



# Jerangle Public School Newsletter

**Week 6 – Term 1**  
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JERANGLE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
LEARNING TOGETHER

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## Upcoming Events

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Staff development day-  
Queanbeyan Network

**No school for students**

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Best Start and Learning  
Progressions training  
Michael and Lisa

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Director's visit

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Berry Street Education  
Model, Sydney- Lisa

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Primary principals' meeting-  
Michael

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

District Cross Country  
Nimmitabel PS

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Small Schools Fun Day-  
Cooma Gymnastics Centre

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Last Day of Term 1

## From the Principal's desk

I'm sure it comes as no surprise to you that the first term is flying by, with us already passing the half-way mark! This morning saw the first frost, with a chilly zero degrees to remind us that winter is on its way. With that scary thought in mind I am glad to see just how much we have been getting up to both in the classroom and the administration office. I am thrilled to have all the Kindies reading and writing so happily and the bigger kids committing to their learning. I cannot wait to see what successes the next five weeks will bring!

## Going to the Cooma Show?

It's certainly no secret around the school that the Cooma Show is only days away. We have been hard at work incorporating many of the show's competitive fields into our work in class. I am very proud to have read through the poems of the senior students who have been busily rhyming away their literacy sessions to create quite interesting ballads. Whether it be a love of fishing, hatred of litter, saving trapped animals or outrunning your crazed mother on a lawn mower, every poem has a strong message to take home. Meanwhile Helen and I have been setting the students loose around the locality to frame and capture the essence of Jerangle for the photography section. In the spirit of fairness, I am quite pleased to say that each student's effort is one-hundred percent their own. We will also have our art on display and are desperately trying to ripen our tomatoes following the devastating crow attack on our biggest, juiciest, scarlet red tomatoes. It is probably safe to say that Kindergarten, who have been lovingly watering out tomato plants each day are no longer big fans of the local crow crowd but they are perhaps beginning to understand why we zip up lunch boxes at the end of eating time.

## Pupil free day is this Monday

A very friendly but serious reminder that next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March is a pupil free day. Teaching staff will be undertaking the first half of a network wide and particularly

promising spatial awareness and mathematics course. Meanwhile Helen will be attending a course to learn a new process to account for expenditure of staff wages and align it with particular funding allocations. This is always a particularly technical task in a small school where one staff member is often paid out of 8-10 different funding allocations. **This means that there will be no staff on site on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> March.**

## Dig deep for Jerangle

A big thank you to everybody who has supported the P&C's bulb drive in the last few weeks. An explosion of colour after the bleak winter drear is a wonderful reward for supporting the P&C to support our kids. There are very significant plans afoot, ready to come to fruition in the coming weeks and every cent raised is a cent closer to providing such meaningful and exciting learning experiences. Although orders were due on Wednesday, if you have been overwhelmed by the sheer beauty of the catalogue and not yet ordered, I will sneak any order which arrives before lunchtime on Monday into the pile.



### For sale by tender

#### Murray Brand Mower

We'll be honest, this mower has had a tough life belting up and down perhaps the most unlevel 'oval' in the state. Earlier last year it gave up the ghost and lost the ability to propel itself in either direction and the general assistant felt that pushing it around the playground might not be the most effective use of his time. At last check the engine ran well but the battery has since gone flat. It would suit someone who loves to tinker or who wants some spare parts.



#### Homemade chicken coop

This is a lovely and sturdy chicken coop, with the only problem being that we don't have any chickens. It comes with its own pallet for easy movement around the yard and would love to once again provide warmth and protection to a brood

Inspection is welcome at the school by arrangement (we would hate to be away when you drop by). Tenders for either item are due by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Contact the school for more information.



### Small schools fun day

Jerangle will be hosting this Term's small schools fun day. For a bit of a twist, as a few eagle-eyed students saw in the last newsletter's dates, we will be heading into Cooma for a gymnastics fun day. A note will go home shortly. Because of the distance to travel there will be no meal deal on the day. Please send your children with a full lunch box and **lots** of water.

### Clean Up Australia day

Last Friday the Jerangle crew donned their gloves and headed back to the bank of bins to help keep arguably the messiest part of Jerangle clean (the kids keep the school close to spotless). I am very pleased that this year we ran out of rubbish to find especially after we ran out of bags for rubbish last year. An extra special thanks goes to the parents who were able to come along and help out on for the afternoon.



### Cross Country

We have been hard at work increasing our stamina for the character-building Jerangle Cross Country, a gruelling 3km slog up the hill to the cemetery and back again with barely the time to take in the spectacular landscape. Several students have already made to the top of the hill and are developing their homeward charge. The event is scheduled for the very next free Friday afternoon, the **29<sup>th</sup> March (week 9)**, starting at 2pm. Parents are always welcome to lead the charge or perhaps bring up the rear. All competitors, young and old will be rewarded with an icy cold treat upon their triumphant return. The District Cross Country Event will be held the following week at Nimmitabel Public School and the adjoining golf course on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Week 10)**.

### External validation

This year the school will undergo 'External Validation'. This is a NSW Department of Education process in which every school participates once in each five year cycle. In short it involves the school presenting evidence to a small panel of principals from outside the local area to support our perceived placement within the School Excellence Framework. It is starkly apparent that this will be somewhat of a burden on a very small and busy crew. In recognition of this and in an effort to counteract this, the school's panel date has been placed extremely late in the year and we will receive a modest amount of principal release to support our preparation of the submission. I would like to stress that External Validation is not an 'audit' nor can it be 'failed'. In fact, it provides an opportunity to showcase what we already know, that we are a great little school doing great big things and gain insight about how we could do even better.

### School photos

School photos should take place before the end of term. After discussion with the P&C over the past few meetings I am investigating a few options to balance pricing and quality. While it is may be a little too early to be getting trims or practicing smiles, I am hoping to have a plan cemented in place before the next newsletter.