

Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter December 2025



Principal's Message

As we close the chapter on 2025, we celebrate a year filled with growth, achievement, and unforgettable experiences. Our students have shown remarkable maturity and resilience, and their progress shines through in every piece of work. Academic progress remains above national standards, and we are determined to raise the bar even higher in the year ahead.

One of the most memorable moments was our Margaret River camp—a journey of learning, laughter, and adventure. Even when faced with challenges, our students and staff embraced every opportunity, proving that perseverance leads to incredible experiences. We hope every future camp will be just as enriching and inspiring.

Beyond the camp, the year was packed with highlights: Table Games Day, swimming lessons in Ravensthorpe, Performing Arts Fridays, Indigenous culture sessions with Mrs. Cordon, and countless classroom investigations that sparked curiosity and creativity. Each event has contributed to shaping confident, capable learners ready to take on the world.

To our dedicated staff—thank you. Your passion and commitment have created an environment where students thrive academically and socially. You are the heart of our success.

As we look toward 2026, let's embrace the promise of new opportunities, new challenges, and new memories. Together, we will continue to nurture a community where every child feels valued, inspired, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Enjoy the holidays, stay safe, and return refreshed and ready for another extraordinary year. We can't wait to welcome everyone back on February 2nd!

Geoff Kustka

Aussie of the Month

We celebrated both our term 3 and term 4 winners of Aussie of the term. Our term 3 winner was Jaiden Edward-Parker, and the term 4 award was shared between William Wormald and Tyler Barlow. These students demonstrated the true Aussie spirit of Mateship, Fair go, Respect and Inclusion. For their efforts they received a certificate, pen and badge. Well done boys.



Term Dates 2026

Term 1

Monday 2 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

EOY Performance

On Friday, December 12th, Jerdacuttup Primary School came alive with excitement as we hosted our annual end-of-year presentation ceremony. The event was a vibrant showcase of talent and culture, warmly embraced by the local community. Students dazzled the audience with performances that celebrated diversity and creativity—ranging from Indigenous language pieces to captivating performing arts and an impressive classroom skit. Each act reflected the hard work and spirit of our learners throughout the year. The highlight of the morning was the awards presentation, where local dignitaries proudly recognized the achievements of our students. It was a heartfelt moment to celebrate a successful 2025 and share in the anticipation of an inspiring year ahead in 2026.



Swimming Term 1 2026

Next year, swimming lessons will follow a new schedule:

- Weeks 1, 2, 4, 5 & 7 – Fridays, 1:00–2:00 pm at Ravensthorpe Pool
- Weeks 9 & 10 (Term 4) – Department of Education lessons (aligned with Hopetoun Primary)

Please ensure students have their swimming gear ready for the first week back.



Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday the 9th of December the school had its annual Christmas lunch. Mrs Marks excelled herself, as usual, with a beautifully decorated library and table. The food was amazing, and she even provided gifts for the students. We would all like to thank her for making the day so memorable.



Leo Fishlock

We are excited to welcome Leo Fishlock to our school as a kindergarten student in 2026. He has been a welcome addition to the school as a pre-Kindy student this semester and he has settled in beautifully.



Hopetoun Golf/ Fun day

Last Wednesday the students ventured to Hopetoun for a fun water day at the school. Before we got to the school, we had a short detour to Hopetoun Golf Club where we practiced the skills we have learnt during the term. The skills on display by all the students were impressive.

After this we went to the primary school where we met up with the local fire brigade for a demonstration and a chance to practice our firefighting abilities. A sausage sizzle followed, then we rounded off the day with a period of water play. On a hot day it was a great relief to get wet and play on the activities that were set up. Overall, it was a wonderful day and a great way to round out the term.



Performing Arts

It was a very busy term with Miss Libby's Friday afternoons up at Jerdacuttup Hall. The Wellness through the Arts program has been a huge success. Students improved their drama, dance, singing, performing and gymnastic skills. The drama program focused on LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art). All with a focus on improving their wellbeing at the same time. Students really enjoyed their lessons, gaining confidence and learning new skills. We would like to thank Skylar, who joined us from Hopetoun PS to help.



Teachers for a Day

As a reward for earning lots of Dojo points throughout the year the students all got a turn to be a teacher for a day. There were many different subjects taught from Minecraft, sport and dog biscuits to name a few. The students did a fantastic job presenting their topic.



Sport

Apart from morning fitness this term, students have learnt 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 students can now grip, stand and hit a ball with reasonable accuracy.



Staff Development Days 2026

Term 1

Thursday 29 January

Friday 30 January

Term 2

Friday 24 April

Term 3

Monday 20 July

Monday 24 August

Term 4

Friday 16 October

Friday 18 December

Upcoming Events

The Term 1 Planner is attached to this newsletter.



