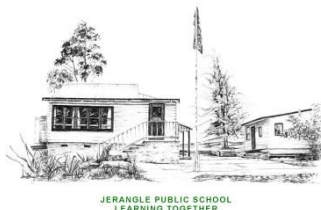




# Jerangle Public School Newsletter

**Week 9 – Term 2**

27<sup>th</sup> June, 2018



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## From the Principal's Desk

I doubt anybody could deny the cold weather has now set upon us with the last of the brave students finally conceding defeat and accepting the need for jumpers and long pants for at least the next few weeks. Thankfully, as the pipes freeze and the mercury plummets, we have had plenty of cause to stay inside and huddle around the warm glow of the computer screen, working our way through the vast array of tasks and which have presented themselves throughout the last two months. From reports to website migration, literacy progressions and finance tools it certainly has been a busy and cluttered time in the back end of the school. High praises are due to the students and staff, as they always are, who have worked seamlessly through the myriad of days away, meetings and phone calls to continue their high quality effort towards their learning goals.

Michael Schwetz  
Relieving Principal

## Tightening Tension

If you read the heading above and started to break out into a mild panic take a deep breath and relax. The kids and staff are as happy as can be; the tension building in the school only exists in our writing. For the last few weeks we have been focusing on building the scene around our dramatic moments by making our audience feel as though they are surrounded by the action. By describing the character's five senses as well as their feelings and emotions as the problems get

progressively worse our readers get sucked into our story. Here is Jess' horrifying tale of being stuck in a bushfire.

*The red flames dancing wildly. Getting closer I ran for the phone. No, I left the phone outside and all I see is a black melted blob. The fire was so close the smoke filled my lungs. The heat radiated off the burnt gums in the yard. My tears ran down my red raw cheeks. The monstrous fire pushed its way into the house. I collapsed to the ground coughing terribly. I felt dizzy, my vision blurry...*

## Dance Party

In celebration of the outstanding effort put forward by our eight mighty dancers during this term's dance program, next Wednesday afternoon the classroom will turn into a discotheque. I am already looking forward to reliving my school disco glory days and I know the kids are excited to show



off their new found dance moves. In honour of the 80's students may wear their most colourful and shiny clothing to school that day.

### **The School Residence to Get a New 'Do'**

I am very pleased to announce that the Teacher Housing Authority has planned some significant maintenance for the teacher's house opposite the school. Over the next few months the house is due to have the roof replaced, water damage rectified, be completely painted inside and out and have new carpet installed. While not every principal chooses to take up the residence, I have no doubt that the provision of quality housing in isolated areas is critical to attracting and retaining quality



staff. This is a significant investment in the property and should see it remain an asset to the school for many years to come.

### **Harry Potter Movie and Pyjama Day**

Darcy is hard at work trying to convince me that we should celebrate our study of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by having a movie and pyjama day on the final day of term. While I am yet to see his reasoning presented on paper I have no doubt that he will present some very compelling arguments. Only time will tell if we are able to skip the pesky step of getting changed in the morning and lounge around in our jimmy-jams as we scowl at Snape and admire the wonder of Hogwarts.

### **School Uniform**

Recently the wearing of school uniform has declined significantly. Our uniform is a demonstration of our pride of belonging in such an amazing school. I know all too well of the difficulty in drying washing throughout winter; had you have walked into my house over the past few weekends you would be forgiven for mistaking my lounge room for the menswear section of a leading department store. However I ask everybody to redouble their efforts in sending kids to school in uniform each day. If sourcing our uniform is proving difficult please let me know.

### **Nimmitabel Small Schools Fun Day**

Unfortunately we will not be trekking out for Nimmitabel for this term's small school fun day.

This term has seen a departure from the traditional date of the last Wednesday of term in order to secure an available day from the activity's provider. In a stroke of bad luck the only available day happens to be the same as our excursion to Canberra Theatre. Without a doubt we will get back into the swing of things for next term's day to be held at Dalgety.

### **School Reports**

The teaching staff have been hard at work after school and on weekends to compile this semester's school reports. Despite a very busy term, currently everything is tracking well and these should be sent home on the Thursday of Week 10.

### **Monaro Education Group Principals' Meeting**

A few weeks back saw Jerangle host this term's local principals' meeting. Without a doubt these meetings are a valuable opportunity to work together and plan collaboratively to enhance the opportunities available to our students. An added bonus of this term's meeting was the opportunity to show off our wonderful little school and give an experience of Jerangle to our more town-based dwellers. Most of our guests had never ventured to Jerangle and for some reason they arrived looking slightly harrowed and expounding wild tales of survival following their slow and bouncy trip along Jerangle Road. Still keen for adventure they set off on the return leg via Peak View. While only a few people reading this will fear our trip into town, there does seem to be a little more understanding about what 'popping down the road' means for our students and staff.

Once again I would like to thank our wonderful P&C who catered for the cold and weary travellers. As would be expected the food was fabulous and plentiful and made everybody else realise just how spoiled I am to have such a wonderful P&C.

### **District Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to Darcy, Jess and Ben G. who represented the school as a part of the Rivers team at this year's district athletics carnival in Cooma. Simply getting to the next stage of completion is no mean feat, so I was particularly proud to send



nearly half the school. Reports back to me raved about the politeness and responsibility that each representative of our school demonstrated. Congratulations are due to Darcy who collected the second place ribbon in discus.

#### Term 4 Sydney Excursion

Plans are well underway for this year's major excursion to Sydney. We have managed to sneak into accommodation at the YHA at The Rocks during Week 4 of Term 4 (5<sup>th</sup> November-9<sup>th</sup> November). More information will be distributed as more plans and activities fall into place.



#### CWA Country of Study

I was devastated to learn that I would miss this year's CWA country of study after having missed out on last year's as well. This year the students presented their research on Poland. We had fascinating time learning about Polish inventions, such as the windscreen wiper and paperclip, and to discover their weather and economy seems very familiar to us. Once again the CWA did not disappoint; providing a captivated audience and captivating the students in turn with their home - prepared Polish delicacies.

#### Vail Keith Tozer

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Keith Tozer who passed away on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Keith attended Jerangle Public School during the 1940's and remained a big part of our school community with all his children and grandchildren also gracing our classroom. He remained a well-known Jerangle resident until very recently and he will be sorely missed around the locality.

#### Term 2 Break

The final day of this Term is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July (Week 10). Students will return on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Jerangle Playgroup

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 the Jerangle Playgroup. From time to time the Jerangle Playgroup may not meet due to the activities of the school, the availability of organisers or the number of children attending that week. If you would like to check on the playgroup before attending please ring Ciara Murphy on 6230 8198.

#### Community Notices

The community dinner will be held this Friday (29<sup>th</sup> June) at the CWA rooms at Jerangle starting at 6pm. All welcome!

Jerangle Public School Planner Calendar - Term 2 2018					
T2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	25 June	26 June	27 June	28 June Canberra Theatre excursion	29 June Principals' Meeting - Michael
10	2 July	3 July	4 July Dance party	5 July Semester 1 Reports go home	6 July Last Day of Term 2 ??Movie day??

Jerangle Public School Planner Calendar - Term 3 2018					
T3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	23 July Staff development day- Cooma	24 July Students return	25 July	26 July	27 July
2	30 July	31 July ICAS English competition	1 August	2 August	3 August
3	6 August	7 August	8 August	9 August	10 August
4	13 August	14 August ICAS Maths competition	15 August	16 August	17 August Possible X-country Skiing



## CWA Poland Presentation



## 2018 School Photo

