

Jerdacuttup Primary School Newsletter December 2024



Introduction

The 2024 school year is almost at an end. A great deal has happened and there have been many highlights to look back on. It also signals the end of my first year here as principal and it has proven to be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. I hope 2025 will be even better, with more new ideas and projects in the pipeline. As this is the last newsletter for 2024, I will try and look back over the term as well as looking forward to next year.

60th Anniversary

On Friday 6th December we had our 60th Anniversary celebrations and our annual presentation awards. It was a wonderful morning, with all the students performing magnificently. Thank you to Mrs Saunders and her team for producing such a great event.

Winners were

Encouragement Award: Tyler Barlow

Attendance Award: William Wormald

Campbell Shield: Jessa Hands

Citizenship Award: Sophia Wormald

Academic Award: Aaron Saunders

Endeavour Award: Jaiden-Edward Parker

Kindy Award: William Wormald

Most Improved: Jessa Hands

Back at school we celebrated our 60th with speeches, a raffle, dancing, school tours and food. Thank you to the P & C for organising this section of the day.

It was a fantastic advert for the school, and it was tremendous to see so many past and present staff, students and members of the community here



ABC News

Hayden Smith from ABC News- Esperance came out again during the term and produced another article for ABC news breakfast. Students got to speak on camera and the clip was featured one morning in week 8. The piece is available to view on our website under the "Latest News" section.

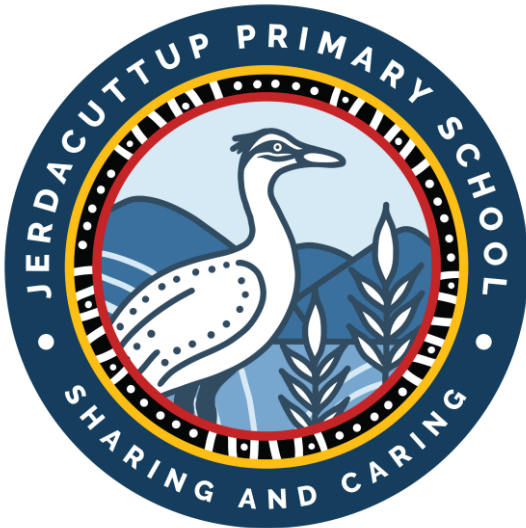
Old School Building

After a lot of hard work, the old school building from 1964 has been reopened with new carpet and brand-new furniture designed by the students. Miss Libby has created the well being space that will be used next year. It looks magnificent.



Excursions/Incursions

This term we have done several incursions and excursions. It started with a WACA cricket coaching clinic at Munglinup in week 1; followed by a Tables Games day against Munglinup at our school where we played chess, checkers, card games, Jenga, Yahtzee and Lego; We went to Ravensthorpe DHS for the Colour Run where we all got covered in multi-coloured dye and then finished with another trip to Munglinup for a fun day of science with SciTech. Finally, we had a fun day at Starvation Bay to celebrate the end of the school year.



Mrs Saunders Class

Another busy term in the classroom. There were lots of assessments to do, as well as continuing our Walker Learning Investigations on a Thursday. All students have applied themselves well throughout the term and it was pleasing to see how they have continued to make sound progress, even with lots of rehearsals going on. Reports are being sent out in week 10 and it has been wonderful to read about how well each student has done.

Swimming 2025

In term 1 next year we will be doing our normal Education Department swimming lessons at Hopetoun. They will take place in week 2, with two lessons on per day. After this we will be continuing swim lessons on a Monday afternoon from week 4 until week 9 with Niki Crane at Starvation Bay. This should really help to develop the students swimming skills. Consent letters will be sent out very early in term 1.

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.

Staff development days will be

Term One

Monday 3rd February

Tuesday 4th February

Term Two

Monday 28th April

Term Three

Friday 22nd August

Monday 25th August

Term Four

Friday 17th October.

Please make a note of these. They will be published on our website in the new year.

Contributions and Charges/Booklist.

The voluntary contributions/ charges for 2025 will stay the same as 2024. That is \$60 per student. Information is attached to this newsletter.

Consent Forms

All consent forms for school will be sent out in week one of term one. Please look in your student's bag for them. I will put a post on Class Dojo to inform you when they will be sent out.

Term Planner

You will find our term one planner attached to this newsletter. It will be updated further when other events are added. You will be notified of these via Class Dojo.

Tuckshop

We will be continuing with our ever-popular fortnightly tuckshop in 2025. Even with Mrs Marks away on long service leave students will continue to have the opportunity to show off their culinary skills on a regular basis. We finished off tuckshop for 2025 with Mrs Marks hosting a tremendous Christmas lunch in the library. Thank you so much Mrs Marks.



Staffing 2025

It is pleasing to see our staffing is stable going into 2025 with Mrs Saunders remaining as the class teacher. She has done a wonderful job and is always makes learning fun.

Mrs Marks will be on long service leave until week 5 of term one, but she will be covered by Alyce Ware for this period.

Mr Leigh Smith has signed on as our permanent gardener/handyman and we welcome him to our school.

Mrs Jess Atherton will now be our permanent MCS (finance), as well as a one day a week EA. Miss Libby will continue with her Performing Arts but we also welcome her in a new role as wellbeing officer.

Alyce Ware will continue as both our cleaner and EA once a week when Mrs Marks returns.

Having a strong, vibrant, stable staff helps make the school such a wonderful, happy environment.

I look forward to working with everyone in 2025.



Chaplaincy

In 2025 we will continue with the Chaplaincy program that was so successful this year. John Harper will continue Mondays and Roger Mansell will be at school on a Friday after term one, when he too will be on long service leave.

Vacation Swimming

The Education Department announced free Vacation swimming lessons for the summer holidays. All classes are booked out but please follow the link below in case vacancies arise.

education.wa.edu.au/vacswim.



Term Dates 2025

Term 1

Wednesday 5 February – Friday 11 April

Term 2

Tuesday 29 April – Friday 4 July

Term 3

Monday 21 July – Friday 26 September

Term 4

Monday 13 October – Thursday 18 December

Signing off

Lastly would like to wish you all a happy festive season and hope you have a wonderful break over the summer. Please be safe over this busy time and thank you all again for your support of both me and the school during this year.

I am already looking forward to the 2025 school year.



