



Jerangle Public School

Learning Together

Newsletter

Week 5 - Term 2

29th May, 2020



From the Principal's desk

It has been such a pleasure to once again have the students walk through the door and into class from the first day of term. Yet again, our size has worked to our advantage as we are able to meet and exceed the requirements of social distancing and hygiene protocols for our students and staff. This of course has not been an easy task, requiring many adaptations and additional work to make the possibility a reality. My upmost thanks and congratulations go to the staff who have so willingly met the challenge of keeping Jerangle a safe and responsible place to learn amid the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Upcoming Events

Monday 8th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 3rd July

Last day of Term 2

Welcome Mrs O'Shea and Damien

Recently the Department of Education committed to ensuring that our regular casual teaching and support staff have been assured an opportunity to work amid the very changed world that COVID-19 has brought upon us. We have been very lucky to have a teacher and School Learning Support Officer assigned to assist at Jerangle. Both members of staff have been put straight to work assisting student learning and consolidating some of the work from home activities from last term.

What does the return to school look like for Jerangle?

Although we were a bit of a trend setter in our fast return to school, unfortunately it does not mean a return to business as usual. COVID-19 is not believed to have a significant effect upon primary aged children but it is still very much a risk to staff, parents and the community. As such there are still many restrictions and practices in place affecting how we would normally operate. Please help us by following these rules and procedures until further notice:

- ✗ Parents and community members are asked not to enter the school grounds. Please ring the school if you feel your visit is unavoidable.
- ✗ Excursions, inter-school activities and additional activities using non-Departmental staff are not allowed.
- ✗ The use of bubblers by students is not allowed. Please ensure your child has a drink bottle each day.
- ✗ School assemblies, P&C meetings, family and community days.

The following practices are in place to assist in maintaining a reduced risk environment:

- ✓ Regular supervised hand sanitising using soap and warm water or alcohol-based sanitiser.

- ✓ Enhanced cleaning hours during the day to provide cleaning of high touch surfaces such as desks, benches, handrails, bins, toilets and playground equipment.
- ✓ Social distancing amongst staff members.
- ✓ As always good respiratory hygiene is practiced including the use of tissues, coughing and sneezing etiquette, avoiding contact with the eyes, mouth and nose, prompt disposal of used tissues and cleaning of hands after doing any of these.

The letterbox gets a spruce up

Next time you are passing through Jerangle, slow down just that little bit more or even stop completely to have a socially distant look at the letter box's new paint job. Inspired by the 4 seasons, the boys have put in a solid effort to showcase the beauty that Jerangle has to offer. You might even see a famous little fire truck doing its bit! An enormous congratulations to the boys for their effort, time, commitment and concentration to create such a professional looking job. Art is great therapy and we are very proud to show off something that is both functional and bright and cheery in our autumn's dull drear.



So does the most blank wall in the school

Not to be outdone by the kids, Cathy has been hard at work during the holidays sprucing up the outside wall of the classroom. Earlier in the year (pre-Covid-19) saw the arrival of our awesome tractor prop from last year's play upon the wall. Ever since, Cathy has been hard at work crafting more hay, cows, sheep, grass and even Pip the dog and his bone and bowl upon plywood and delivering them ready for attachment. So while you are stopped out the front, drive round the side and take a socially distant look at our bright new wall art.



Our local legends

Congratulations to our most recent local legend award recipients:



Week 4: Spencer for a fantastic improvement in effort.

Week 5: Ben H for a mature and confident approach to classroom tasks.

