



Wee Jasper Public School Newsletter



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Wee Jasper Public School Term 4 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
Term 4 Oct 1	14 10am Fly to Launceston Cataract Gorge Mrs Griffiths	15 Beaconsfield Mine Penny Royal Adventures Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley	16 Cradle Mountain Deloraine Folk Museum King Solomon's Caves 8pm Tasmania Devil Tour Mrs Griffiths	17 Cradle Mountain Scott- Kilvert Hut Overnight Hike Mr Smith Mrs Longley Mrs Young	18 Mrs Longley	19 Strahan Zeehan Pioneers Museum Stage Performance— The Ship That Never was	20 Strahan Gordon River Cruise
Oct 2	21 Strahan Bonnet Island Cruise— penguins & lighthouse tour Mrs Griffiths	22 West Coast Wilderness Railway Tarraleah – Franklin River Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley	23 Drive to Port Arthur Nature walk Mrs Griffiths Mrs Young	24 Port Arthur Visit Mrs Griffiths Mr Smith Mrs Longley	25 Drive to Hobart Tessellated Paveway Tasman Arch Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley	26 Hobart Big Red Bus Salaman- ca markets Fly home— return to WJ 8pm	
Oct 3	28 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon Mrs Longley	29 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths	30 Mrs Griffiths	31 Mrs Longley Mr Smith Mrs Young	1 Mrs Longley 10am—Golf Workshop	2 Bun- nings BBQ – Gun- dahlin	3
Nov 4	4 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon Mrs Longley Students & Teachers @ Gunning PS	5 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths	6 Mrs Griffiths 2-3pm Reconciliation Art Exhibition @ Cooma Cottage	7 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Mr Smith National Parks - Aboriginal Studies Workshop	8 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Mrs Young National Parks - Aborigi- nal Studies Workshop	9	10
Nov 5	11 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon Nicole Godding - Editing Photos Workshop	12 Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley	13 Mrs Griffiths	14 Mr Smith Mrs Longley Mrs Young	15 Mrs Longley 10am—Golf Workshop		
Nov 6	18 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon	19 Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley	20 Mrs Griffiths	21 Mrs Griffiths Mr Smith Mrs Longley Mrs Young	22 Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley 10am—Golf Workshop		
Nov 7	25 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon	26 Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley	27 Mrs Griffiths	28 Mr Smith Mrs Longley Mrs Young	29 Mrs Longley 10am—Golf Workshop		
Dec 8	2 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon Music - 11:30 - 1pm Ben Hoare	3 Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley	4 Mrs Griffiths	5 Mrs Griffiths Mr Smith Mrs Longley	6 Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley Mrs Young 9—11am—Community Golf Challenge		
Dec 9	9 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon	10 Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley	11 Mrs Griffiths	12 Mr Smith Mrs Longley Mrs Young	13 Mrs Longley End of Year Concert		
Dec 10	16 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon Swim Camp—Gundagai	17 Mrs Griffiths Swim Camp—Gundagai	18 Mrs Griffiths Swim Camp—Gundagai LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	19 Staff Development day @ Gunning PS SASS— Finance Teachers—Science Mr Smith—WJPS	20 Staff Development day @ WJPS Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley Ms Andrews		



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P&C

Everyone is welcome to join the P&C Meeting.

Anyone interested in helping for a 2 hour (or longer) shift at our the Bunnings Fundraiser is encouraged to contact Helen Cathles 62279217 or Bridgette Cathles 0428754680

⇒ P&C Meeting—8am at school

⇒ Bunning BBQ—Saturday 2 November at **Gungahlin** 8am –4pm



Save the Date



Social function - Saturday 30 November
Details to come

Highlights

This edition of our newsletter sees each student being a journalist and writing an article for the community. We look forward to watching this evolve over the remainder of the year.

Thank you for the positive feedback about receiving a hard copy of the Wee Jasper Public School newsletter. We will continue to deliver two newsletters each term. If we have delivered one to you and you no longer wish to receive it, please let us know. If you are aware of someone who missed out and would wish to receive one, please let us know.

We have started updating our website so our community can easily access school information. Our website is -

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Calendar

Term 4 – Week 1

Mon 14 Oct	Students, Ms Andrews & Mrs Cathles leave for Tasmania. Launceston— Cataract Gorge Mrs Griffiths here Ms Foulon here
Tues 15 Oct	Beaconsfield Mine Tour & Penny Royal Adventures. Mrs Longley here Mrs Griffiths here
Wed	Arrive in Cradle Mountain. Tasmania Devil Park Mrs Griffiths here
Thurs	Cradle Mountain Wilderness overnight hike Mrs Longley here Mr Smith here Mrs Young here
Fri	Return from Cradle Mountain Wilderness Mrs Longley here
Sat	Drive to Strahan. Zeehan Pioneers Museum
Sun	Gordon River Cruise—through Hell Gates & lady Sarah Island

Term 4– Week2

Mon 2 Sept	Strahan. Bonnet Island Cruise. Penguin and Light-house Tour Mrs Griffiths here Ms Foulon here
Tues 3 Sept	Drive to Queenstown. West Coast Wilderness Railway. Drive to Tarraleah. Derwent Bridge & first water powered electricity station Mrs Longley here Mrs Griffiths here
Wed 4 Sept	Drive to Port Arthur Mrs Griffiths here Mrs Young here
Thurs 5 Sept	Port Arthur Guided Tour Mrs Longley here Mrs Griffiths here Mr Smith here
Fri 6 Sept	Drive to Hobart. Tessellated Paveway & Tasman Mrs Longley here Mrs Griffiths here
Sat	Hobart's Big Red Bus Tour. Salamanca markets. Flight leave Hobart 2pm. Arrive Canberra 6:15pm

Term 4 – Week 3

Mon 9 Sept	Mrs Longley teaching Mrs Griffiths here Ms Foulon here
Tues 10 Sept	Ms Andrews & Mrs Longley teaching Mrs Griffiths here
Wed 11 Sept	Ms Andrews teaching Mrs Griffiths here
Thurs 12 Sept	Mrs Longley teaching Ms Andrews—principal admin Mr Smith here Mrs Young here
Fri 13 Sept	Mrs Longley teaching Ms Andrews—principal admin 10am Golf Workshop
Sat	P&C Fundraiser—Bunnings BBQ Gungahlin

Principal's Report

Everyone is very excited about the upcoming Tasmania excursion in the first two weeks of Term 4. The students have been busy researching the history of early Australia to support their visit to Port Arthur, Lady Sarah Island and Zeehan Pioneer Museum. They have learned a lot about the history around how the Aboriginal people used the land, the impact of the first settlers to Australia and the hardships of convict life. We have been developing fitness for our overnight walk in Cradle Mountain by scaling some of the hills in Wee Jasper. We have also explored the diverse environments which exist in Tasmania. We are looking forward to seeing the geological features, flora and fauna first hand.

I wish to thank Wendy Griffiths for her thorough planning and attention to detail, ensuring we maximise this incredible opportunity for our students. Thank you to everyone who has assisted in making this adventure come to fruition. This was jointly funding by the Wee Jasper Community Association, Wee Jasper P&C, parent contributions, school funds and the donation of recycling from Wee Jasper Reserves, Yass Soldiers Club and community members and visitors who deposit their recycling in the school's and Billy Grace's recycling station. Thank you!

Congratulations to our students for their outstanding effort in Term 3. They are thriving in rich learning opportunities which focus on high academic achievement, the development of social consciousness, belief in their potential for life long learning, capacity to confidently and creatively express themselves and a desire to care for others and their world. Their sheer determination and positivity reinforces my knowledge that I have the best job in the world!

The team of professionals we have working at Wee Jasper Public School astounds me. Our students are in the caring hands of all staff. I thank them for their commitment and the personalised attention they provide all our students. I wish staff a relaxing and well deserved holiday.

Thank you to our incredible parents who strive to support the school in every possible way. Enjoy your family time over the next two weeks. We look forward to a vibrant Term 4.

Our end of year concert has been booked for Friday 13 December. More details to come.

Michelle Andrews



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Marvellous Photos

These are photos taken by me, Jackson Cathles with some help from Nicole Godding, James and Ms Andrews. We established this marvellous photography on Monday 16th September at a school workshop. We went to many different sites across Wee Jasper to take some amazing photos. The photos you can see below are just four out of many other photos I took. We went to capture wildlife photos at Micalong and Swinging Bridge.



My favourite photo.

This one is called, "Landscape". A little pale I know but that is what I called it.

Many adults commented on the quality of this photo. They seemed to like it. I think I fluked this good shot I named it, "Vortex".



This one is called, "What's Over There?" I named it that because

Dougal, the boy on the rock and Bundy, the dog on the rock were looking towards a bush and were probably thinking, "Hey what's over there"?



The Giants

People swim in me all day long. Sometimes small woolly things walk over to me and drink me and make me smaller. Some of the woolly things have horns. Tree is always getting peeled and stabbed by sticks from the little pests that climb all over him and stand up straight like all of us.

Colourful tiny creatures fly round Tree and leave droppings all over him. But Tree is ok, when it is night he can shake it all off. At night, I can get up and stand up straight and play with Tree, Hill and Rock.

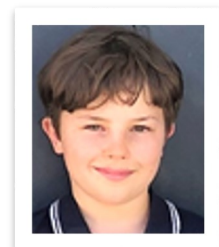
Rock and Hill are together. They are big and strong. Rock is a boy who has lots of parts. One of his parts is called ores. His ores are shiny and make the stars look dull when they shine against my water. Although he is shiny, he is always getting picked at by those pesky, little, white taller pests that do all of the hurting around here.

Hill is a girl and she has baby trees running over her. She is green, due to recent rain and she has flowers all over her back.

Hill, Tree and I are very old but not as old as Rock. He told us that he used to have a friend called Magma. He doesn't show up as much probably because he is scared of touching me. I am made of clear water and if we touch, lots of stone and obsidian goes ever where and then I will go and he will stay. We do see Magma every now and then and we play at night with him and have fun.

We are still ignored and not seen for our value and sheer size by anyone. One day we will be seen and known as gods, titans, universal creations or at least just noticed.

By Jackson Cathles





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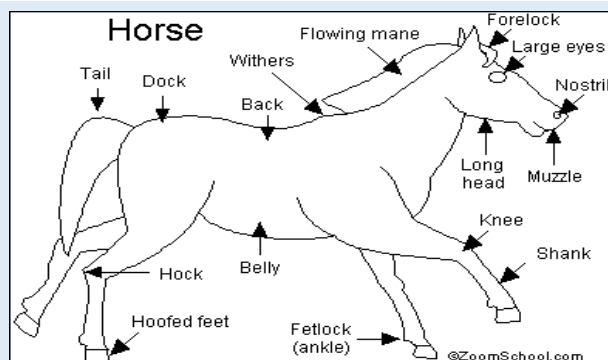
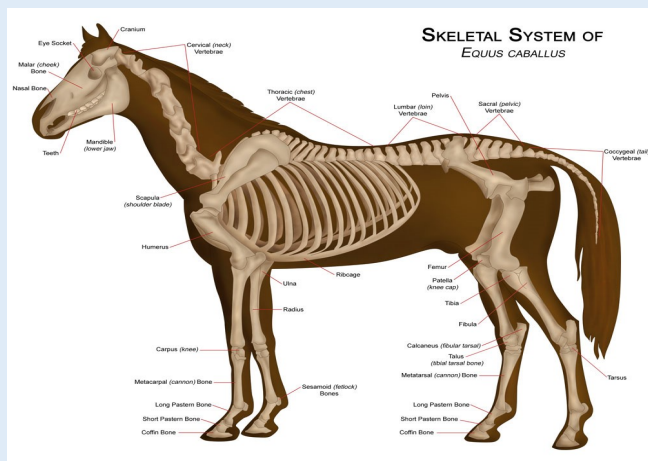
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Dougal's Horse Facts

Did you know ?

- ◆ **Horses** can sleep both lying down and standing up.
- ◆ **Horses** can run shortly after birth.
- ◆ Domestic **horses** have a lifespan of around 25 years.
- ◆ It is rumoured a 19th century **horse** named 'Old Billy' is said to have lived 62 years.
- ◆ **Did you know Horses** have around 205 bones in their skeleton. Compared to a human which has 206. That is a very small difference.
- ◆ Horses have been domesticated for over 5000 years.



Photos with Nicole Godding



I chose this photo because it is tremendously beautiful. The water looks as if it is made of glass, captured in time.

Horse Hunt-a-Word

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appaloosa

b l h o n r x s d s

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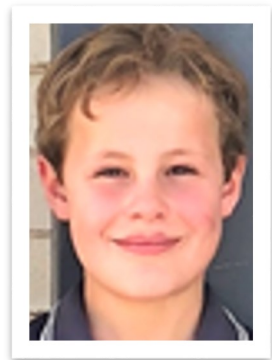
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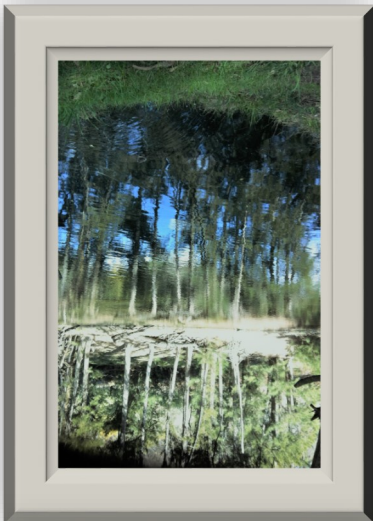
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By Dougal Cathles



Pictures

I took these photos when doing a photography class with Nicole Godding. I thought the reflection was very beautiful in this photo of the trees. The second photo was experimenting with water. I got on my hands and knees and took a photo of the water.

By George Cathles



Science Teacher Jokes

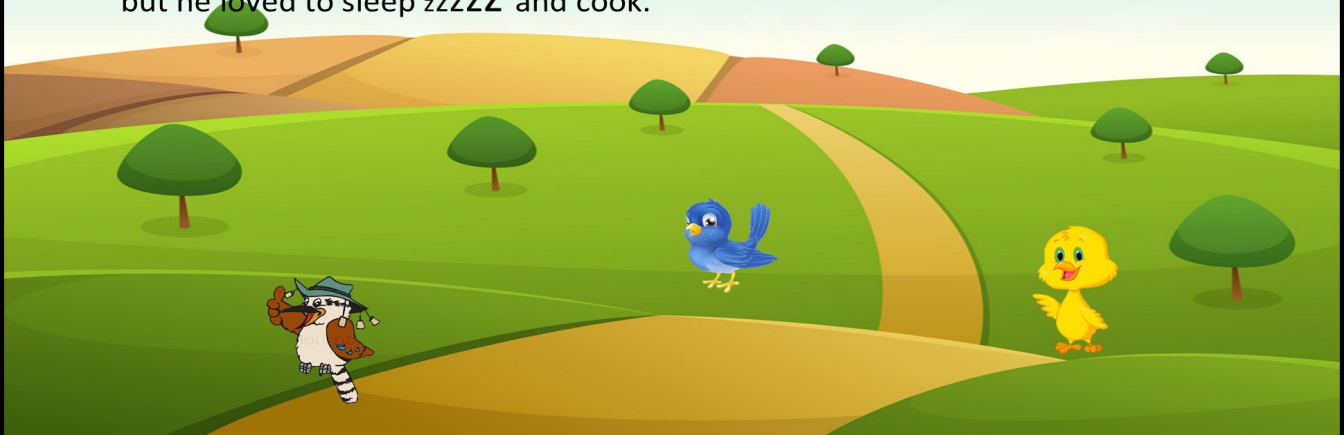
- ◆ To tickle your pa you give him a particle.
- ◆ Never trust a particle they make up every thing.

Story

I have written a story for an audience aged between 2-7. It is called Bluey Blue Bird.

This is one of the pages in the story.

Once upon a time there was a bird. His name was Bluey Blue Bird. He lived with Grandpa Bird and his best friend was Sunny. Sunny was a yellow bird who liked to jump and buck. Grandpa was a cheerful kookaburra. He didn't like to jump or buck but he loved to sleep zzzzz and cook.





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Possum Magic

The students and Ms Andrews travelled to Canberra Theatre to watch a performance based on the book “Possum Magic” by Mem Fox and Julia Vivas. The students were impressed with how the much loved book was adapted to a live performance. The students discussed the various methods the actors used to maintain excitement and the role humour played in the story. They were fascinated by how Hush became invincible. It was an amazing set which was well thought out. The actors were talented and provided a brilliant question and answer session at the end of the show. The students all enjoyed the event.



Afterwards we visited Canberra Museum + Gallery where we enjoyed afternoon tea together. We also had a look through The Nolan Collection, Collecting in the Bush and an exhibition about activism.



The Nolan Collection is an iconic group of paintings from 1945 to 1953 by Sidney Nolan that the artist gifted to the nation in 1974. These works are now reinterpreted in a dedicated gallery space. The exhibition features photographs and original text following Nolan’s personal and creative journey from St Kilda lad to sophisticated artist.



Old Graham: Collecting in the bush

After buying and restoring ‘Old Graham’ House at Hovells Creek, John and Liz Baker began to collect all sorts of colonial and Australian items to fill it. From lost buttons and farm machinery to pokerwork and oil lamps, they found their collecting crept up on them.



Activism: forces for change in Canberra

This exhibition is about activism in Canberra over the last century. It includes the well-known stories of the fight for women’s rights, for marriage equality and the establishment of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, but also stories of quiet activism; the creation of services for marginalised groups, artist’s collectives and the protest of presence.





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Nicole Godding - Photography Workshop

The students enjoyed learning about photography with Nicole Godding and her son, James. We spent time in some of our favourite parts of Wee Jasper, looking for unique shots.

We are hoping that we captured fantastic photos in Tasmania. Nicole is returning in November, to teach us more about editing and publishing quality photos.





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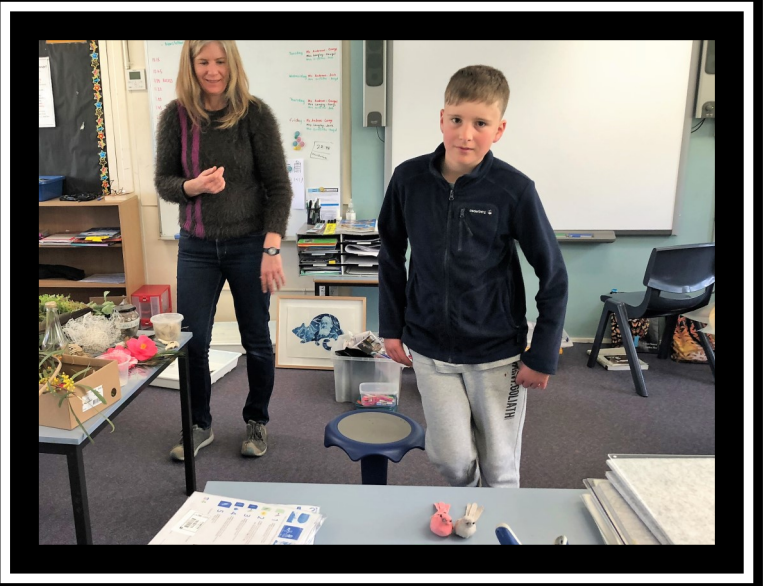
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Carolyn Young - Cyanotype Photography Workshop

In Week 7 Carolyn Young and her daughter and son, came to run a cyanotype photography workshop for our students, staff and our community. The students collected natural materials from the school grounds and used them to create artwork using special paper, treating it and exposing it to sunlight. They produced some amazing and diverse artworks.

The students have displayed some of their art in the classroom and will take them home next term. Each student donated one photo, which will be framed and remain at the school.





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Music

The students have been having music lessons with Ben Hoare since Week 6. The lessons include instrumental and vocal tuition and they are working on a performance for the end of year concert.



On Thursday 19 September, the students travelled into Yass to learn at Ben's studio. They recorded their own piece of music which can be heard on Ben's Facebook page 'Rural Guitar School and Yass Guitar Tuition'. We are hoping to continue recording music with Ben in 2020.



NAIDOC Celebrations

On Thursday 19th September Wee Jasper Public School students joined students from all over the region to participate in the NAIDOC Day Celebrations in Yass. The day began with the official opening ceremony which included Welcome to Ngunawal Country, Smoking Ceremony, Dance of Welcome and various student performances and speeches. The boys enjoyed learning the Boomerang dance. See picture below. Every student who attended came dressed in either red, yellow or black and formed part of a mass Aboriginal flag which was photographed by an overhead drone. We look forward to seeing the drone picture. After the formalities were over the students were able to visit various activities including boomerang making, face painting and didgeridoo playing. As an ongoing legacy all students present have left their permanent handprint on the NAIDOC wall at Joe O'Connor Park.



The boys enjoying learning the Boomerang Dance during the Opening Ceremony on NAIDOC Day. They were part of the red group forming part of the mass Aboriginal Flag which was photographed by an overhead drone





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Sport

Tennis - Todd Woodbridge Cup

Students were able to practice their recently honed tennis skills when they participated in the Todd Woodbridge Cup. They joined with Bongongo to make a team and competed against teams from 5 other local schools. It was a fun day and a good opportunity for our students to mix with students from other local schools.



Arabin Cup

On Friday 20th September, our students travelled to Binalong with Mrs Longley to participate in the 10th annual Arabin Cup T-Ball competition. The boys arrived at 9.30 and joined schools from Bowning, Jugiong, Stockinbingal, Monteagle, Binalong, Wallendbeen, Murringo and Bongongo.

The boys joined in with Bongongo to form two teams and played 5 games each. The competition was tough, with many teams strategising to gain the most advantage from the "Kindy's can't get out on first" rule. It was so pleasing to hear some lovely feedback saying our boys showed great sportsmanship and were gracious when umpire calls didn't go their way.

The final result saw Bongongo 1, come in a close third place behind Murringo 2 with Jugiong 1 winning the day overall. It was the most fantastic day and we all look forward to participating again next year.



Golf—Term 4

Students will be learning Golf next term. A community golf morning will be held on Friday 6 December. Please join us.