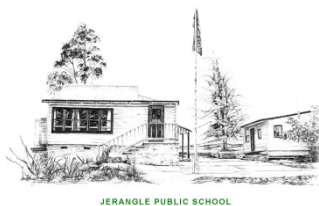




Jerangle Public School Newsletter

Week 8 – Term 3
14th September, 2018



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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 18th September Wheelchair basketball Bredbo PS
Thursday 20th September Sports Day - Michelago PS
Friday 21st September PPA Meeting (Michael & Helen)
Tuesday 25th September SMRC Waste and Recycling Session - Bredbo PS
Wednesday 26th September Small Schools Fun Day - Dalgety PS
Thursday 27th September JETS Transition 9-11:30am
Friday 28th September Last Day of Term 3
Sunday 7th October Daylight Savings begins
Monday 15th October Students return for Term 4
Wednesday 17th October Swimming lessons start
Thursday 18th October JETS Transition 9-11:30am
Wednesday 24th October School swimming
Thursday 25th October JETS Transition 9-11:30am
Thursday 25th October MEG meeting (Michael)
Monday 29th October Grandparents' Day
Wednesday 31st October School swimming
Thursday 18th October JETS Transition full day
Wednesday 24th October School swimming

From the Principal's Desk

I cannot deny it; I love the feeling of spring. As the cold ebbs away and the sunshine soaks in, energy bursts from you and anything becomes possible. The next few weeks will be very busy, with us due to clock up several hundred kilometres of excursion travel visiting other small schools. With only two 'full to the brim' weeks to go, the spring holidays will be upon us in no time.

Don't Let Your Kid's Uniform Melt Away

We have hit that wonderful time of the year when the days start a little cooler but warm up gloriously and as such I now face a near identical conversation each day;

Melting child: "It's hot, can we turn the fans up to three"?

Quite comfortable teacher: "But it's 16 degrees"!

Melting child: "Exactly, that's hot"!!

Given that Jerangle kids never seem to stop running around they are constantly shedding their jumpers and rolling up or switching out of their long pants. Indeed, they are quite talented at finding new and creative places to hide their clothing around the school but sadly seem far less so at locating it again. To help us through the next few weeks of term please;

- Label all your child's clothing (family names are sufficient).
- Check older clothing to see if the name has worn off.
- Send your child with a jumper each day, just in case.
- Send shorts either under long pants or packed in bags.

As we move into the warmer weather we are getting back into the habit of having a drink bottle on the desk and a school hat on our head. Please take the opportunity over the next few weeks to seek out these items before the start of Term 4. From day of 1 Term 4 no hat means play in the shade. If your school hat has vanished we have plenty available for \$5 (a real bargain).

The JETS Fly In

We had a brilliant time welcoming our JETS into our classroom yesterday. There were a couple of tears at the gate but I was able to stop myself before any the kids arrived. I must say I was quite impressed at how quickly the JETS settled into the classroom and how proud and comfortable they were with having a go. Everybody enjoyed the



energy and cuteness that comes with welcoming little ones into our school and I certainly relished in the fact that I wasn't too rusty after two years Kinder-free.

Who Will Be the Principal Next Year?

The process to appoint a substantive principal for next year has begun. Shortly the panel will meet to formulate a set of criteria and create the advertisement to go out in the first couple of weeks next term. If all goes well the position should be filled and the successful candidate announced well before the end of the year.

Sonja's Tree Planted

Last year the P&C presented Sonja with twin trees, one for her house and one for the school, to recognise the significant time and effort she put into the school during her many years here. Last week with the ground softening up a little and the tree about to wake from its slumber, it was planted near the cubby in a spot where it can watch over the kids as they play. Over the coming years it should provide a welcome bit of shade for the children to rest in when the climbing across the equipment becomes too much.

NAPLAN Results are Coming

There has been a considerable amount of confusion and delay with this year's NAPLAN results due to some difficulties comparing the old fashioned paper and pencil test (which we sat) and the computer based test (which we will most likely commence next year). The good news for us is that our individual student results are not affected and we should be able to get a good picture of student performance and growth. These results are currently in transit and will go home next week. As I always stress, the results are a snapshot of a student's work on a given day not a holistic assessment of their ability. Should you have any questions or concerns please seek me out. I am keen, as I always am, to discuss your child's progress at any time during the year.

The New Roof and the Internet

Work has begun on the school residence with the roof being replaced over the last two weeks. Next time you venture past you will see the house is sporting a shiny dark grey roof and underneath are many new and non-rotten pieces of framework. However the trade-off has been the loss of the internet from my house until such a time as the technician can realign the satellite dish. Until this happens any contact you try to make with me through the school's Facebook or Messenger page will simply not get through until the next day.

Hay Day

Congratulations to all our farmers who dressed up and munched on Sausage Sandwiches for Hay Day. We were able to raise \$40.50, five times the original goal of \$1 a student. Thank you to everyone who bought lunch or donated additional money. The ingredients were also donated by staff to help support the day.



Pink Stumps Cricket Day

A certain cricket-mad student has been begging to hold a Pink Stumps Cricket day to raise money for breast cancer research. Being the hard task-master that I am, we decided to write persuasive pieces to convince me of the pros or cons of such a day. Most students involved pleaded the yes case (with only Jack fervently opposed due to it being too pink). The day will be held from 2-3pm on the last Friday of Term (28th September). All parents and community members are invited to attend. More information will follow shortly.

Grandparents' Day

Following on from the successful Mums' and Dads' Days we have held in the past this year we will be celebrating the love and support of our all grandparents. On Monday 29th October (Week 3, Term 4) we are hoping as many grandparents as possible can join with us to decorate their very own letter to add to the school in the same style of our tree, stars and fish. Of course we would love to have our parents come along and add their own touch to the place as well.

School Swimming

We have been very lucky to have secured a Sporting Schools grant to deliver our swimming program next term. Having missed out on the grant and having to cancel tennis this term I was worried about how we would make swimming work in an already expensive term. We have also received a very welcome \$80 donation from the Rotary Club of Cooma towards the significant transport costs of getting our kids to the pool.