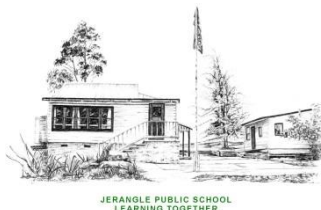




# Jerangle Public School Newsletter

**Week 3 – Term 3**

10<sup>th</sup> August, 2018



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## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to Term 3! It cannot come as a surprise that we have once again hit the ground running and are already deep into this term's topics. This term will prove to be a busy one with many excursions planned to supplement our learning in class. I am personally devastated to learn that I will no longer be able to catch up with my old friend Healthy Harold in Week 6, having been summoned to the director's principal meeting that day. However I take heart in knowing that I will not be spared from our upcoming snow adventures. I can only hope that whatever uneven ground caused me to topple so many times last year has been smoothed over and I am able to reveal my previously unknown ability to carve up the x-country trails.

Michael Schwetz  
Relieving Principal

## The Jerangle School Bus Under Threat!

It is not often that I start a newsletter by putting information before showing off a little of what our students are producing in class. However, the suggestion that we may soon lose our bus run cannot be ignored.

It would come as no surprise to you that we have been trying to gain fair and equitable access to school for our students living on the Bredbo-bound part of Jerangle Road for over a year now. Despite our local member, the Minister for Regional New

South Wales John Barilaro's full support, Transport for NSW refuses to acknowledge or consider the unique and dangerous conditions involved with getting students to school in Jerangle.

However in recent correspondence provided to the P&C, the Minister for Transport recently revealed that they had placed the Jerangle bus route under review, ironically because not enough students are able to catch the bus. This greatly concerns me as to the effects this will have upon our school and our ability to provide for our local students.

## A little Extra Art

Although we are forced to deal with the distraction that the bus service is causing, we haven't stopped doing what we do best which is to focus on developing our eight amazing little people. With Carolyn away, on a well-deserved tour of Europe, we have seized upon the spare time to do a little bit of extra art. Here are a few examples of our masterpieces.





### What Are We Learning This Term?

As the memories of our refreshing break rapidly fade, we have been hard at work studying this term's topics.

In science the younger students will be studying the forces at play on objects caused by pushes, pulls, water and gravity. Meanwhile the older students are looking into what heat is, where it comes from and the effect that it has in the world. In Geography the younger group will be researching the connection that people have with some places within Australia, while the older

students are looking further afield at the factors which can shape an environment and the way these impact on their use. All students are teaming up to look into the positive effects of an active lifestyle on our body and will be spoiled with three days of X-country skiing, a day of wheelchair basketball at Bredbo Public School and a sports day at Michelago Public School.

### Brain Break Science Morning Tea

In celebration of National Science Week, this Tuesday we will be hosting a Brain Break Morning Tea. All community members, both big and small, are invited to join with us for a morning of fun science experiments followed by a cuppa and a snack. The fun will run from 9:30-11:30am on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

### Kindergarten Transition (JETS)

The Jerangle Extended Transition to School will commence in the next few weeks, to give our 2019 students the best possible start to school. In order to work around the vital work of the Captains Flat Pre School, **JETS** will run on Fridays, starting with the morning session before working up to the full day. Our future students will be immersed in 'Big School' to learn all about a normal day, consolidate their prior to school knowledge and enhance their friendships with their peers. Even if you are only considering the benefits of a small school please don't hesitate to contact the school with any questions you may have.

### Year Six Transition

As we say hello to our new Kindies we are forced to accept that we will soon say farewell (but not goodbye) to our year six students. Work has been underway, behind the scenes, for the past term to smoothly transition our year six legends to their selected high schools. Week 7 will see the some of the staff and students from Monaro High visit Jerangle to talk all about what high school is like and what to expect. This will be followed up some transition days at Monaro High. For students transitioning to other high schools, we have been busy keeping on top of the opportunities they provide and will provide this information as soon as it is forthcoming.

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

I am always willing to discuss your child's learning or any other aspect of their schooling at any time throughout the year. However if there is any part



of your child's report which you would like clarification on, or you would like to suggest some possible areas for development in the coming term, I would love to hear from you. With Personalised Learning Pathways due for an update shortly, now is a great time to pop by for a chat.

### Darcy the Regional Athlete

Congratulations to Darcy, who has progressed to the regional carnival for discus, which will be held at the AIS in Week 8. It is so pleasing to see him excel in such a competitive field and his success only goes to show that going to small school doesn't limit the opportunities available to our children.

### Premier's Spelling Challenge

Congratulations to Ben H. and Darcy who took out the 3/4 and 5/6 spelling challenges at assembly on Friday. All students did themselves proud in what can be quite a nerve-racking experience. This is the first time in a long time that we have joined in the challenge so it was just for a bit of fun and experience. The regional finals will be held at Nimmitabel later this term.

### Term 4 Sydney Excursion

Plans for the Term 4 Sydney excursion are almost finalised, with us just waiting for one or two loose ends to come together. Later this week a permission note and payment information will be sent home. Please return the note and deposit promptly to allow final bookings to be made. Many attractions require final numbers to be made two months in advance and any changes made after that day incur fees and cancellation charges.

### SAP HR Payroll

Helen and I are once again busy implementing the rollout of another new Department system. This

time, we are replacing the current payroll system with a new integrated model. This means that once again we will be busy completing the training and many lead-up tasks before deployment. I am relieved to think that having deployed so many new systems in the past eighteen months, there can't be too many more left to replace. As before, I apologise if we take a little longer to get back to you or to get a job done for you.

### NAPLAN Online Readiness Test

In Week six of this term we will once again be participating in a readiness test for the online NAPLAN testing platform. It is most likely that we will complete NAPLAN online next year and this will ensure we are still ready to do so. As was the case last year, as this is a test of equipment, not a test of the students, no reports will be issued from the task.

### Shorter Newsletters, More Often

For the remainder of this term we will be testing the water with a two page, fortnightly newsletter. It is hoped this will get information to our avid readers in a more timely manner and give a better chance to fit in some of the great things that are happening.

### A New Website is coming

Work has been underway in the background for a few months readying the new school website. It is expected to be released by the end of this term. During this time there may be some instances where the website is taken offline or may not function appropriately. I hope that with the new system the website upkeep may be simplified which will allow it to be updated more often.

Jerangle Public School Planner Calendar - Term 3 2018					
T2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	13 August	14 August Brain Break Morning Tea Director visit-1pm	15 August	16 August	17 August X-country Skiing
5	20 August	21 August	22 August	23 August	24 August MEG Meeting @Dalgety - Michael
6	27 August	28 August	29 August Healthy Harold @Captains Flat PS	30 August	31 August X-country Skiing
7	3 September	4 September Monaro High transition visit to Jerangle	5 September	6 September	7 September
8	10 September	11 September	12 September X-country Skiing	13 September	14 September

## Business as Usual!

