



Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter

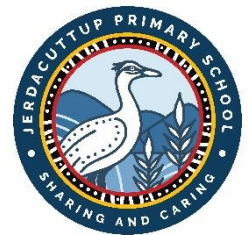
End of Term 3, 2026

Sharing and caring.

Principal's message

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term, I am delighted to reflect on the many opportunities our students have experienced both inside and outside the classroom. Term 3 has been filled with learning, achievement, community engagement and plenty of memorable moments. One of the strengths of Jerdacuttup Primary School is our ability to provide authentic learning experiences that connect students to the world around them. This term, students attended a range of excursions and events, including the Marine Week activities at Hopetoun Primary School, the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show, the NAIDOC celebration at Ravensthorpe District High School and our recent learning experience along the Jerdacuttup River. These valuable opportunities helped students develop a deeper understanding of their environment, local history, Aboriginal culture and the importance of caring for Country.

Our students also embraced National Science Week with enthusiasm, participating in daily Scitech challenges and a variety of hands-on learning experiences. It was wonderful to see curiosity, creativity and problem-solving on display throughout the week. Learning in our classrooms continued to be engaging and purposeful, with students exploring topics ranging from light and physical sciences through to geography, sustainability and cultural studies. Sporting achievements were another highlight of the term. All students represented our school with pride at the Hopetoun Faction Carnival, demonstrating determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to William, Hugh, Sophia and Tyler on their selection to compete at the Lake King Interschool Carnival. We were especially proud of William's achievements as Sub-Junior Champion Boy at the faction carnival and Runner-Up Champion Boy at the interschool competition. The success of



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Hopetoun in winning the overall trophy was a wonderful reward for the efforts of all participants.

Our school community also came together for several special events. The Father's Day celebration was a fantastic afternoon of connection and fun, and I thank Mrs Perkins for her outstanding organisation. We were also pleased to welcome Miss O from Murdoch University for her teaching placement. Miss O quickly became a valued member of our school community, and we wish her every success in her future teaching career.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their commitment and hard work throughout the term. Their passion and dedication ensure that every student is provided with opportunities to learn, grow and succeed. Thank you also to our families and community members for your ongoing support of the school and the many programs and events we offer.

As we head into the holiday break, I encourage everyone to take time to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming students back for another exciting term of learning in Term 4.

Geoff Kustka
Principal

Upcoming key dates

Monday 12 October – School recommences
Friday 16 October – Staff Development Day- no school
Monday 2 November – Police school visit
Monday 7 – Thursday 10 December– Swim Lessons @ Hopetoun
Friday 11 December – End of Year Concert/Awards
Monday 14 -Thursday 17 December- Reports out/
Parent interviews
Thursday 17 December – Last day of term
Friday 18 December – Staff Development Day

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Event round-up

ATHLETICS

This term, students proudly represented our school at two athletics events: the Hopetoun Faction Carnival and the Lake King Interschool Carnival. Despite challenging windy conditions at Hopetoun, all students competed with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship.

Following strong performances at the faction carnival, William, Hugh, Sophia and Tyler were selected to represent Hopetoun at the interschool carnival in Lake King. A highlight was William's outstanding achievement of being named Sub-Junior Champion Boy at the faction carnival and Runner-Up Champion Boy at the interschool competition.

The commitment and effort shown by all athletes contributed to Hopetoun winning the overall trophy, an incredible achievement and the first time this has occurred in many years. We are very proud of the way our students challenged themselves, represented their school and supported their teammates throughout both events. William was adjudged champion athlete for the school, with Tyler in second and Sophia third.

FATHERS DAY

On Wednesday 16 September, we welcomed dads and special father figures to our postponed Father's Day afternoon. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to spend quality time with the important men in their lives and to share some of their learning and creativity.

The afternoon was filled with a range of enjoyable activities, including card presentations, student speeches, pizza making and eating, toolbox construction, and student-designed board games. The celebrations concluded with a fun and energetic soccer match enjoyed by students and adults alike.

A special thank you to Mrs Perkins for her outstanding organisation of the event. Her efforts ensured the afternoon was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

RAVENSTHORPE FLOWER SHOW

On Tuesday 8 September, students travelled to Ravensthorpe to attend the annual Wildflower Show. The excursion provided a valuable learning opportunity for students to explore and learn about the diverse range of wildflowers found throughout our region. Students enjoyed viewing the displays and developing a greater appreciation for the unique natural environment that surrounds our community. Following the Wildflower Show, students visited the Ravensthorpe Museum, where they learned about the rich history of the local area and the people who have helped shape the region over time. The day concluded with an energetic basketball session at the Recreation Centre, providing students with an opportunity to stay active and have fun together. It was an enjoyable and educational day for all involved.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year, our school photos were taken at the beautiful Ravensthorpe Tiger Park, providing a wonderful backdrop for this special annual event. Students participated in individual portraits as well as our much-anticipated traditional group dress-up photograph.

The theme for this year's dress-up photo was "When I Grow Up", and both students and staff embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and creativity. A fantastic range of costumes was on display, showcasing the many careers and aspirations represented within our school community. From future professionals to adventurous occupations, everyone enjoyed seeing the imaginative interpretations of the theme.



The day was filled with excitement, laughter and plenty of photo opportunities. We are eagerly looking forward to receiving the photographs and seeing the finished results of what a memorable and enjoyable experience for all was involved.

GRADUATAE TEACHER

This term, we had the pleasure of hosting Miss O, a graduate teacher from Murdoch University, for a four-week placement. During her time with us, Miss O enthusiastically embraced all aspects of school life, building positive relationships with students and staff while gaining valuable classroom experience.

Miss O quickly became a valued member of our school community, contributing to learning programs and actively participating in a range of school activities. Her enthusiasm, professionalism and willingness to get involved made a positive impact on our students and school.

We thank Miss O for her contribution during her placement and wish her every success in her future studies and teaching career. We look forward to welcoming her back to Jerdacuttup Primary School in the future.

AUSSIE OF THE TERM

The term 3 winner Leo Fishlock was who consistently displayed the values of a good Aussie – mate ship, fair go, inclusion and respect. Leo has shown great progress in noticing the needs of others in particular the need to share. Leo also has a kind and caring nature that helps make our school a wonderful place to be. Keep up the fantastic effort Leo.

MARINE WEEK

On Tuesday 25 August, students travelled to Hopetoun Primary School to join students from Munglilup, Ravensthorpe and Cascade Primary Schools for an exciting Marine Week learning experience. Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of engaging, hands-on activities designed to increase their understanding of the ocean, marine environments and the wildlife that inhabits them.

The program provided students with valuable opportunities to explore environmental concepts, learn about the importance of protecting our coastal ecosystems and develop a deeper appreciation for the natural world. Students embraced every activity with enthusiasm and curiosity, making the most of this unique learning opportunity.

Marine Week was both educational and enjoyable, helping students expand their knowledge of the environment while working and learning alongside peers from neighbouring schools. It was a rewarding day that fostered curiosity, collaboration and a greater understanding of the world around us.

SCIENCE WEEK

This term, students enthusiastically participated in National Science Week, coordinated by Mrs Perkins. Throughout the week, students took part in a daily Scitech challenge, encouraging them to think creatively, solve problems and explore scientific concepts in engaging ways.

Students also enjoyed a range of exciting hands-on activities that allowed them to investigate, experiment and learn about the world around them. From conducting experiments to tackling science-based challenges, every student embraced the opportunity to develop their scientific skills and curiosity.

The week was filled with discovery, teamwork and fun, with students eagerly participating in every activity. National Science Week provided a wonderful opportunity to foster a love of science while building knowledge, confidence and critical thinking skills.

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RIVER TRIP

One of the highlights of the term was a day of learning along the Jerdacuttup River as part of our HASS Geography program. Guided by Mrs Cordon, students participated in a rich place-based learning experience that explored both the cultural and environmental significance of this important local waterway.

Students visited a local wilga (ochre) site, learnt about traditional bush tucker and discovered how Noongar people have cared for Country and its waterways for thousands of years. Through these experiences, students gained a greater appreciation of First Nations cultures, knowledge and sustainable land management practices.

The excursion also provided opportunities to investigate the river's ecosystem and examine how natural events and human activities, including flooding, drought, erosion and farming, have shaped the local environment over time. Students were able to make meaningful connections between their classroom learning and the world around them through authentic, hands-on experiences.

NAIDOC EVENT

Early this term, students travelled to Ravensthorpe District High School to participate in a NAIDOC Week celebration coordinated by Mrs Cordon. The day brought together students from Jerdacuttup, Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun Primary Schools to celebrate and learn about Aboriginal culture, history and achievements. A special highlight of the day was our students proudly delivering the Welcome to Country, which was very well received by all those in attendance. Students then participated in a variety of engaging, hands-on activities that provided opportunities to learn, collaborate and celebrate alongside students from neighbouring schools. The event was a valuable cultural learning experience that encouraged understanding, respect and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their ongoing connection to Country. It was wonderful to see students embracing the activities with enthusiasm while building new friendships and strengthening connections across our school communities.

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Photo gallery



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Classroom round-up

Mrs Perkins class

Term 3 has been a very busy and exciting term in the Junior Room. We were delighted to welcome Saylor and Emily to our Thursday morning Transition to Kindy sessions. Both students have settled in beautifully and are already enjoying their time at our school.

During Walker Learning, William, Hugh (Fridays) and Leo have been actively engaged in a variety of projects, working both independently and collaboratively to develop their creativity, problem-solving and teamwork skills.

Students have also recently completed their Physical Sciences units. Sophia explored the topic of light, while Aaron, Jaiden, Tyler and William investigated gravity, magnetism and friction. To celebrate National Science Week, students participated in a range of online learning experiences presented by Scitech and enjoyed a hands-on science day at school filled with exciting experiments and plenty of messy fun. The week provided a wonderful opportunity to spark curiosity and enthusiasm for science learning.

Mrs Saunders class

Term 3 has flown by and has been filled with a variety of valuable learning opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom. Students are to be commended for their effort, enthusiasm and commitment to their learning throughout the term.

As part of our HASS studies, students visited the Jerdacuttup River, which has been a key focus of our learning. This helped students deepen their understanding of the local environment and its significance to our community. We also explored water sustainability through a Waterwise kit provided by the Water Corporation. Students participated in activities that developed their understanding of water conservation and the processes used to filter and treat water to make it safe for drinking.

In Walker Learning, our focus was on Design and Technologies. Students investigated real-world needs, generated ideas, and designed and created models of solutions that could benefit themselves or the wider community.

A focus for Maths Warm-Ups, was working to improve the fluency of their times tables. The emphasis was on personal growth, with each student striving to improve on their previous scores and develop greater confidence and accuracy in recalling multiplication facts.

In Spelling, students regularly practised spelling phonemes and learned strategies to tackle more complex words. A key focus was understanding how affixes and base words can be used to support spelling.



Parent involvement opportunities

The P&C meets once per term and plays an important role in fundraising for the school. Parents interested in becoming involved are encouraged to contact the President, Gemma Walker.

Parent-Teacher Interviews are being held in week 10 of term 4 and provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and reports with teachers and the principal.

Parents wishing to assist with tuckshop activities are asked to notify the school office.

Reminders

The term planner for term 4 is attached to this newsletter. It is also available on the school website.

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