

I would stay home but they would let me out whenever I want.

I wouldn't brush my teeth!

I certainly wouldn't fight if I was a dog.

Aaron

#### **If I Was a Unicorn**

If I was a Unicorn,

I would fly like a bird.

I would visit Europe.

I would even visit my friend Sophia.

I wouldn't play fight.

I certainly wouldn't cheat when I play games.

Jessa

#### **Garden The Perfect**

Colourful, chalky

Draw, colour, blow

Chalk on the concrete

Beautiful Garden

William

#### **Bottlenose Dolphin**

A dolphin is a mammal. A mammal is a warm blooded animal that gives birth to their young live.

A Bottlenose has 3 fins, a blow hole, tail and a nose that looks like a bottle. It is a grey-blue colour.

A dolphin mostly eats squid and shrimp.

Dolphins use echolocation to help navigate where they are and to hunt. This is why they make a clicking sound.

Sophia