



Wee Jasper Public School Newsletter



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Proud member of the
Binit Binit Learning Community

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land,
the Wiradjuri and Ngunnawal nations, and pay our re-
spects to Elders past, present and future.*

Wee Jasper Public School Term 3-4 Calendar

Week	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI		
Aug 6	26 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon	27 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Scripture – Steve Leckenby	28 Mrs Griffiths 12:30pm Tennis Lesson	29 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Mr Smith 11:30 -1pm – Music	30 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Mrs Young	31	1
Sept 7	2 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon	3 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Scripture – Steve Leckenby	4 Mrs Griffiths 12:30pm Tennis Lesson	5 Mrs Longley Mr Smith 11:30 -1pm – Music	6 Mrs Longley Mrs Young Possum Magic – Canberra Theatre	7	8
Sept 8	9 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon 8:30am Cyanotype Photography Workshop – Carolyn Young	10 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Scripture – Steve Leckenby	11 Mrs Griffiths 9:30am Todd Woodbridge Tennis Gala Day - Yass	12 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Mr Smith Mrs Young 8am –P&C Meeting 11:30 -1pm – Music	13 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths	14	15
Sept 9	16 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon 9:30am Photography Workshop – Nicole Godding	17 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths	18 Mrs Griffiths	19 Mrs Longley Mr Smith Mrs Young 8:30 – 10am – Music 10am – 2pm NAI-DOC Celebrations	20 Mrs Longley Arabin TBall Cup with Bongongo PS @ Binalong	21	22
Sept 10	23 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon Jackson @ Yass PS	24 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Mrs Cassidy Scripture – Steve Leckenby 10am - School Photos: Dougal's choice 12-3pm - Jackson @ Yass PS	25 Mrs Griffiths Jackson @ Stage 3 Camp with Yass PS at Jindabyne Sport & Rec	26 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Mr Smith Mrs Young Jackson @ Stage 3 Camp with Yass PS at Jindabyne Sport & Rec	27 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Jackson @ Stage 3 Camp with Yass PS at Jindabyne Sport & Rec	28	29

School Holidays

Term 4 Oct 1	14 10am Fly from Canberra to Launceston Cataract Gorge Marble Factory	15 Beaconsfield Mine Queen Victoria Museum	16 Cradle Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary	17 Scott-Kilvert Hut Overnight Hike	18 Scott-Kilvert Hut Hike	19 Queenstown The Ship that Never Was - Play	20 Strahan Gordon River Cruise Lady Sarah Island Hells Gates, Penal Colonies
Oct 2	21 Strahan	22 Tarraleah – Franklin River	23 Drive to Port Arthur Nature walk	24 Port Arthur Visit	25 Port Arthur Visit Drive to Hobart	26 Salamanca Markets Hobart Tour 2:30 fly from Hobart to Canberra	27
Oct 3	28 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon	29 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths	30 Mrs Griffiths 11:30am Tennis Lesson	31 Mrs Longley Mr Smith	1 Mrs Longley	2 Saturday Bunnings BBQ – Gundahlin	3
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Calendar

Term 3 – Week 6

Mon 26 Aug	Mrs Longley teaching Mrs Griffiths here Ms Foulon here
Tues 27 Aug	Ms Andrews & Mrs Longley teaching Mrs Griffiths here 12:30pm Scripture with Stephen Leckenby
Wed 28 Aug	Ms Andrews teaching Mrs Griffiths here 12:30pm Tennis lesson with Scott Eulenstein
Thurs 29 Aug	Ms Andrews & Mrs Longley teaching Mrs Griffiths here Mr Smith here 11:30 -1pm Music lesson with Ben Hoare
Fri 30 Aug	Mrs Longley teaching Mrs Griffiths here Mrs Young here

Term 3 – Week 7

Mon 2 Sept	Ms Andrews teaching Mrs Griffiths here Ms Foulon here
Tues 3 Sept	Ms Andrews & Mrs Longley teaching Mrs Griffiths here 12:30pm Scripture with Stephen Leckenby
Wed 4 Sept	Ms Andrews teaching Mrs Griffiths here 12:30pm Tennis lesson with Scott Eulenstein
Thurs 5 Sept	Ms Longley teaching Mr Smith here 11:30 -1pm Music lesson with Ben Hoare
Fri 6 Sept	Possum Magic - Canberra Theatre with Mrs Longley Ms Andrews and Mrs Young Administration Day

Term 3 – Week 8

Mon 9 Sept	Ms Andrews teaching Mrs Griffiths here Ms Foulon here 8:30am Cyanotype Photography with Carolyn Young
Tues 10 Sept	Ms Andrews & Mrs Longley teaching Mrs Griffiths here 12:30pm Scripture with Stephen Leckenby
Wed 11 Sept	9:30am Todd Woodbridge Tennis Gala Day @ Yass with Ms Andrews Mrs Griffiths here
Thurs 12 Sept	Ms Andrews & Mrs Longley teaching Mrs Griffiths here Mr Smith here Mrs Young here 8am P&C Meeting 11:30 -1pm Music lesson with Ben Hoare
Fri 13 Sept	Possum Magic Excursion to Canberra Theatre with Mrs Longley. Ms Andrews and Mrs Young at SAM/Principal conference.

Principal's Report

Life at Wee Jasper Public School is full of fun, learning and strong relationships. Our students continue to shine and embrace a plethora of extensive learning experiences, which develop the whole child. They have many opportunities to interact and socialise with larger cohorts of students. Although the students recognise that they wish there were more students at the school, they know they have the skills and confidence to express themselves, speak publicly, make friends and know how to learn with a diverse range of people.

I wish to acknowledge the hard working team of staff and parents we have at our school. The staff's dedication and professionalism is second to none, but most importantly, the care and respect they show our students is exceptional. I commend our parents and P&C body who always fully support the students, staff and the programs we offer.

Our school proudly co-coordinated an exceptional inter-school art program for 128 students across eleven local schools during Term 2. Thank you to 100% of our staff and parents for your enormous effort. Coordinating such a massive program for a school of our size is an extraordinary feat. It is humbling to know that we created a rich experience for 10 other schools as well as created an opportunity for our students to be part of something so mammoth. This saw all students select two from eight artist's 2-day workshops. The artists included Akira Kamada, Al Phemister, Janet DeBoos, Karynne Ledger, Nicole Godding, Carolyn Young, Lisa Marple and Robert Bulger.

The exhibition of the student's art during Education Week highlighted the quality of the program and the talent of local students. Our students commented that they enjoy learning with artists and that the relationships they develop with them, make the creation of art even more enjoyable. Our students have had many opportunities to create art with Akira and Al. Later this term, they will experience two different photography workshops with Carolyn and Nicole. Community members may join us. Please let Wendy or myself know prior to the day please.

The students and I have started training for our overnight hike in Cradle Mountain. If you see us climbing hills and walking with backpacks around Wee Jasper, you'll know what we are up to. We head to Tasmania next term for two weeks for an epic experience. Thank you to the community, P&C, parents and recyclers for your contributions.



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Education Week

Opening of 'Art and About' Exhibition

Education Week began on Monday 5 August with the opening of the amazing exhibition which was the culmination of the incredible 'Binit Binit Art & About' programme run in Term 2. Many of the artists involved were present at the opening. Jackson spoke eloquently on behalf of the students who participated. It was fabulous to see so many students and their parents there, as well as members of the Yass Community. Local artist, Janet DeBoos, highlighted the benefits of art to student learning and well-being. The night was officially opened by Meg Couvee, Director of Education Leadership, Yass Network.





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Concert at Yass High School

Education Week concluded on Friday 9 August. All students travelled to Yass High School to spend the day rehearsing for the Concert on Friday night. Dougal and George opened the evening by combining with a choir for the singing of Australia's National Anthem. The Wee Jasper students recited a solo Banjo Patterson poem each and then combined to recite 'A Mountain Station' which Banjo wrote about his time in Wee Jasper. The students then joined the mass choir to sing 'I am Coming Home'. Jackson sang a solo section of the song beautifully. We are so proud of the student's confident performances and how easily they combined with students from other local schools.





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Premier's Debating Competition



Students travelled to Queanbeyan to participate in the final round of the Premier's Debating Competition against Jerrabomberra P.S. The students all debated at a high level using the skills they have developed from previous debates, class lessons and an inter-school workshop they attended in Term 2.

The students focused intently to develop their skills and confidence. We are thrilled with their rapid progress. In their final debate against the strongest team in our pool, we were narrowly defeated. This demonstrates their level of improvement. We thank George Graham from Bongongo PS who joined our team.



Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition



Each of our students performed a prepared speech on a topic of their choice. Their speech reflected their individual research and understanding of multicultural perspectives. The content of all three speeches left the audience feeling hopeful and optimistic about the future. The manner in which the boys delivered their speech was exceptional. They also had to deliver an impromptu speech. They are only provided 5 minutes preparation time, which is a challenging task for beginning public speakers. All students tried very hard and they are determined to refine their skills for the 2020 competition.

Our school was recognised for the student's outstanding performance. They were competitive amongst the top students from Queanbeyan schools. They all received a highly commended certificate. The school also received a highly commended certificate, as we were recognised for our potential, performance and commitment.



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Hitler's Daughter Excursion

The students of Wee Jasper P.S. have been studying Jackie French's work during Author Study lessons. So far we have read: A Waltz for Matilda, all the "Wombat" books, Pete the Sheep and Hitler's Daughter.

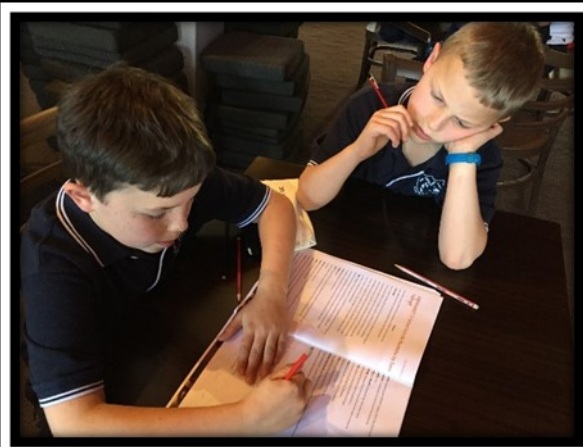
On Friday 2nd August, Mrs Longley took Jack and George to the Canberra Theatre to take part in the Masterclass of "Hitler's Daughter". We were joined by four other schools from the region. The production was based on the book of the same name by Jackie French and adapted for the stage by Monkey Baa Theatre group.

Before the play, the students were introduced to the key ideas in adapting a book to the stage. As the boys were already familiar with the story, its characters and the ending, they could anticipate some of the challenges in how this story could be brought alive on the stage. They were encouraged to look for how the play managed to portray the two settings of Nazi Germany and a rural school bus stop and also the clever use of each actor playing multiple roles.

The production was excellent and the students were able to take part in a Q&A with the 4 actors for half an hour afterwards.

After lunch, the schools broke into groups and our students joined a Masterclass on managing the technical aspects of bringing a book to life on stage.

This was run by a stage manager and set designer currently working in the industry. It was very interesting learning the ins and outs of designing a set to suit a story. The students are looking forward to the next instalment of this experience when we attend Possum Magic on the 6th of September.



Transition to High School Day

On the 15th of August I went to Yass High School to learn about what it will be like in high school and what I will do. The first thing they did with us, was show who the year adviser for 2020 will be. (I will have a different advisor as I start in 2021) The year adviser is the person who checks that you are ok, that you're having fun and learning.

Next we went to the art room and drew pictures of dragons. We will be making clay dragons in Year 7. We went outside and looked at agriculture and they told us that in Year 7 we will be picking a chicken egg and waiting for it to hatch. Once the chick grows into a chicken, we can buy the chicken and take it home. In Year 10 we will get to pick a baby lamb to feed and care for. When it is old enough we may buy it and take it home. For the final hour I attended a music lesson. We played piano and kept the beat to 'Old Man Road.' We also saw the woodwork, metalwork and cooking rooms.

I am glad I joined the other Year 6 students, even though I am only in Year 5. The session gave me an idea of what high school is like so that I can start preparing for the transition from primary to high school in 2021. Thank you to Ms Andrews' mum who transported me to Yass High School.

By Jackson Cathles

Thank you Tim Cathles



We greatly appreciate the ongoing support we have from our local community. Several times, we have received assistance from local farmers, including Tim and Bob, who own tractors. They have trimmed, cut and piled fallen and/or dangerous trees and limbs of the aging trees on the school grounds.

Last Friday, Tim safely burnt the two enormous piles that have accumulated over the past 24 months. He also monitored and pushed the pile in over the next few days. We understand that this adds to his workload and we greatly appreciate him helping us prepare for the upcoming bushfire season.

Council has planned to make the tree out the front of the school office safer this Friday. Chris Beck will assess and action.



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Sport

Small Schools Touch Knockout in Yass

In Week 3 Wee Jasper students combined with students from Bongongo P.S. to compete in the NSWPSA Small Schools Touch Knockout in Yass. Dalton/Rye Park, Nimmitabel and Nangus Public Schools all competed. The Wee Jasper/Bongongo team played very well, winning their first game and progressing to the final with Nangus who won by one point. Nangus will compete in the State Finals in Sydney in September and we wish them all the best.



Tennis

The students have welcomed back Scott Eulenstein from Spinifex Tennis. Scott provides the students with quality tennis lessons at our local courts. The boys will have two lessons this term prior to competing at the Todd Woodbridge Cup in Yass on Wednesday 11 September. Scott will be back again in Term 4 for another two lessons.





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In Training for Cradle Mountain Hiking – Scott-Kilvert Hut

Very proud of the boy's enthusiasm to improve their fitness prior to their overnight hike in Cradle Mountain. You will notice that Ms Andrews volunteered to take the photo ;-)



Half way to our goal



How they really felt



Scott-Kilvert Hut



We achieved our goal. One of the students stated that he understands that the reward for his effort, is the incredible view.





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Cyanotype Photography – Carolyn Young

Monday 9 September

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Artist Biography

Carolyn holds a PhD in visual arts (photography) from the Australian National University (ANU) School of Art and Design (2017), and an honours degree in Natural Resources from the University of New England (1993). Prior to 2008, she worked professionally in the environmental sciences, and now work as a professional artist, actively exhibiting, selling artwork, receiving commissions and successfully securing art grants. She has designed and taught fine-art photography courses to a range of age levels and skills, from primary school age through

To university level visual art students.

Aim of workshop

In this hands-on photography course, students will learn how the digital camera works, different styles of photography and printing methods.

Students will be making blue prints of their favourite photographs, as well as learning how to make contact prints with materials such as plants and feathers that we collect from around the school.





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Landscape Photography – Nicole Godding

Monday 16 September

If anyone from our community would like to join the students, please speak with Ms Andrews

Nicole has won numerous National awards and has had her work featured in many national equestrian and lifestyle magazines.



Artist biography

Nicole has spent the past 15 years combining her passion of horses and photography. Nicole ran a successful equestrian event photography business (All Creatures Photography) for 10 years and has more recently started a more arts/commercial based business (Wild Horse Photography) focusing on her own style of photography producing fine art greeting cards and a gift range.

Aim of workshop

Students will learn about taking both portraits and landscape photographs in preparation for our Tasmania excursion. A range of topics including commercial photography basics, composition and lighting.

The focus of the workshop is for students to explore and understand what makes a good photo and to follow the creative process from concept through to image capture and presentation. I hope the students will learn what makes a good photo, what people respond to when they look at a photo and how to take 'that' photo.

The students will select three of their most favourite shots. They will be professionally mounted. Student will take two photos home and one will be donated to the school.