



Jerangle Public School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Friday 6th March
Jerangle Cross Country
Monday 23rd March
District Cross Country

From the Principal's desk

I am very pleased and most grateful to welcome you back to another year at Jerangle. After a horror holiday period savaged by wildfire, it is a testament to the strength and resilience of our

students and the love and support of their families, how quickly and calmly we have built and maintained the tempo and routine both in the classroom and the playground. An enormous thank you to our parents for their understanding after our false start to the year and who tolerated the day-by-day notice of the school being non-operational. I am always reluctant to not run our school on any given day but the decision to make the school non-operational was done on to ensure student safety on the advice of the State Operations Centre of the Rural Fire Service.



My heartfelt thanks go to the local and nearby Rural Fire Service Brigades from Jerangle, Peak View, Anembo and Bredbo who put in day after day, exhausted by the fight to save life and property and pull up the Good Good fire only to be hit again by Clear Range and Calabash. It has been very apparent in the last few weeks that our staff, all of whom are RFS volunteers arrived at school very exhausted and that this carried through our first few weeks. I am also keenly aware that all of our families have been affected by the bushfires, with houses under threat and much time spent away from their farms, jobs and loved ones. I will gladly support every family to ensure our students are ready and able to come to school and learn. As always I am always here on the end of the phone, or at school, for a coffee and a chat.

This term's learning

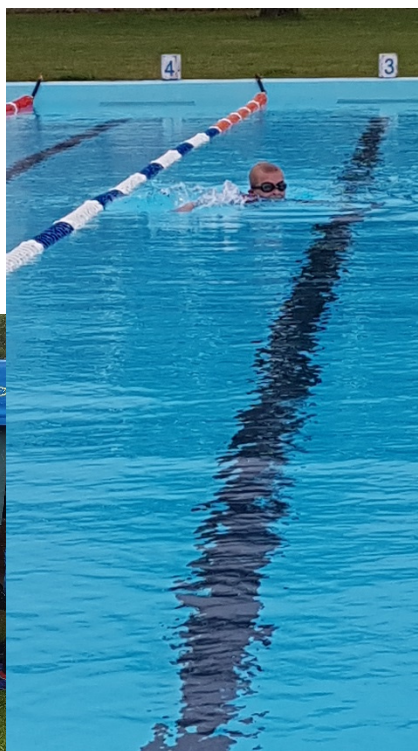
This term in science we are studying the properties of materials. Spencer and DJ are discovering some of the different ways we mix and separate materials every day to meet our needs While Ben and Benji are discovering the properties of solids, liquids and gasses and how they are converted between these three states. We are also hard at work getting our exhibits ready for the Cooma Show, with our eyes on the prize in photography, art and cooking. As we move past our show efforts we will begin to delve into our history topics. Finally Ben and Benji are studying the novel and movie *Storm Boy*. We have already read through the text and loved the text and are going to use it to guide our writing throughout the term.

Welcome Miss Brown

This week we have welcomed Miss Brown to our school and classroom. Miss Brown will be taking on Miss Coyne's role this term while Miss Coyne celebrates the arrival of Oliver Edward in the final days of 2019. Miss Brown has previously taught in England and the Newcastle area and will also be working some additional days as we catch up on some administrative tasks thrown aside during the bushfires.

Rivers small schools swimming carnival

Well done to all our students who attended our third attempt at holding our swimming carnival. Unable to secure Cooma Pool a third time we trekked down to Adaminaby and braved the unheated water. An enormous thanks go once again to our parents and small school colleagues who so willingly rescheduled the carnival to make sure we could come along for the day.



Cross Country

It is only a matter of days before we begin a very condensed training regime for the annual jaunt up the cruel and rugged hills of the Jerangle cross country course. As tough as our kids are, they are not big fans of being hot, so please send in shorts and joggers each day. The kids are more than welcome to change back into their beloved boots after practice.

The big day of the Jerangle Cross Country will be next Friday 6th March. Family are most welcome to spectate and cheers or perhaps take on the long slog to up to the cemetery gates and back again. All participants, adults included will be rewarded with a Zooper Dooper to help them recover and a certificate of completion to help them brag to their friends, families and colleagues.

The District X country event will be held on Monday 23rd March at Nimmitabel Public School.

Community Notices

The Community dinner will be held at the CWA rooms this Friday, 28th March at 6pm. Please bring a main course or dessert to share. Come have a chat, a meal and some fun. Gold coin donation