



NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

Swimming Lessons at the Cathles	Monday	10	February
Poetry workshop – Robyn Sykes	Tuesday	11	February
Swimming Carnival – Gundagai	Wednesday	12	February
P&C AGM & general meeting 3.30pm	Wednesday	19	February
Enterprise agreement school closed	Monday	17	February
Author visit – Susan Berran	Monday	24	February
Swimming Lessons at the Cathles	Wednesday	26	February
School Clean-up Day	Friday	28	February
Swimming Lessons at the Cathles	Wednesday	5	March
Swimming Lessons at the Cathles	Wednesday	12	March
Enterprise agreement school closed	Friday	21	March
Fishing trip/camp at the Davis property	Friday	11	April



Our Kindergarten Kids 2014

Dear Parents

Welcome back to another year. The school is expanding with our new 'Little Tackers,' Maxwell and Max who started Kindergarten last week. A very warm welcome also to Abbey, Oscar and Lachlan who are years 3 and 5.

On a personal note I would like to thank all the parents and students for the very kind Christmas cards and presents last year. The positive feedback was very uplifting and most appreciated. All the presents were great! I bought a decent pair of sun glasses with the BCF voucher and haven't lost them yet which might surprise some of you. My principal mates are particularly envious of the Bart Simpson key ring depicting Bart writing the the same line repeatedly on the blackboard, 'Mr Sull is the best teacher in the world.' That momento has gone straight to the mantle piece in the pool room and I am sure it will become a family heirloom.

The students really put on a good show for Presentation Night and I was delighted for each of them. Once again thank you to all involved with the catering, props, set up, staging the show and the big cleanup. The night just wouldn't be the same without the P&C's and community support and the goodwill and big effort of our parents.



Our kindies were sports captains on their first day.

Gundagai Swimming Carnival

Appologies for the short notice on this one. Kasey the manager of Gundagai Pool who ran some of the swimming lessons with our kids last year suggested to Gundagai South School, Bongongo and Brungle that we be invited along to join them. Thus the late invite, but the day sounds suitable for us with a mix of competitive and across the pool races. Our younger kids can use the smaller pools throughout the day and the kids can catch up with their friends from last year's swim camp.

Student Council News

Congratulations to the following students for being voted in to the following positions:

President	Oscar
Vice president	Jason
Secretary	Jess
Treasurer	Abbey

Students quickly voted for another fishing trip at the Davis property with the option of staying overnight. The camp last year proved to be a nice social event for families. Put the date on the calendar, all welcome. Please note this is not a school organised function. Supervision of the children is the responsibility of the parents and I am attending as Mark not Mr Sull!

The council was keen to do some fund raising. A crazy hair day will be organised to raise funds for cancer research.

Students flagged the idea of a reward system for good citizenship on the playground. The system is now in place and operating with points earned going towards 'The Good Box Draw'.

A water afternoon was quickly voted in for Friday 14 February weather permitting. Sprinkler will be on, waterslide out and water pistols are OK. No water balloons please. Kids can change in to swimmers and a towel could come in handy before they hop in the car. The fun will start after afternoon at 2.30pm.

Swimming Lessons at the Cathle's Pool

Helen(Dawn Fraser) Cathles with the help of Mark (Thorpy) Sullivan (and I really do have a sore shoulder) has kindly offered to conduct swimming lessons at her pool. We thought we would, "Go into Camp" this coming Monday in preparation for the carnival on Wednesday. If transport is available we would leave the school at 1.10pm and travel to Athelington. Due to the number of students, 3 half hour lessons would be conducted. This is a little awkward as the students will need supervising for 1 hour when not in the pool. If a parent would like to run an activity for the non swimmers it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any ideas for activities please give me a bell. Students to be picked up from Athelington at 3.15pm.

Future lesson dates: 26 February; 5 and 12 March. Additional lessons past this date would be dependent of weather conditions.

Enterprise Agreement

As you are aware we run a longer school day in order to be closed 2 days per term to allow students to attend scheduled medical appointments , participate in family trips etc. I was hoping to change the closed day from a Monday to a Friday. I am aware of a medical appointment already made for Monday 17 February, so that date stands. If there are no objections to the proposed day change the dates of the Friday closures for semester 1/2 would be:

Friday 21 March

Friday 16 May; and

Friday 6 June.

Parent Interviews

Starting next week I would like to have a chat to parents about your child's progress at the school and generally have an exchange of thoughts and ideas about the year ahead. I also need to survey parents to generate data for writing the Annual School Report. Last year I had to quickly apply to run the Enterprise Agreement this year and the department has stated that it will be asking for more evidence of support for the program this year. Therefore at the interviews I will also be canvassing your thoughts on the longer school day and the 2 closed school days per term. Please let me know when you can come in and we will make an appointment.

School Clean Up Day(Clean Up Australia Day Weekend) Friday 28 February

The students and staff will clean up the main street between the bridge and the hall first thing Friday morning. Math activities will follow when we categorise and weigh the rubbish collected. Please feel free to join us, bring a pair a gloves. Students will be provided with gloves.

School Internal Hours

School commences 9.05am

Fruit break 10.30am

Lunch 12.30pm.

School ends 3.15pm

The students share a platter of fruit at 10.30am, fruit is brought from home and cut up by the parents.

Catastrophic Fire Warning Days

Our school has been identified as a fire prone school therefore I will be ordered to close the school by the department on these days. Parents will be notified of the decision ASAP. Yass Public School will be the alternate venue for the day. Parents will need to transport students there where I will meet them and teach them for the day.

Pick up of students.

Although a little car park this area presents the greatest risk of serious injury at the school. To minimise the risk of a tragic event, students are to remain behind the gate until their parents arrive. Students are to go straight to their transport following the fence line. Please ensure there is no running around the vehicles or students walking behind vehicles.

If you have organised someone else to pick up your child/ren please advise the school on the day.

Absences

All absences are to be reported on the day either by email – weejasper-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or by phone. If your child is absent for more than 2 days a doctors certificate is required.

Leaving school grounds.

On occasion the students and I leave the school grounds to go to the hall, community grounds or down to the bridge. Legally I need your permission to take them out of the school.

Please complete the attached permission note and return to the Administration office.

Child Protection

The New working with children check.

All employed staff are required to complete a National Criminal Check by 2018. This is done via www.kids.nsw.gov.au, the paperwork is then taken to the RTA and validated. There is a cost of \$80 for this check to be paid by the person applying. At this stage volunteers are exempt but will

be phased in. Fact sheets and relevant information can also be found at Children's Guardian website.

Voluntary contributions

Voluntary contributions for 2014 are \$100 per child for our excursion fund, (please note that no excursion costs are charged to parents throughout the year), \$60.00 per child for text books and \$20/child (new students only) for headphones. These monies are to be paid to Suzanne and can be paid off in installments over the year.

Bookclub

Attached please find the first Issue of Bookclub for the year. If you wish to purchase books please return the forms to school by 20th February. The payment options are cash to the school or cheque made out to Scholastics, or payment on line and receipt number brought to the school when order is placed.

PERMISSION NOTE
WEE JASPER PUBLIC SCHOOL

I.....hereby give permission for my child/ren.....
to leave the school grounds by foot to undertake activities at Wee Jasper Memorial Hall,
Wee Jasper Community Ground during 2014. I understand students will be under the supervision
of a teacher.

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Parent