



Jerangle Public School Newsletter

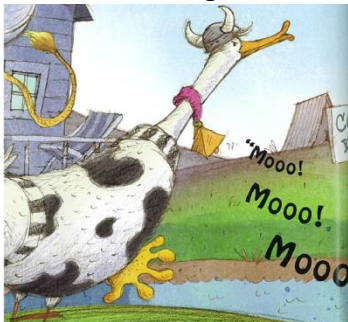
Week 10 – Term 1
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From the Principal's Desk

Last week we read the story of a sly little fox who caught the bus from the city to gobble up some delicious farm animals. Armed with his trusty guide to help him, Fox set upon an unsuspecting farm looking for sheep, chickens and ducks, only to discover a very odd looking donkey, horse and cow; all of which his guide told him were not for eating.



Having grown up in the city, I didn't immediately recognise the difference between a small two-legged and winged hen wearing a Viking's helmet and a real bull, although the students

seemed much quicker to spot the problems. This led to much debate about the features of animals and how an illustrator's story might be just as important as the author's. Finally the students decided, since I was so obsessed with what was written, they would have to write a text to convince me of their point of view. So if you hear around town that I can't tell the difference between a sheep and a donkey rest assured that I can. However I never thought hens were quite so large or snorted like the one in this picture.



As we rapidly work our way through the last two weeks of the term, I hope that you all have a safe

and enjoyable Easter and the well-deserved break is safe and relaxing.

Michael Schwetz
Relieving Principal

Staffing Changes

Miss Coyne has begun her maternity leave as the due date for her baby boy draws much closer. Her farewell party caught



her entirely by surprise even though the entire school arrived in blue and Georgia, having been told to bring a plate, kept telling Lisa that she did not have one in her bag. Miss Coyne intends to return at the completion of her leave in the last week of Term 2.

Last week we also said farewell to Mrs Eva Tangye, who has taken up the full-time position of relieving Home School Liaison Officer based at Cooma Public School. I am sure that Eva will bring the same energy to her new role that we were lucky enough to experience at Jerangle during Term 1. Unfortunately, Eva's new role begun at the same time she was poised to cover Lisa's maternity leave, leaving us missing a teacher four days per week rather than two. I have been working very hard to secure a quality teacher who is able to cover both Lisa's leave and the vacancy left by Eva's departure. I have made significant progress and hope to announce a replacement as soon as arrangements can be confirmed.

Term 1 School Holidays

The last day of Term 1 will be Friday 7th April. Staff will return to work with a school development day in Canberra on Monday 24th April. With the Tuesday being ANZAC Day, **students will not commence until Wednesday 26th April.**

Jerangle Cross Country



Last Friday saw several blurs of green and grey as the Jerangle Cross Country team made its annual pilgrimage to the cemetery gates and back. It was fantastic to see every student push themselves out of their comfort zone to achieve that little bit more. Our Year 1 girls made the entire three kilometre track, despite not even being old enough to compete in the two kilometre race at Nimmitabel; Will pushed well past the cricket shed; Ben battled a stitch the for nearly the entire course; Darcy had to be convinced that being able to breathe was slightly more important than coming first; and Jess' solid pace meant she never stopped jogging. Although Helen's efforts saw her be the final competitor across the finish line, you would be hard pressed to find another School Administrative Manager volunteering to complete such a punishing course. Of course no event is complete without a little controversy, and even though the race times may show Ben crossed the line slightly before myself, I will be carefully reviewing the photo finish to determine the true champion of the all-out battle that took place in the last hundred metres of the race. Either way I might need to keep a few more running tips to myself next year!

The course times, thanks to Damian-our official timekeeper, were;

- Jess – 18.56 minutes,
- Darcy – 21.05 minutes,
- Arabella – 23.42 minutes,
- Ben – 25.08 minutes,
- Mr Schwetz – 25.08 minutes,

- Marcus – 25.24 minutes,
- Georgia – 25.55 minutes,
- Helen – 26.01 minutes, and
- Will – 20.39 minutes for the 2km track.

Nimmitabel District Cross Country

Yesterday, we travelled to Nimmitabel Public School to help represent the Rivers team for cross country. Congratulations are due to the Jerangle contingent who ran their best on a very soggy and slippery course. I was very particularly proud of the behaviour and attitude displayed by Jerangle both on and off the course. I have no doubt that we had the seven best behaved students on the day. Cooma North Public took out first place, Jindabyne Central took second and the Rivers team was awarded third. Special thanks go to Brad Austin and his staff at Nimmitabel for not only organising the event but for allowing our non-competitors to join their younger students in the classroom. Without this generous concession we simply could not have made it to the day.

Michelago Mini Markets

We will be attending the Mini Markets at Michelago this Friday. All students have returned their permission notes but only two have ordered lunch. If you intend on purchasing the Meal Deal, please return your order by as soon as possible to allow the P&C to order enough food for the day.

Easter Hat Parade and Egg Hunt

Jerangle Public School will be holding an Easter Hat Parade on the last Friday of this Term (7th April) at 11am. Students will spend the morning making their hat at school with the playgroup children. The parade will be followed by a small Easter egg hunt at the school.



The Cooma Show

Congratulations to the students who submitted entries into the show this year. As well as the impressive display of winning and highly



commended quilts, it was pleasing to see Will's cooking talents on display with such a wide

variety of food. If you missed seeing his impressive farm cake, here is a picture which tries to do it justice.

Jerry the Jerangle Jersey sat proudly on the stage, having been crafted in complete secrecy from recycled dairy product containers by our students under the careful guide of Miss Coyne. Although he didn't bring home the prize, the kids had such an enjoyable time making him from the ground up.



LMBR Training and Implementation

If you have been near a school lately you may have heard the phrase LMBR or Learning Management and Business Reform mentioned. LMBR is a significant update and integration of several separate software platforms used for financial and student management in NSW public schools. Some of the current programs, having proved their effectiveness, have been in use since the days of MS DOS and still don't recognise the use of a mouse. Their update represents a significant and welcome investment in our management infrastructure. However, it also requires a significant amount of training and completion of time sensitive tasks to ensure a successful transition. Each fortnight sees Helen out of the School for three days and myself one to undertake the training, leaving the remaining days to complete the normal administration of the School as well as the additional readiness tasks. Obviously this is making Helen very busy, so next time you visit us please give her a smile and a thank you.

Turn Back Your Clocks

Daylight savings will end in NSW this Sunday, 2nd April at 3am. Clocks will go backwards by 1 hour to 2am. I am looking forward to once again being able to wake up to daylight, especially as we head towards the colder months.



Jerangle Playgroup



It has been lovely to see some new faces, both children and adults at the Jerangle Playgroup. Our students love the opportunity to play and interact with the younger children of the area. **There will be no playgroup on this Friday (31st March) due to our excursion to Michelago Mini Markets.** Playgroup will recommence next week for the Easter Hat Parade.

Jerangle Playgroup meets in the school library on Friday mornings from 10am 'til 11:30am. It is a great chance to catch up with what is going on in our local area and tap into a wealth of resources from the school. So don't sit at home with the kids, come along and join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you at Jerangle Playgroup



Jerangle Public School Planner Calendar - Term 1, 2017					
T1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	27 March	28 March	29 March Nimmitabel Cross Country	30 March LMBR training-MTA	31 March Michelago Mini Markets No assembly or playgroup
11	3 April	4 April	5 April Small Schools' Fun Day-Bredbo PS	6 April	7 April Easter Hat Parade - 11am Assembly -2:40pm Last day of Term 1

Jerangle Public School Planner Calendar - Term 2, 2017					
T2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	24 April Staff Return School Development Day-Canberra	25 April ANZAC Day Public Holiday	26 April Students Return	27 April	28 April
2	1 May	2 May	3 May	4 May	5 May LMBR-MTA
3	8 May	9 May NAPLAN	10 May NAPLAN	11 May NAPLAN	12 May
4	15 May	16 May	17 May	18 May	19 May
5	22 May LMBR Go Live Day	23 May ICAS Computer Skills	24 May	25 May	26 May L31-Cooma North PS (MTA)

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