



# Jerangle Public School Newsletter

Week 4 Term 3  
5<sup>th</sup> August 2013

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Principal Jerangle Public School

## From the Principal's Desk

It is always wonderful to see the children embrace a new terms theme and this term is no different. Jerangle students have enjoyed learning about traditional aspects of the indigenous culture and will be investigating how Aboriginal folk maintain their culture in today's society. The school has planned a number of visits from local Aboriginal elders to talk to the students about traditional and contemporary issues. We look forward to asking questions and investigating more about this ancient culture.

Last week we had the exciting experience of visiting Marcus' place to record our school. After only 2 takes (pop singers usually have 20 takes) we had the Jerangle School song burnt onto a disc. WOW we now be famous! Big Thank You to Albert who helped in the process and made us feel very relaxed at such a nervous time.



## The Great Book Swap

The date has been set and now it is time to dive into your book shelf to find some books to donate to our Great Book Swap. Books can now be sent into school and will be stored until the 11<sup>th</sup> Sept for our Swap Day. If you want to identify why you liked the book you are donating, you can use the form at the end of this newsletter to fill in and stick in the front of your book (more forms available at school on request). The books will be on display on the day and children will be able to purchase any book they wish for \$2. In fact if your child wants to buy more than one book all they have to do is bring in more money. Each book will cost \$2 so why not get a few while you are at it!

The great news is that **Cooma Second Hand Book Shop** has jumped on board to such a great program and is donating some super books to be sold on the day. There will be a wonderful array of books on offer to purchase so start sending them in. All

family and community members are invited to join the school on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept for the swap.



## Premier's Reading Challenge

On the subject of reading, it is great to see so many students close to completing their Premier's Reading Challenge for the year. Senior students are keen to show me their personal reading logs which should now be brought back to school so finalise the Challenge.

Our second student to complete their challenge is another year 6 student, Dustin Hall. **Well done Dustin - what a champ!**



## Thursday Taste Testers

### Term 3 Thursday Taste Testers roster:

1<sup>st</sup> August – Kelly  
8<sup>th</sup> August – Hopkins  
15<sup>th</sup> August – Hickey  
22<sup>nd</sup> August – Hall  
29<sup>th</sup> August – Flett  
5<sup>th</sup> Sept – Constance  
12<sup>th</sup> Sept – Achanfuo-Yeboah  
19<sup>th</sup> Sept - Walker

## Monday Munchies

Parents are asked to provide enough lunch for the school on their rostered day.

### Term 3 Monday Munchies

29<sup>th</sup> July – Flett  
19<sup>th</sup> August – Constance  
9<sup>th</sup> Sept – Achanfuo-Yeboah

### Term 4 Monday Munchies

21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Mrs Thorvaldson

11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Walker

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Kelly

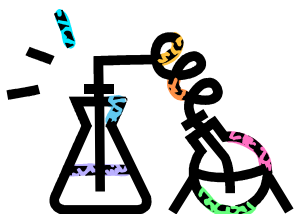
### **National Literacy and Numeracy Week**

This week is National Literacy and Numeracy week where we can focus on how to engage students in these important aspects of today's schooling. Students will bring home a small booklet containing some great ideas to help bridge the gap between school and home in these areas. The booklet has some useful hints and fun activities for parents to try, so why not give them a go and see how fun numeracy and literacy can really be!



### **Skiing Program**

Last week we saw some fabulous weather for our first day of the skiing program. There was enough snow for the children to play games and test out their "ski legs". Everyone had smiles on their faces and laughter rang out along the hills. We plan to enjoy this sporting activity again on 14<sup>th</sup> Aug and on our final day of 21<sup>st</sup> Aug we will be joined by Dalgety to have some fun together. However the snow is running fairly thin on the ground and we all hope there are some significant falls soon to cover up all the holes that are appearing.



### **SPECTRA Awards**

This year the SPECTRA Awards have made a return to Jerangle by popular demand. Students have chosen their topics and eagerly await their activities cards so they can start investigating and designing all sorts of things at home. The children will be asked to present their projects at school on the following days: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. We look forward to seeing results of some amazing science experiments.

### **Ten tips for tweens who find maths hard**

Kids who find maths easy in the early years of school can be turned off quickly if they get confused and can't work it out. Here are 10 ways to get your tween through the more challenging times. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/tips-for-tweens-who-find-maths-hard>



### **Student Portfolios**

If you have finished looking at your child's portfolios please return them to school so that more work samples can be added to this term.

### **Homework and assignments**

Homework is an important part of learning, but sometimes parents find it hard to keep up with what needs to be done. These ideas and resources cover a range of popular topics to kick-start your child's home project activities.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>

### **Media Release**

**Announcing the date and venue for this year's Relay For Life in Cooma!**

Save the date for this year's much anticipated Relay For Life in Cooma on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of October at the Show grounds.

Relay For Life is an overnight team walk that raises money to defeat cancer. It celebrates the fact that more people are surviving cancer today – thanks to the efforts of the Cancer Council and other similar bodies.

This year the aim is to raise \$50,000.00 towards cancer research and development of services in the Cooma-Monaro area.

To find out more about this exciting community event, visit our stand at the Cooma Rotary Markets at Centennial Park on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>.

We'd love to have as much community input as possible, so to join our fun and dynamic committee please call Beck on 0403 495 855 before June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Meetings are held fortnightly in Cooma.

Registrations will be open online on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, so don't forget to start getting your teams and supporters ready! Who will you Relay for?



### **Letters learnt so far**

a, m, s, t, i, f, d, r, o, g, h, l, u, c, n, k, v, b and e.



## Merit Awards

Congratulations to all those who have been working hard to achieve Merit Awards and Certificates. This week we celebrate the achievements of the following members of the school.

**26<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**Merit Certificates**     **Angus Kelly**  
**Reading Award**       **Adam Constance**  
**Sport Award**           **Ella, Jack H and Darcy**  
**Work of the Week**     **Thomas Hickey**

**2<sup>nd</sup> August**

**Wynn Hickey**  
**Dustin Hall**  
**Jess Walker**  
**Marcus Achanfuo-Yeboah**

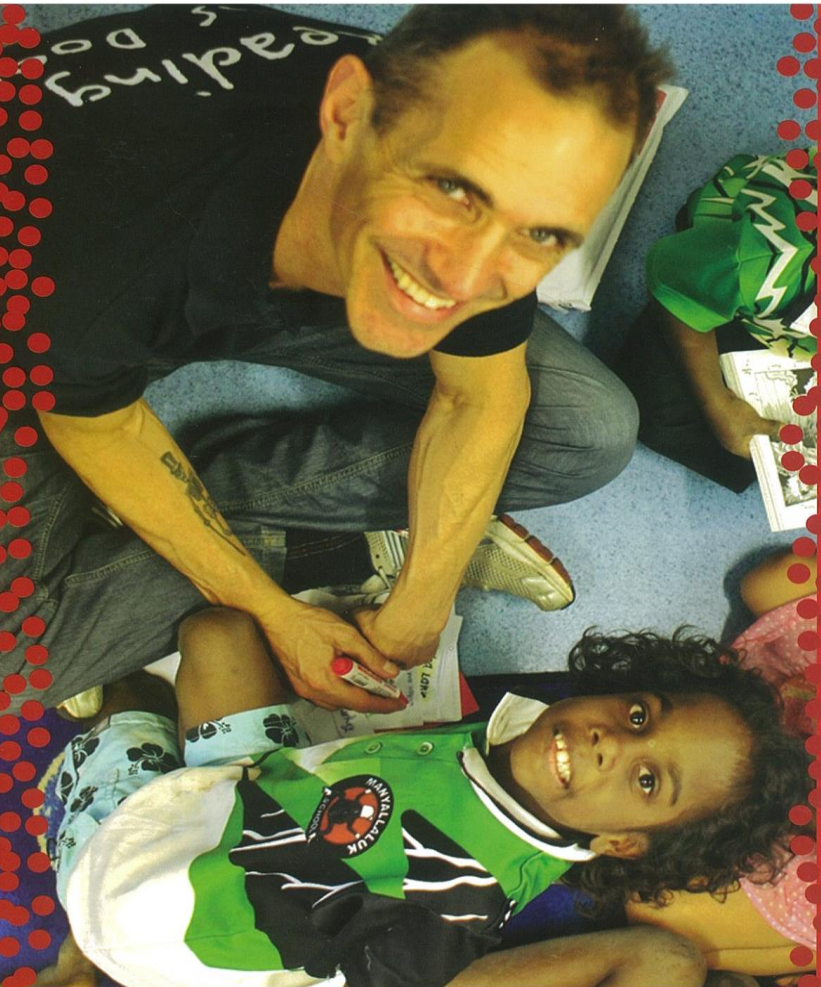
## Planner Calender – Term 3 2013

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
<b>3</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> July Monday Munchies – Flett	30 <sup>th</sup> July Orientation meeting 12noon P & C 1pm	31 <sup>st</sup> July Recording School Song	1 <sup>st</sup> August Thursday Taste Testers Kelly	2 <sup>nd</sup> August	3/4August
<b>4</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> August Sonja away	6 <sup>th</sup> August Sonja away	7 <sup>th</sup> August Sonja away	8 <sup>th</sup> August Thursday Taste Testers Hopkins Sonja away	9 <sup>th</sup> August Sonja at training Cooma PS	10/11 August
<b>5</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> August	13 <sup>th</sup> August	14 <sup>th</sup> August School Skiing	15 <sup>th</sup> August Thursday Taste Testers Hickey	16 <sup>th</sup> August Aboriginal visit	17/18 August
<b>6</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> August Monday Munchies – Constance	20 <sup>th</sup> August	21 <sup>st</sup> August School Skiing with Dalgety	22 <sup>nd</sup> August Thursday Taste Testers Hall	23 <sup>rd</sup> August Premiers Reading Challenge Logs to school	24/25 August
<b>7</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> August	27 <sup>th</sup> August	28 <sup>th</sup> August MEG meeting MHS	29 <sup>th</sup> August Thursday Taste Testers Flett	30 <sup>th</sup> August Aboriginal visit	31 <sup>st</sup> August 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept
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<b>9</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept Monday Munchies – Marcus	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept The Great Book Swap	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept Reading Under the Covers	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	14/15 Sept
<b>10</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept SPECTRA project presentations	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept Science Day at Adaminaby	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept Thursday Taste Testers Marcus International Talk Like a Pirate Day	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	21/22 Sept





Swap a book and raise vital funds for  
children in remote Indigenous communities



"Book swaps not only help raise money to improve literacy levels in remote communities, but the excitement and fun that a book swap generates will help improve literacy levels in your school as well!"

Andy Griffiths, ILF Ambassador

Indigenous Literacy Day

Hold a *Great Book Swap*  
or other fundraiser  
to go into the draw to  
win a visit from an  
ILF Ambassador\*



## SWAP A BOOK AND RAISE FUNDS FOR LITERACY

Your school can hold a Great Book Swap in FIVE easy steps

**Step ONE**  
Register your school online and get your free school kit including a map of Aboriginal Australia and *The Little Red Yellow Black Book - An Introduction to Indigenous Australia*.

**Step TWO**  
Gather the books. Students bring in a book that they love but can bear to part with. Collect them in a central area, either before or on the day.

**Step THREE**  
Choose the date. We suggest Indigenous Literacy Day, Wednesday 4 September 2013 or during NAIDOC Week (7-14 July); Children's Book Week (17-23 August); National Literacy & Numeracy Week (29 July - 4 August); or at a time to suit your school.

**Step FOUR**  
Swap the books & collect the money. Students bring in a gold coin donation for the right to choose a new book.

**Step FIVE**  
Send the funds to ILF. The Foundation will use these funds to provide books and literacy resources to kids in remote communities. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

## TAKE THE FIRST STEP TODAY

Sign up at [indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/register-your-school.html](http://indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/register-your-school.html)

## OTHER WAYS TO HELP OUT

The Great Book Swap is not the only way your school can help! Here are some other fundraising activities your school can do at any time throughout the year:

- CRCA Read 5, Give 5
- Hold a breakfast or morning tea event
- Hold a Father's Day event
- Dress up as your favourite book character
- Have a sausage sizzle or cake stall
- Skip class and read

"On behalf of our school and community we would like to say a huge THANK YOU for the wonderful selection of books your organisation were able to supply us with. We are currently working to get books out into the community so literacy is something to be enjoyed and shared outside of the classroom context. We are excited to further encourage the importance and joy of reading."

Staff and community, Gawwa School, Elcho Island, NT



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\*Please see our website for full terms and conditions of the Ambassador visit prize.







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